



2020 GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM

PROTECTION IN A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

Introduction

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC), its Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Members including the Areas of Responsibility (AoRs) are organising with partners and field coordinators the **GPC 2020 Global Protection Forum** to discuss emerging protection challenges, review the strategic direction of the cluster, and plan activities to be undertaken at field and global level for the year to come.

This annual meeting is also a forum where field coordinators and co-coordinators of the Protection Cluster including AORs, discuss the evolution of operational realities, facilitate knowledge and peer to peer exchange between operations, and discuss cluster operational capacities required to respond to emerging needs and field demands. The forum will provide opportunities for field coordinators and co-coordinators, global and field operational partners, and key stakeholders to engage and exchange on a range of current thematic and technical protection related issues. Finally, the meeting is also an opportunity to showcase the work of the cluster to a wide range of partners and mobilize partnerships and resources.

The debates and exchanges of the Global Protection Forum will contribute to collective efforts under the GPC 2020-2024 Strategic Framework and AOR Strategies to support effective and predictable field coordination and delivery of life-saving protection services and outcomes, ensure protection remains central to humanitarian assistance, and strengthen synergies with development, human rights and peace actors for a more comprehensive and durable protection response in armed conflicts, disasters, mixed situations, health emergencies, and contexts affected by violent extremisms.

Scope of the GPC 2020 Global Protection Forum

This Global Protection Forum will consist in a mix of webinars with large audiences, thematic and geographic virtual discussion on priority issues organized in four segments of (1) Thematic events, (2) Technical events, (3) operational footprints events (4) and a High-level event.

1. **Thematic events** will be organized on current topics and emerging issues identified by field operations or contained in the GPC 2020-2024 Strategic Framework and its 2020-2021 work plan. They will be covered through series of webinars of 1h30-2h taking place in June and in September 2020 (see programme attached). These events are open to all field coordinators and co-coordinators, partners, and stakeholders.

2. **Technical events** will consist in virtual workshops and webinars of 2-4h organised in June and in September 2020. These events will be based on preparatory meetings with field clusters including AORs as well as the SAG. They are organized for field coordinators, and address three technical topics:
 - a. Strategic planning and preparation of the protection analysis and protection response chapters of the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan
 - b. Field coordination, cluster function and operational response capacities
 - c. Advocacy and partnerships for stronger protection outcomes.

3. **Operational footprints events** will be organised in September for Clusters including AORs per geographic region, where each cluster will define (i) where they stand against the GPC Operational Footprint minimum package, (ii) what are their priorities and where they want to invest and improve in the following year to meet the minimum package and (iii) what do they require from the GPC, Cluster including AORs Lead Agencies, Cluster members and donors to meet the minimum package. At the end of these events we will have a set of priority actions per cluster per region to thrive towards.

4. **A High-Level event** will be organized in December 2020 to review the recommendations of the first two segments and discuss strategic gaps and opportunities to strengthen the protection response and improve protection outcomes globally. This event will bring together with key stakeholders and partners, including donors, local organisations, development, and peace actors. This event will be a mix of face to face and virtual events and address the following topics:
 - a. Review of recommendations from the thematic and Technical events and impact for protection outcomes
 - b. Funding requirements for the protection - High-level lead agency & donor event, linked to launch 2021 GHO
 - c. Centrality of protection – High-level dialogue between field coordinators and HCs on the role of field Protection Clusters
 - d. Protection Advocacy

Participation

Participants will include global and field coordinators and co-coordinators of the Protection Cluster including the AoRs, IMOs, key donors, SAG members, GPC Task Team coordinators and members, GPC members, key local actors, as well as human rights, development, and peace actors. Specific target audience will be identified for each event.

Organisation

A small steering committee, chaired by the Deputy Global Protection Cluster Coordinator, comprised of representatives from the AORs, representatives from the SAG membership and supported by the GPC Ops Cell, will help prepare the Global Protection Forum, while specific leads will be in charge of each event.