



## **GPC and AoR ANNUAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE**

### **23 -24 May 2019, Pullman King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

Breakout session – **Protection and Food insecurity**  
**24 May 2019, 14.00 – 15.30**

#### ***Background***

Protection of all persons affected and at risk must inform humanitarian decision-making and response. It must be central to preparedness efforts, as part of immediate and life-saving activities, and throughout the duration of humanitarian response and beyond.

When natural disasters strike, or violence and conflict erupt, people are often subject to threats to their lives, safety and security, discrimination, loss of access to basic services and other risks. Violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, and pre-existing threats and vulnerabilities, may be amongst the principal causes and consequences of humanitarian crises.

In practical terms, this means identifying who is at risk, how and why at the very outset of a crisis and thereafter, taking into account the specific vulnerabilities that underlie these risks, including those experienced by men, women, girls and boys, and groups such as internally displaced persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, and persons belonging to sexual and other minorities. It also means to strengthen the collection, management and analysis of information to inform and adjust early warning, preparedness, response, recovery and policy efforts, and support strategic and coordinated advocacy, dialogue and humanitarian negotiations on behalf of persons affected and at risk<sup>1</sup>.

Protection-minded humanitarian leadership and multi-sectoral efforts are critical to ensure that the right mix of resources, capacities, and mandates are mobilized and coordinated to address the complex and multi-faceted risks people face in humanitarian crises. This will often require not only effective coordination among humanitarian actors but with development and peacebuilding actors as well as the donor and diplomatic community<sup>2</sup>.

#### ***Purpose of the session***

This session provides an opportunity to learn, discuss and exchange on practices and experiences across Protection and Food Security sectors to better understand prevent, mitigate and respond to risks faced by affected populations in line with the key four actions identified in the IASC Policy on Protection in Humanitarian Actions (2016).

The session will illustrate how the CP AoR, WFP, gFSC and UNICEF work collectively and the ongoing joint initiatives on building and Food Security and Child Protection integrated approach on evidence generation and programmatic responses.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action*. IASC Statement. December 2013

<sup>2</sup> *Centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action*. GPC Review. 2017



### **Intended outcome**

- Capturing linkages between food insecurity and protection risks
- Responding jointly to protection risks – evidence generation and programmatic responses

### **Format**

The session will include two short presentations and a panel discussion showing the linkages between food insecurity and protection risks and the ongoing initiatives between both sectors followed by a plenary discussion.

The detailed session outline is as follows:

- 1) *Introduction and agenda*
- 2) *Capturing linkages between food insecurity and protection risks* – a view into WFP protection analysis approach
- 3) *Capturing linkages between food insecurity and protection risks* - Field examples – Whole of Syria and Bangladesh
- 4) *Panel discussion: Capturing and responding to protection risks* – Panel discussion on evidence generation, collective outcomes, knowledge management
  - Multi-sectoral integrated approaches, capturing protection risks in assessments – the Mali case study  
**WFP VAM, Child Protection AoR**
  - Linking Food security & Gender-based Violence  
**UNICEF GBV**
  - Field practices in risk mitigation, integration, and strengthening child protection response in food assistance programmes  
**WFP Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific**
- 5) Q&A session

### **Speakers**

- Boris Aristin-CP AoR
- Fausto Aarya De Santis
- Cinzia Monetta -WFP
- Sonia Rastogi- UNICEF
- Lorenza Trulli- WFP

### **Background reading**

- *Understanding Child Protection and Food Security linkages: Mali Case Study*. WFP and CP AoR, 2019. (Available in English and French versions on distributed USB keys)