GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020
CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Centrality of Protection – role of Protection Cluster/AoRs

Tuesday, 15 September 14:00 – 15:30 (GVA time)

Link to be shared with participants prior to the event

Rational/purpose

Centrality of protection has been established as a mandatory responsibility of the HCT and is recognised as core to humanitarian action. The focus is on identifying and reducing risks and vulnerabilities faced by people affected by crisis through using collective protection outcomes. HCT protection strategies are an important way of putting centrality of protection into practice. They can complement a range of other activities related to reducing risks and vulnerabilities and strengthening positive ways of coping.

In this event, we will use experiences of HCT protection strategies so far to consider the role of field coordinators in providing technical support for centrality of protection. We will also consider some other ways of pursuing centrality of protection and how these can be part of the HCT strategic approach.

Expected Outcome

- Establish collective understanding and approach to centrality of protection in humanitarian action
- As a recognised key aspect of centrality of protection, discuss the challenges to producing effective HCT protection strategies and implementation plans, and identify ways that Protection Clusters/AoRs can support improved strategies and improved implementation of the strategies.
- Discuss ways to identify HCT protection priorities and collective protection outcomes, including beyond HCT protection strategies.

Format/Content of the Event?

Plenary and break out groups (to be adjusted depending on number of people participating)

Break out group topics: Role of PC/AoRs for:
(1) how to develop criteria for identifying HCT protection priorities; (2) how to involve non-protection specialised actors in the centrality of protection; (3) how to include centrality of protection in the HPC; (4) how to support implementation of the centrality of protection

Language and time zone – English, 14:00 – 15:30 (Geneva time)
Platform - Zoom
Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner

- Moderators: Dalia Aranki (ProCap Senior Protection Advisor, on mission with GPC); Lea Krivchenia, Senior Program Manager – Protection, InterAction
- Resource people include representation from the GBV and CP AoRs (support with breakout groups and panel)

Field Cluster/Operations

This session is mandatory for coordinators to attend.

Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants

- What do you think is the difference between HCT protection priorities and protection objectives in the cluster/sector/AoR strategy?

- In an ideal world, how would you like the cluster/sector/AoR to support the HCT protection strategy development and implementation?

Background Reading

- [HCT Protection Strategies Review](#)

- [RBP Briefing Paper](#)