



## GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2021 THEMATIC EVENT

### Enhancing preparedness for protection in the context of climate change and disasters

**Friday 29 October, 10-11:30 am CET**

#### Rational/purpose

Preventing and preparing for internal displacement during armed conflict is notoriously difficult. In comparison, the more predictable, cyclical or slow-onset nature or geographic location of many hazards, such as hurricane season, volcanic eruptions or droughts, means that much can be done to reduce the protection risks for all displaced persons and the risk of disaster displacement before events occur. Disaster risk reduction (DRR), preparedness, anticipatory action approaches<sup>1</sup>, climate change adaptation and development measures that address the underlying causes of vulnerability and displacement can do much to mitigate and prevent disasters and with climate change increasing the severity and frequency of many events are becoming even more important.

While much work has been undertaken examining the relationship between climate change and displacement, further clarity remains on the protection risks resulting from displacement in the context of climate change, protection actor's role in addressing protection risks related to climate change, and what needs to be done differently to effectively address protection risks related to climate change and forced displacement.

The GPC is committed to ensure that field protection clusters, AORs and partners are prioritizing all protection concerns to avoid protection gaps in the context of climate change and disasters that would negatively affect vulnerable communities through ensuring appropriate preparedness measures. This is further outlined in the GPC's Strategic Framework 2020-2024 in which the GPC commits to meet the challenges to make protection actions contextually appropriate and complementary. This includes the importance of joint analysis to achieve effective and appropriate protection outcomes especially in situations where risks include a mixture of natural hazards exacerbated by climate change, conflict (and climate changes impact on violence and conflict) and security challenges including violent extremism.

#### Expected Outcome

*-Roll out of the GPC Guidance Note on Preparedness for Protection in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters to be published by late September/early October*

*-Ensuring the active role of field protection clusters, AORs and partners in anticipatory action and preparedness to reduce the risk of displacement and other negative impacts of hazardous events.*

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<sup>1</sup> Anticipatory action approaches (forecast-based early action, forecast-based financing, and early warning early action), can be distinguished from other humanitarian, disaster risk reduction and preparedness practices as they rely on weather and other forecasts to trigger funding for concrete, pre-determined actions prior to a shock or before acute impacts are felt. - Source: L. Weingärtner, T. Pforr, & E. Wilkinson. The evidence base on Anticipatory Action.

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*-Ensuring local actors are involved in anticipatory actions and protection response to impact of climate change, measures in the field*

*-Share recent research; experience from 2 field operations and knowledge on the understanding of protection risks in the context of climate change, current protection practices, protection gaps, and recommendations moving forward.*

### **Format/Content of the Event**

Roundtable of GPC, PDD, NRC, DRC and ODI will feature presentations by two protection practitioners, two experts on climate change and disasters with interactive questions and answers moderated by a colleague from the Platform on Disaster Displacement.

Moreover, the GPC will introduce and roll out their Guidance on Preparedness for Protection in the context of climate change and disasters with a briefing on the recent research undertaken by DRC, NRC and ODI. There will be sharing of country experiences respectively from Mali protection cluster and a local NGO protection partner based in the Philippines with interactive Q and As.

### **Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner:**

- Opening by Jennifer Chase, Global GBA AoR Coordinator (TBC)
- Moderator is Atle Solberg, Head of Secretariat, Platform on Disaster Displacement
- Mali country experience on disasters and climate change, Nadia Elise Gateka, Protection Cluster Co-Coordinator, NRC, Mali
- Philippines country experience on disasters and climate change, Abdulnasser Binasing, Executive Director of Tiyakap Kalinlintad Incorporated
- Overview of the GPC Guidance Note on Preparedness for Protection in the context of climate change and disasters, Graham Carrington, GPC consultant on climate change and disasters
- Moderated Q & A on the Guidance Note and/ Field presentations
- Overview of the new ODI, DRC and NRC research, Gemma Davies, Senior Research Fellow- Protection, ODI
- Moderated Q & A on the ODI/DRC/NRC research
- Donor Perspective (Germany, TBC)
- Conclusion, William S. Chemaly, Global Protection Cluster Coordinator

### **Field Cluster/Operations**

2 Field cluster operations (Mali and the Philippines)

### **Local voices**

Speaker is Abdulnasser Binasing, Executive Director of NGO partner working closely with the protection cluster in the Philippines. *Tiyakap Kalinlintad*

### **Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants**

N/A



## Background Reading

**New report: ODI/NRC: Climate change, conflict and displacement: implications for protection agencies**

<https://odi.org/en/publications/climate-change-conflict-and-displacement-implications-for-protection-agencies/>

Guidance Note on Preparedness for Protection in the context of climate change and disasters ( to be published by end of October 2021).

<https://www.undrr.org/publication/words-action-guidelines-disaster-displacement> (available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic)

[https://www.undrr.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/WiA\\_Displacement\\_Checklist\\_En\\_0.pdf](https://www.undrr.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/WiA_Displacement_Checklist_En_0.pdf) (available in English and Spanish)

and the OCHA / UNDRR guidance from 2020 <https://www.undrr.org/publication/scaling-disaster-risk-reduction-humanitarian-action>

[https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/sites/www.humanitarianresponse.info/files/documents/files/emergency\\_response\\_preparedness\\_2015\\_final\\_2.pdf](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/sites/www.humanitarianresponse.info/files/documents/files/emergency_response_preparedness_2015_final_2.pdf)

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