Human Rights Engagement in Practice

Session 7 – Prevention and response to racism in the context of internal displacement
Ground rules for this webinar

- The webinar will last for 1,5h
- Participate – raise your hand, chat
- Mute your microphone when you are not speaking
- Share your comments, observations and questions
What this session is about

• Understanding the key concepts
• Racism in the context of internal displacement
• How to fight racism – concrete action
• Best practices
Key concepts

1. The ban on discrimination and the right to equality
2. Racism and racial discrimination
3. “Hate crime” or bias- or animus-motivated violence
4. “Hate speech” or incitement to hatred, discrimination or violence
5. International human rights law and negative ideologies including racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia or transphobia, ableism, ageism, etc.
Racism in the context of internal displacement

Strategic approach to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

• Monitor signs of racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
• Analyse the underlying reasons;
• Assess the manifestations of these phenomena and their impact on protection;
• Understand legal obligations to protect individuals from racial discrimination and multiple forms of discrimination;
• Engage a network of diverse organizations;
• Include affected communities in the strategic approach;
• Provide individual support to victims.
Group work

• What role does the cluster play in fighting racism?
• Have you noticed "racism" in any form in your operation?
• What action has been taken/can be taken to fight it?
• What can protection clusters do to prevent racism faced by affected populations?

Make sure you assign a note taker and a presenter for the debrief
Debrief

- Awareness and prevention
- Managing complaints
- Investigation
- Monitoring

(*IASC- Addressing Racism and Racial Discrimination Action Plan, June 2021*)
Best practice

IASC launched a survey to capture best practices in addressing racism and racial discrimination.

It specifically looked at three areas:

• Efforts to eliminate racism and racial discrimination in the workforce.
• Efforts to eliminate racism and racial discrimination towards affected people.
• Efforts to eliminate racism and racial discrimination towards local actors.
Clusters can use human rights frameworks and mechanisms

- Convention on Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its Committee (CERD)
- Human Rights Council
- Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Affected communities must be included in the design, implementation, review and evaluation of cluster's strategy to address and respond to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
Key messages:

• Racism is one of the root causes of displacement
• Protection clusters have an active role in fighting racism
• Documenting incidents, advocating on behalf of affected populations and leveraging existing human rights mechanisms are some of the possible interventions
Thank you for your attention!

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