

On the Frontlines: Insights into the State of Protection in 2021

The Global Protection Cluster's End of Year Event

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Speaker Profile: Dr. Bikubusyo Alimasi Symphorien, Centre de Recherche JURISCONSULTE and representative of the Global Protection Cluster



“During the ongoing COVID pandemic and climate change, the proverb ‘If you give me a fish, I will eat one day, if you teach me to fish, I will never be hungry again’ becomes more obvious. In fact, the more limited the movement of international humanitarian actors becomes, the more humanitarian localization is essential to strengthen local humanitarian actors organizational and institutional capacities.”
- Dr. Symphorien

Speaker & Organizational Profile:

Dr. Bikubusyo Alimasi Symphorien is the Founder and Regional Coordinator of the Centre de Recherche JURISCONSULTE (www.crjurisconsulte.org), CRJ in short, which works in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and the USA. Dr. Symphorien is a leading thinker and practitioner on humanitarian protection efforts at both national and global levels and has consistently promoted humanitarian standards, robust safeguarding policies and protection focused efforts. In 2020, Dr. Symphorien joined the Global Protection Cluster's [Strategic Advisory Group](#) (SAG), whose members include representatives from a range of protection-focused international and national organizations. Members of the GPC's SAG offer strategic support across 32 Protection Cluster country operations and Dr. Symphorien has played a key role in driving forward the localization agenda within the GPC.

Le Centre de Recherche JURISCONSULTE (CRJ) works to provide the necessary tools, training and expertise to local, national and international NGOs so that they can advance impactful programming in support of the needs and rights of communities. CRJ's vision is for more inclusive and effective humanitarian protection and sustainable development action. The organization supports a range of NGOs, including in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and the USA, with intensive technical supports in relation to protection issues such as the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, statelessness, and gender based violence, along with minimum standards and approaches to accountability with affected populations, coordination, partnerships and more.

Key Protection Risks in DR Congo:

For more insights regarding key protection risks in DR Congo, please see the GPC's recent report, entitled [Conflicts of Volcanic Magnitude](#), co-authored by Dr. Symphorien.