



# Civil-Military Coordination for Protection

A new workstream of the Global Protection Cluster

## ACTIVITIES

- **Training** developed and delivered for protection actors and armed actors
- **Guidance and SOPs** shared as resources to be used by protection actors
- **Advice** provided as requested to cluster coordinators by the workstream focal point(s)
- **Field Support** missions conducted by the GPC as requested by clusters to service needs at the field level
- **Thematic Discussions** held to strengthen awareness, understanding and share best practices
- **Reports** drafted based on findings of thematic discussions
- **Resources** consolidated and shared through a variety of channels

In 2019, the GPC will pilot a new workstream on humanitarian civil-military coordination for protection to better support field protection clusters in leveraging UN-CMCoord as a unique platform to pursue protection outcomes. The workstream is being conducted in collaboration with UNOCHA and Norwegian Refugee Council for the purpose of improving protection related access, security and assistance for civilians affected by humanitarian crises. The intent is to leverage complementarity and cooperation between protection actors and OCHA CMCoord Officers at the field level to achieve critical protection outcomes.

**Objective 1:** Strengthen the understanding and capability of protection and other actors to achieve protection outcomes through humanitarian civil-military coordination

**Objective 2:** Ensure the Global Protection Cluster is communicating and contributing to the role of humanitarian civil- military coordination in protection

The workstream will advise and assist protection clusters at the field level as well as engage military training institutions to enhance armed actors understanding of humanitarian protection and its relevance to their planning and operations.

### Advisory Partners

This project is supported by UNHCR, UNOCHA, OHCHR, NRC and InterAction. Additional advisory partners are also still being considered.

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## Timeline and 6-month highlights



## How to use the CMCoord for Protection workstream

### 1. TECHNICAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Contact the workstream focal points with questions, requests for information, field support and/or input for upcoming events.

### 2. SHARE INFORMATION

Protection clusters can utilize the workstream to share experience and lessons learned from their context with clusters from other contexts.

### 3. RECEIVE TRAINING

Improve cluster and partner's understanding of UN-CMCoord, organization of military actors, different approaches for engaging armed actors in protection dialogue as well as other topics including special requests tailored to the cluster's needs.

### 4. ADVOCACY

Seek support for advocating with armed actors regarding critical protection concerns.

### 5. IDENTIFY RESOURCES

Find policy guidance and reference materials related to humanitarian civil-military coordination and engaging armed actors on protection needs.

## Focal Points

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