



## GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020

### The Protection Operational Footprint - A model for working together to better protect people in crises

**8 September 2020, 10:00-12:30** (East and Southern Africa, Asia, MENA, and Ukraine)

**9 September 2020, 14:00-16:30** (West & Central Africa/Haiti + Latin America)

### Rational/purpose

To enhance the relevance and coherence of the global protection response during the current pandemic, and increase predictability and clarity of field operations for key stakeholders, the GPC developed an “Operational Footprint” identifying a minimum package of critical activities to be implemented feasibly in all protection cluster operations. The CP and the GBV AoR have already similar tools in place as well (see references). The GPC operational footprint also provides a framework of key protection actions for the Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), and for the revisions of country Humanitarian Response Plans.

This event is part of the efforts from the GPC to ensure that the basics of protection response are in place in all operations, facilitate global monitoring/reporting of field operations, and foster collective action at field and global level to address critical operational and funding gaps. It will provide an opportunity for field protection cluster and AoR coordinators and co-coordinators to reflect on core activities and programs, clarify minimum expectations, and identify possible solutions to challenges and program continuity in constrained operational contexts (Covid-19, CT/CVE, etc.).

### Expected Outcome

The event intends to help clarify or identify (1) core activities and programs, clarify minimum expectations; (2) best field practice to ensure the implementation of essential protection activities and programs in increasingly challenging operational contexts (including enablers and obstacles to implementation of essential protection activities), (2) key measures and regional priority actions to address key issues and overcome critical operational gaps, (3) recommendations to successfully use the protection operational footprint as a framework for collective strategic planning (HPC, cluster/AoR strategy, Pooled Funds, etc).

To this end, field coordinators will be asked to provide information and feedback on:

- Where they stand on the implementation of the operational package?
- What they want to improve or invest in (need or gap) as a priority in 2021?
- What do they require from the GPC and global AoRs, Cluster Lead Agencies, and donors?

The outcomes will contribute to further developing the GPC Global Operational Footprint, feed into donor engagement and fundraising supporting the Global Operational Footprint. It will also help to prepare strategic thinking at the high-level event in December 2020.

### Format/Content of the Event

2 regional webinars on Zoom:

1. East & Southern Africa, Asia, MENA, and Ukraine: English
2. West & Central Africa, Latin America, and Haiti: English



The event discussions will focus on (1) sharing best practice on ensuring the implementation and program continuity of essential protection activities and services in their field operations despite increasing operational constraints and challenges; (2) identifying on 1-3 regional priorities for inclusion in HRP, and related support needed from GPC; and (3) on how to use the Global Protection Footprint (beyond Covid-19) as a framework to ensure that the basics of protection response are in place in all operations.

Participants (i.e. field cluster and AoR coordinators, co-coordinators and IMOs) will take an active role during the event through plenary and breakout group discussions. They will be asked to provide some inputs on field practice and coverage of the Footprint in field operations ahead of the event.

## **Background Reading**

- [GPC Operational Footprint](#)
- [CP Minimum Coordination actions](#)
- [Handbook for coordinating GBV in emergencies](#)