



GPC and AoR ANNUAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE

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Breakout session – *Straddling the Development – Humanitarian Divide: Investing in Long-Term Protection*

23 & 24 May 2019, 14.00 – 15.30

Background

The need to anchor humanitarian interventions in longer-term development frameworks was one of the overwhelming themes to emerge from the 2016 Humanitarian World Summit (HWS). Donors, representatives from crisis-affected states and humanitarians committed to working toward collective outcomes (that meet both humanitarian and development goals) and prioritizing those who have a comparative advantage to deliver with in a multi-year timeframe. It was widely recognized that there needs to be greater coordination and collaboration between humanitarian and development actors starting at the preparedness phase in order to achieve these “collective outcomes.” These concepts have been encapsulated in the New Ways of Working, which were

There was a comprehensive session specifically on “collective outcomes” at last year’s GPC retreat. Ms. Annika Sandlund from UNHCR facilitated that session which was designed to inform actors about the ongoing discussions on the development of collective outcomes and provide an environment for field colleagues to define the “outcomes” from a protection perspective.

It is necessary to continue to explore these New Ways of Working since donors and members from crisis-affected states are asking Coordinators more and more frequently to define the linkages between humanitarian and development and the specific role of Governments. This year’s session will be a reflective exercise that focuses on how the GPC has operationalized the New Ways of Working over the past year.

Purpose of the session

The aim of the session is to provide concrete examples of approaches that protection actors have used to bridge the humanitarian-development divide starting with the preparedness phase. Experts will discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with developing “collective outcomes” that meet short term emergency needs and work toward institutionalizing longer-term protection imperatives.

Intended Outcome

A shared understanding of how humanitarian protection experts can work with development actors to identify “collective outcomes” on protection at the earliest stages of a crisis. A repository of best practice from different country contexts that can help guide Coordinators who are struggling to bridge the divide in their respective context.

Facilitator

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