



PROTECTION IN A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

LAUNCH OF THE 2020-2024 GLOBAL PROTECTION CLUSTER STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK & THE CHILD PROTECTION AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY STRATEGY

6 February 2020, CICG, Geneva @17:30

Concept Note

Context

Around the world, over 135 million people are in need of protection and assistance. Conflict and violence remain one of the main drivers of humanitarian needs. The impact of climate change also adds to the human toll, sharply affecting children and young people disproportionately.

Efforts to protect human rights, to prevent crises, and to address the short- and long-term needs of affected populations – half of whom are children – are hampered by poverty, inequality and environmental degradation. As conflicts are increasingly fragmented and protracted, respect for human rights and international law declines.

Humanitarian, development and peace actors are adapting to these realities by partnering more closely and developing more comprehensive, flexible and multi-year strategies.

Protection must adapt to the evolving global environment. Protection must also remain central to humanitarian responses and is essential to peace and development interventions. A collective approach to prevention with protection at its centre is critical to meeting humanitarian needs.

What is the Global Protection Cluster and the Child Protection Area of Responsibility?

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC), led by UNHCR, is a network of NGOs, international organizations and UN agencies engaged in protection work in conflict and disaster settings. Within the GPC, specialized areas of protection receive particular focus due to their vital importance: UNICEF leads the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AoR); UNFPA





leads the Gender-Based Violence AoR; UNMAS leads the Mine Action AoR; and the Norwegian Refugee Council leads the Housing, Land and Property AoR.

In 2019, the GPC, including the AoRs and national protection clusters, worked to serve people in over 30 operations and 100 frontline locations.

Together for stronger protection responses

The GPC and the Child Protection AoR are launching their strategic framework and strategy for the next five years to respond to the evolving global context and to support affected populations.

The Gender-Based Violence, Mine Action, and Housing, Land and Property AoRs will also speak about the interlinkages between their efforts and the overall protection work of the GPC under the new strategic framework and strategy.

Participants

All Member States and Observer Missions, civil society, UN Agencies and the private sector are invited to attend.

Venue

The event will be held on 6 February 2020 from 17:30 to 19:00 at the CICG, Geneva.

Registration

Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available at:

https://vosocc.unocha.org/Reg/I5967_Protection_in_a_climate_of_change.html

