



GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020 CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Enhancing the coordination of field operations to better protect affected people

3 September 2020, 2:00 – 4:30 pm GVA time

Rational

In early 2020, the GPC adopted its 2020-2024 Strategic Framework and 2020-2021 workplan, which emphasizes putting “basics of coordination are in place in all field operations” and enhancing the effectiveness and accountability of field coordination.

This event will provide an opportunity to engage with field protection cluster and AoR coordinators, co-coordinators, and IMOs to take stock of protection field coordination, share relevant practice, analyse key challenges to effective field coordination, and identify solutions and actions to make sure that the GPC is fit to coordinate field operations in increasingly challenging and changing operational contexts (climate change, counter-terrorism, global health crisis and socio-economic impact, etc..).

Expected Outcome

Building on the experience and expertise of field cluster and AoR coordinators, co-coordinators and IMOs, and on existing standards (particularly the CP and GBV Minimum Standards on field coordination), the event will contribute to agreeing on the priority actions to ensure that the field protection coordination is fit for purpose.

The discussions and outcomes of this session will feed into the development or update of:

1. a “Start Pack” for (incoming) protection cluster coordinators, and support better transition between outgoing and incoming coordinators;
2. a Handbook on field coordination for Protection Cluster Coordinators
3. Training material on field protection cluster coordination
4. Developing new tools for field coordination mapping, monitoring, and reporting
5. Enhancing field support, learning and capacity building on field coordination.

The event will also contribute to preparing the GPC High-level event schedule in December 2020 on adapting coordination to changing operational contexts, thinking about global challenges and how to shape the future of field coordination

Format

The event will be organized in English, and structured around two main issues:

1. **Fit for purpose today:** what are key issues (challenges/obstacles & enablers) for effective coordination of field protection operations, and what do field clusters/coordinators need to more effective – taking into consideration growing operational challenges. Participants will discuss these issues and share challenges and practice and come up with suggestions and solutions.
2. **Fit for purpose tomorrow:** start collective brainstorming and think out of the box/imagining how to adapt our ways of working and what field coordination could/should look like in the next 3-5 years. These discussions will help prepare the High-level event planned in December 2020.



Participants (i.e. field cluster and AoR coordinators, co-coordinators and IMO + GPC SAG members) will take an active role during the event working in break-out groups to brainstorm on current challenges, share practices, and suggest possible solutions and priorities. Break-out group moderators will receive guiding questions; participants will be asked to prepare ideas and identify practices to share during the break-out discussions.

Reference documents

- [IASC Reference Module on Field Cluster Coordination](#) (ENG/FR/SPA)
- [CP Minimum Coordination actions](#)
- [Handbook for coordinating GBV in emergencies](#)