

## HLP AOR Newsletter – May 2020



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

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

The mobilization of the different HLP AOR members in response to the COVID-19 crisis has been extraordinary – from advocating for [moratoria on evictions in various jurisdictions](#), to developing clear guidance to secure the housing of tenants and residents of camps and informal settlements, to implementing projects to keep vulnerable people housed.

Beyond COVID, the HLP AOR is thrilled to release this generic questionnaire for [HLP Assessment in Humanitarian Contexts](#). This questionnaire is designed to be adapted to various contexts in order to quickly identify needs and inform the development of programmes to contribute to the protection of HLP rights in conflict/displacement and natural disaster contexts. Our sincere thanks to the members who contributed their knowledge and time toward the development of this important tool.

Also, following last month's [Survey to create "Thematic Interest Teams"](#), we will be getting in touch with those who expressed an interest to convene meetings for these interest groups so that members can identify priorities, roles and responsibilities, and timelines to deliver. If you haven't participated in the survey yet, and wish to do so, the link is still active.

Finally, please **SAVE THE DATE for a webinar series on HLP in COVID with panels on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a panel each day (at 9:00 EDT / 15:00 CEST / 16:00 EAT & EEST) on a different theme – these include:

- Women's Housing and Land Rights During COVID-19;
- Eviction Response During and After COVID-19; and
- Migration, Displacement, and De-Urbanization.

This webinar Series will be co-hosted by the Global HLP AOR, the Land Portal, Landesa, New America, and the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. Further details will be sent to you soon!

Warm regards,

Alexandre & Julien

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at ([alexandre.bourque@nrc.no](mailto:alexandre.bourque@nrc.no)) and ([Julien.marneffe@nrc.no](mailto:Julien.marneffe@nrc.no)).

## **Featured resources:**

### 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 other colleagues could benefit from.**
  - We have also since launched a draft [Edict/Decree to secure housing during COVID-19](#), which we encourage you to adapt and use in your advocacy efforts.
  - The HLP Subcluster in Iraq has prepared the following [COVID-19 response guidance note](#).
  - The Somalia Sub-Cluster’s identified [response priorities for Covid 19](#)
- The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing has developed the following [guidance and communications](#).
- The IOM & the Global Shelter Cluster released this short advocacy video [highlighting the risk of evictions during the pandemic](#).
- UN Habitat has detailed [a response plan and developed specific guidance on Informal Urban Settlements and Housing](#).
- This [brief from UN Women](#), [Forbes article](#), and [Reuters article](#) provoke important questions regarding women’s access to housing and ability to exercise their land rights in this crisis and in the post-crisis era.

### Legal empowerment in COVID

- Namati launched a [resource portal on legal empowerment during a pandemic](#).
- Recordings from Columbia Law School’s ongoing [virtual event series on Advancing Rights and Justice During a Pandemic](#) are also available.

### Restitution and Compensation

- The HLP Sub-cluster in Iraq has drafted the following [guidelines for actors who are working on compensation for HLP related issues](#).

### HLP in Shelter

- The Global Shelter Cluster has issued a [Call for Abstracts](#) for case studies to be included in the 2019-2020 edition of their Shelter Projects compendium. Please submit and/or share with your colleagues!

### Other key resources:

- The South Sudan HLP technical working group launched a [resource library](#).

### **Employment opportunities:**

- [Consultancy to scope out HLP coordination needs in Burkina Faso](#)
- [ICLA Programme Development Manager - Cameroon](#)

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 Alexandre Corriveau-Bourque ([alexandre.bourque@nrc.no](mailto:alexandre.bourque@nrc.no)).

***Je vous encourage de aussi partager des ressources en français!***

***¡Te animo a que también compartas recursos en español!***