



News from the Housing, Land and Property AoR, February 2021

Dear colleagues,

We hope 2021 has begun well and that you are all safe and healthy in these challenging times. **This month**, we include news of upcoming HLP AoR events at the Second Arab Land Conference, new and accessible training on HLP, guidance on using Sphere standards in urban settings, as well as [our regular round up of resources](#).

As announced at the end of last year, **we are pleased to announce the initiation of the HLP-CCCM Thematic Workstream** for collaboration on HLP as it effects camp and site management. Watch this space for 2021 plans! Please do get in touch if you would like get involved and to know more (jim.robinson@nrc.no), or fill in the [\(very\) short survey here](#). Suggestions, comments and feedback are always very welcome - please do get in touch.

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Second Arab Land Conference

22 - 24 FEBRUARY 2021 • CAIRO, EGYPT

The Second Arab Land Conference - Cairo, Egypt and Online - 22-24 February 2021

*The HLP AoR is proud to announce it is co-hosting a Roundtable on **Displaced Women's HLP** and a Masterclass on **Displaced People's HLP rights for Durable Solutions and Return** - Join us, [free to register!](#)*

The roundtable on **displaced women's HLP rights**, led by NRC & the HLP AoR, will provide the opportunity to discuss challenges, lessons learned and opportunities that

displaced women across the region face, as a result of the Syria and Iraqi crises, in claiming and exercising their HLP rights while displaced and or when returning home. The forthcoming **messages for women, land and peace** will also be launched!

The masterclass on **displaced people's HLP rights for durable solutions and return** co-organised by UN-Habitat, NRC, and the HLP AoR will focus on the regional best practices, tools and advocacy efforts in meeting the tenure needs of displaced populations with examples from Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Sudan.

[The Conference](#) is organised around different high level and technical sessions discussing how improved land governance will contribute to the socio-economic development of the region and to preventing, mitigating, and resolving conflicts. Find out more at the [Arab Land Initiative website](#) and [register online for FREE!](#) The event will allow both onsite and virtual participation for panellists, presenters and participants to all sessions.



Housing, Land, and Property in Shelter Programs



Accessible, free, interactive training on Housing, Land and Property in Emergencies

The HLP AoR is pleased to share with you the results of this collaboration between the Global Shelter Cluster, IOM, the HLP AoR and Disaster Ready. It's a great way into thinking about HLP – and makes this topic a little less scary! Hopefully this can be useful as you work with colleagues on HLP. Please share far and wide! [Housing, Land, and Property in Shelter Programs.](#)



In this [10-minute Ready to Go Mobile Guide](#), you will learn how to effectively engage with housing, land, and property issues in emergencies. This includes verifying and securing tenure to prevent disputes among displaced people and establishing long-lasting solutions for communities affected by conflicts or disasters. <https://ready.csod.com/LMS/LoDetails/DetailsLo.aspx?loid=4e118469-e9b9-42e2-ae3d-23d3fd2f915d>. (Disaster Ready log-in required, free account.)

This guide was designed in collaboration with the Cornerstone OnDemand Foundation for humanitarian first responders working in shelter, WASH, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), livelihoods, and protection.



Using Sphere in Urban settings - new guide!

The Sphere Handbook 2018 edition explicitly included, for the first time, specific references to urban settings. This guide, the 2020 edition of [Using the Sphere standards in urban settings](#), concentrates on Sphere's four technical chapters. Additional tools and approaches for urban response are included: Context analysis, Assessments, Profiling and Targeting; Area-based approaches and Cash and markets. See the [launch webinar here](#), which discussed practical examples of local humanitarian actors using the standards in urban environments and presented Sphere's newly released guide, [Using Sphere standards in urban settings](#).

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) and (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.](#)

Featured resources

Migration and Forced Displacement

- 2021 in context - The New Humanitarian offered this insightful review of [Migration and Displacement in 2020](#)

Displaced Women's HLP

- IIED produced a nuanced blog post examining whether [“promotion groups help strengthen women’s access and control over land?”](#)
- See [Resource Equity](#) for a great range of resources for advancing women's land and resource rights - including the [Landwise Law Library](#)
- when it comes to secure land tenure, what works for women? <https://resourceequity.org/quarterly-bulletin/>
- Academics Cheryl Doss ([Oxford](#)) & Ruth Meizen-Dick ([IFPRI](#)) have [produced this useful conceptual framework](#) to identify the various dimensions of women’s land tenure security and the myriad factors that may influence it (Open Access).

Evictions and Relocations

- NRC in Yemen [produced a short film and an article](#) to highlight the work they’re doing to respond to threats of evictions.
- 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.

Durable Solutions

- The Research & Evidence Facility produced [a report on municipal-level durable solutions which can be implemented to integrate IDPs](#), including the allocation of land to create new, permanent neighbourhoods.

- [Webinar on Securing land rights - Community Land Trusts and Informal Settlements](#)
- [Eight Breakthroughs on Land Rights in 2020](#) - Landesa/Skoll

HLP and Food Security

- Joint publication from the HLP Task Force and Food Security And Agriculture Cluster in Afghanistan - [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.](#)

Dispute resolution:

- Conciliation Resources hosted a webinar to launch [a toolkit for participatory gender-sensitive conflict analysis.](#)

Shelter

- The Global Shelter Cluster continues to produce its excellent [series of HLP Country Profiles](#)

Lebanon	Cook Islands	Nepal	Burundi
Turkey	Tonga	Philippines	Ethiopia
Jordan	Solomon Islands	Indonesia	Nigeria
Mongolia	Fiji	PNG	Niger
Bangladesh	Vanuatu	South Sudan	Mozambique

Land and Water Tenure 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.

Protection Financing

- Study from the Global Protection Cluster and NRC - [Breaking the Glass Ceiling: A Smarter Approach to Protection Financing](#) - providing an updated analysis of the key protection financing trends since the original 2013 'centrality of protection' report. It seeks to assess whether the protection sector is still underfunded and, more importantly, why that might be.

Anti-trafficking Action in IDP contexts

- The Global Protection Cluster's [Introductory Guide to Anti-Trafficking Action in Internal Displacement Contexts](#) is an initial step to improving our collective anti-trafficking protection response. Currently available in English, [this guide](#) will be translated into Arabic, French, and Spanish in the coming weeks.

HLP in COVID

- 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.
- FAO produced a briefing paper on “[Protecting land and natural resources tenure rights in the era of COVID-19 by heeding the lessons from the past](#)”
Disponible en/en [Espanol](#) / [Francais!](#)
- Data is crucial - this webinar from Land Portal on [Informal settlements and access to data in the time of COVID: a case for sharing data for decision making](#)
- [HLP Rights Due Diligence Guidelines for COVID19 Health Programming in the Rohingya Refugee Response](#) from the HLP Technical Forum, Cox's Bazar.

The Land Portal just launched the [second version of LandVoc](#), a thesaurus covering 310 concepts related to land governance - it is available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, Vietnamese, Burmese, Thai, Swahili, and Arabic.

Upcoming Events

- [The Second Arab Land conference, February 2021](#)

Recent AoR Events

- [Webinar: Afghanistan, HLP and urban agriculture](#) - in December 2020, the Afghanistan HLP Task Force and the Food Security and Agriculture cluster hosted an inter-cluster [webinar on urban agriculture and land rights in Afghanistan](#). This webinar highlighted ways that investing in urban agriculture provides an opportunity to integrate HLP with food security and agriculture sector priorities for mutually beneficial outcomes - both in the Afghanistan context and also at the global level.

In case you missed it:

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.

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).

Partagez aussi des ressources en français!

¡Comparten recursos en español también!

Please share resources in Arabic too! :)