



# Global HLP AOR Newsletter

## November 2020

Dear Members of the Housing, Land, and Property Area of Responsibility,

We hope you are all safe and healthy in these challenging times.

This month we update you on new work on the links between COVID-19 and security of tenure, highlight the inclusion of HLP activities within the newly released CERF life-saving criteria, and share a range of events, opportunities and resources relevant to HLP, whether you work in protection, shelter, camp and site management, WASH, durable solutions or the Nexus, or maybe all of the above! Suggestions, comments and feedback are always very welcome - please do get in touch.

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The linkages between COVID-19 and the security of tenure of renters and occupants of informal sites [are well-established](#). A new and groundbreaking [peer-reviewed study from researchers at Harvard University](#) (among others) shows that “evictions lead to significant increase in infections from COVID-19”, and that “eviction moratoriums and show that policies to stem evictions are a warranted and important component of COVID-19 control.”

The HLP AoR has been developing and sharing guidance to design responses to this crisis since April (including [templates for moratoria](#)), which remain stored on the HLP AoR's [Eviction and Relocation's Toolbox webpage](#).

We are pleased to share with you two new guidance documents which were produced through the collective efforts of the HLP AoR's Evictions and Relocations Interest Group!

- The first document clarifies [Key Definitions and Concepts for Eviction Programming](#).
- [The second document provides Operational Guidance for protection actors who are faced with situations where evictions are unavoidable](#), in order to design interventions to mitigate impacts and to ideally reduce the chance of recurrence.

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**InterAction** has [launched a contest](#) to highlight exemplary “Results-Based-Protection” projects (which include Gender-Based Violence; Child Protection; Mine Action; and Housing, Land, and Property).

The top three examples will receive InterAction’s “RBP Good Practice” award, will be featured on InterAction’s website, and will be widely disseminated among NGOs, donors, and other actors around the world. It is an opportunity for your amazing work to get the attention it deserves!

Submissions to the contest can be made in [English](#), [French](#), or [Spanish](#)! All submissions are due December 15th, 2020!

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## Central Emergency Response Fund - Revised Life-Saving Criteria, now with added HLP!

The newly released [CERF life-saving criteria](#) affirms the centrality of protection in the purpose of humanitarian outcomes and amongst the 26 lifesaving protection activities adopted and eligible for funding submissions includes Housing Land and Property. On page 5, the criteria states,

***Housing, Land and Property Rights:*** CERF encourages UN agencies and partners that before any establishment or rehabilitation of camps, shelters and other constructions begins for protection and humanitarian assistance purposes, proper due diligence is conducted to avoid creating or exacerbating existing conflicts, and that people's rights to shelter in camps, informal settlements or other locations, depending on the operational context are secure. Similarly, other activities, in particular agricultural assistance, should consider housing, land and property rights.

And, activities eligible for CERF funding, now include HLP (page 17):

**Sector:** Protection - House, Land and Property

**Activities:** Provision of emergency support to address the humanitarian impact of forced evictions, land and resource grabs or other forms of dispossession

**Key Considerations (eligibility etc):** Eligibility for CERF funding dependent on specific context of humanitarian emergency. Activities should aim to reduce risks of exposure to GBV and other threats of violence and must enhance immediate and direct access to shelter and food security.

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## Afghanistan and HLP

The Afghanistan HLP Task Force and the HLP AoR hosted a [webinar on Gender and Land Rights in Afghanistan](#). This was a fascinating discussion looking at

different ways to strengthen women's rights and access to land, both in the Afghanistan context and also at the global level.

We are pleased to share two new resources developed by the Afghanistan HLP Task Force:

- [A Brief Guide to Women's Land Rights in Afghanistan](#)
- Jointly published with the FSAC - [Integrating HLP and Food Security and Agriculture Cluster \(FSAC\) Programming at the humanitarian-development-peace Nexus: Urban Agriculture for Sustainable IDP and returnee Settlements in Afghanistan](#)

*Look out for more upcoming webinars in the coming weeks and months...*

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As always, please see below for this month's [Featured Resources](#) of interest to HLP AoR members - please share far and wide!

**\*Remember\***

The HLP AoR exists to support you. Please do [get in touch](#) if you have questions, are in need of technical support, interested to learn how others have approached a particular challenge, or just need to talk through the situation you are in. The AoR can gather experts with in-depth experience in order to help you navigate a particular issue. In these times it is essential we rely on one another. Please do indicate specific areas of HLP interest [here in our \(very\) short survey](#). Thank you!

Warm regards,

*The Global HLP AOR team.*

If you have any questions, please do contact us at ([jim.robinson@nrc.no](mailto:jim.robinson@nrc.no)) and ([alexandre.bourque@nrc.no](mailto:alexandre.bourque@nrc.no)). If you would like your organization's or country-level AOR work to be shared/featured in next month's newsletter, please get in touch.

[Read previous issues of the newsletter here.](#)

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## **Featured resources**

### **Women's HLP**

- **Upcoming** Landportal webinar on [Securing Women's Land for Peace in South Sudan](#) - 19th November
- The Afghanistan HLP Task Force produced [A Brief Guide to Women's Land Rights in Afghanistan](#)

### **Livelihoods & Women's HLP Rights**

- Rethinking Ownership - The [Mothers of Invention podcast](#) interviews leading thinkers about inclusive economic models to ensure a Just Economic Transition to tackle Climate Change.

### **Security of Tenure**

- The Global Shelter Cluster annual meeting included this wonderful HLP session asking '[What is Secure Enough](#)', featuring cases from Nigeria, Iraq and Ethiopia (starts at 18mins, following updates from HLP AoR and Shelter Cluster HLP Advisor)
- Fantastic storytelling of how dozens of [communities in Mozambique are mapping and documenting their own land rights](#). "[A New Hope](#)" is the winner of the Land Portal's [Second Data Story Contest](#), and is authored by the team at Terra Firma Mozambique.

### **Shelter**

- The Global Shelter Cluster continues to produce its excellent [series of HLP Country Profiles](#) - new countries now online include Burundi (French and English), Niger (Fr and En), Ethiopia (En), Mozambique (En), Nigeria (En) and South Sudan (En).

### Evictions and Relocations

- IDMC released an [Expert opinion about how COVID-19 is aggravating the multiple protection crises in the Sahel](#), including third and fourth displacements by municipalities and military authorities.

### Climate Change

- Thematic report from the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, which [examines internal displacement in the context of the slow-onset adverse effects of climate change](#).

### Land and Water Tenure and and Agriculture

- The Conflict and Environment Observatory released a [report on Yemen's Agricultural system](#), which has important dimensions related to land and water tenure.

### HLP in COVID

- [HLP Rights Due Diligence Guidelines for COVID19 Health Programming in the Rohingya Refugee Response](#) from the HLP Technical Forum, Cox's Bazar
- The HLP AOR “living document” for [resources and guidance on HLP in COVID -19](#) epidemic is still being consistently updated. **Please add any resources you think could benefit other colleagues.**

### Gender Based Violence and HLP

- As part of the GPC Forum, the HLP Working Group for Nigeria contributed to the session organised by the GBV AoR on GBV Risk Mitigation Integration into Protection Work. [Access the recording and presentations here](#).
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### **Upcoming Events**

- [The Second Arab Land conference, February 2021](#)
- **Upcoming** Landportal webinar on [Securing Women's Land for Peace in South Sudan](#) - 19th November

### **Recent AOR Events:**

Global Protection Forum 2020 - '[Due Diligence, What Next?](#)' [Housing, Land and Property \(HLP\) Implications for Protection in Practice: Coordination between CCCM, Shelter and Protection](#). You can [view a recording of the session](#), along with a copy of the presentations on the [GPC website here](#). The official meeting report is being finalised along with further resources to be shared shortly (more in November's newsletter)

## ***PLEASE SHARE***

If you would like your organization's or country-level AOR work to be shared/featured in next month's newsletter, please get in touch with Jim Robinson ([jim.robinson@nrc.no](mailto:jim.robinson@nrc.no)).

*Partagez aussi des ressources en français!*

*¡Comparten recursos en español también!*

*Please share resources in Arabic too! :)*