Human Rights Engagement in Practice

Session 5 – Integrating Engagement with Human Rights Mechanisms in Cluster Interventions
Ground rules for this webinar

THE LEARNING SESSION WILL LAST FOR 2H

PARTICIPATE – RAISE YOUR HAND, CHAT

MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE WHEN YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS
What this session is about

• Use the human rights and stakeholder analysis in the process of drafting or applying a protection strategy.

• Identify opportunities to engage with the human rights mechanisms in order to effectively implement protection strategies.

• Explain ways to integrate engagement with the human rights mechanisms while implementing protection strategies.
What happens next

- How we use the human rights analysis and the stakeholder mapping
- How we plan protection interventions that take into account engagement with the human rights mechanisms
- Several processes are working together
Group exercise

2 groups: Fictive protection strategy on internal displacement in DRC

• Task 1: Discuss in your group the context presented in the Strategy and identify one human rights violation. Identify what additional information on stakeholders you need to collect to do your human rights analysis? Use the protection onion to identify the various actors/stakeholders.
• Task 2: Select the objectives from the Strategy that would respond to the human rights violation you identified in the case study. Which ones would you pick and why?
• Task 3: Identify what national and international human rights mechanisms you could use to advance towards achieving those objectives? Explain how you reached these decisions and their merits and limitations.
• Task 4: Discuss your concrete activity or action (e.g. written communication, briefing, public/private advocacy, etc.). What would you plan to do and the steps/process you will use?
The Onion Tool

Explores the various actors that have different, complementary roles to assist, protect and respect the rights of individuals. People can best access their rights in safety and dignity when the different actors fulfil their roles to develop a protective environment.
We will do this group exercise in breakout rooms: You will receive a message that prompts you to join the breakout room.

The facilitator will also keep time and notifies participants.

Appoint a note taker in your group and a representative to report back to the main session.
Debriefing: Group exercise

Key aspects to take into account:

• Qualification of protection risks as human rights violations;
• Assess the Strategy objectives and how human rights can be integrated/related into the thinking around protection objectives;
• Identify relevant human rights instruments and mechanisms;
• Consider how the planned activities can include engagement on human rights norms and with human rights mechanisms;
• Think about the cyclical nature of the reviews and how understanding the calendar of reviews/activities of human rights mechanisms can lead to mutually reinforcing interventions and engagement;
• Prioritization is important;
• Connections between UN and regional human rights mechanisms should be considered.

Example: Strategic Framework 2020-2024 of the Global Protection Cluster “Protection in a Climate of Change”
Key messages

• The strategic and well-planned use of human rights mechanisms can enhance the protection of affected populations.

• Engagement with the human rights system is one of the possible responses to address human rights violations and protection risks.

• Consider the use of the human rights system as an integral part when drafting, applying and implementing a protection strategy.
Thank you for your attention!

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