

Protection Cluster Meeting Minutes
14 July 2021
Minutes



Participating Organizations: UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, CARE, Save the Children, PSEA Network, FAMOD, Light for the World, WFP, NRC, Plan International, IsraAid, SOS Children’s Village, Mines Advisory Group, ActionAid.

Co-hosts: GBV AoR, CP AoR, HLP AoR, WG for Persons with Disabilities, Nampula Protection Working Group.

Agenda Point	Discussions
<p>1. Introduction by National Protection Cluster Coordinator</p>	<p>National Protection Cluster Coordinator introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hugo Reichenberger – reichenb@unhcr.org – WhatsApp: +436767382227 <p>Updates from Protection Cluster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Protection Priorities for 2022:</u> Scale up of the operational response – Support to IDP in sites and urban settings, Scale up support IDP in sites, scale up the GBV response; civil documentation; UASC; protection by presence and multi-partner approach; protection monitoring. On Advocacy thematic: access to asylum, humanitarian access, sexual violence and abuse of authority, access to social services for IDPs, engagement with human rights actors, IHL advocacy and HLP. On Cross-Cutting thematic: centrality of protection, elderly IDPs, persons with disabilities, PSEA, localization and protection analysis. ▪ <u>Civil Document Briefing Note and Advocacy:</u> It identified the main issues impacting the lack of civil documentation (e.g. restriction of movement, GBV and physical abuse, arbitrary detention, payments and access). 45% of IDP reported having no identity documentation – A draft of the Note will be shared with members of Protection Cluster soon. The briefing note will be an important tool to harmonize the advocacy messages pertaining to civil documentation as well as to amplify the message around the importance of civil documentation for IDPs. ▪ <u>CERF for Protection Cluster:</u> In the initial discussions Protection Cluster advocated for a high amount (2,400,000 USD), but after negotiations and reductions operated by OCHA, Protection Cluster was allocated 600,000 USD and an additional 275,000 USD for projects targeting persons with disabilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Growing Protection Cluster team</u>: in both Maputo and Pemba the Protection Cluster team is growing and receiving additional support for coordination and IM.
<p>2. Protection Cluster Information Management issue by Protection Cluster Information Management Officer</p>	<p><u>Protection Cluster Coordinator introduced</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neren Olarte – olartene@unhcr.org <p>Areas of future support and intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To support to any IM-related activities of the Cluster; ▪ To consolidate the 5Ws document; ▪ To work on and improve any IM products and improve the visibility of the Protection Cluster activities; ▪ To provide support on data management and analysis; ▪ To improve the visibility of the Protection Cluster in Mozambique on the Global Protection Cluster Website.
<p>3. Cabo Delgado Protection Cluster Coordinator by PC CD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans: To make a meeting with the General Prosecutor’s office to raise the issue of lack. • Nangade Mission: unfortunately it did not take place because of incidents in Muidumbe – a new date will be defined. This will be reported to cluster partners accordingly. Protection missions to hard to reach areas are a very important way of following up on challenges in areas where there are small presence of protection actors. • Multi-sectoral assessment in Pemba: OCHA is leading on this and the Pemba Administrator has already given her green light. There is not much of a coordinated response in Pemba where many activities are already taking place. It is important to include the conditions for all IDPs that are currently in Pemba. • HLP AoR: Chris Wade from NRC has reached Pemba, which is an important step in establishing the HLP AoR in Cabo Delgado. The Terms of Reference will be shared with all actors. • Main issues identified in Metuge: abuse by community leaders have been brought to the attention of the Protection Cluster in Nanjua B and other locations. In Nanjua B, they found that there organizations that are coming and distributing goods in a non-coordinated way, which ends up excluding members of communities and empowers community leaders. Nanjua B has a large presence of women and SGBV report has been reported to the Protection Cluster. Based on what we identified: it is mostly partners that are not participating within the existing humanitarian coordination. This we will raise with the district administration in the coming weeks. Protection Cluster has been in Metuge this week. One of the main findings in 25 de Junho is that some reports indicate that some IDPs are being requested payments to being included in distribution list from a range of 1k to 5k Meticais. In some reports, not only 25 de Junho mentioning some of the beneficiary were not living in the area and were only coming when there. • Protocol from authorities on UASC: there were some concerns in the way that children have been reunified with their families. Bilateral between Protection Cluster and Child Protection AoR are currently under way.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDP Numbers: Some 6,000 new IDPs per month in Cabo Delgado – with main destination being Montepuez, with Mueda and Pemba in that order. For Mueda, most will not remain there but will move onwards to Montepuez, Therefore, the situation in Montepuez is of major concern since it is attracting large number of IDPs. This has resulted in major needs in that area.
4. Child Protection updates by Child Protection AoR (UNICEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CP AoR at the National level: it has supported the Protection Cluster in advocating on the issue of civil documentation for IDPs and participating in CERF’s negotiations. ▪ CP AoR at the CD level: there are currently some 19 protection agencies and organizations are currently engaged in the child protection response. There are four areas of intervention: MHPSS, case management, UASC and alternative care, GBV. The targeted areas are: Mueda, Montepuez, Ancuabe, Chiure, Metuge and Pemba.
5. Updates on Food Distribution and possible cuts by WFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a potential cut in food assistance in the coming months: for what concerns the food distribution in the areas of Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Niassa and Zambesia for IDPs, there are not enough funds to continue with the assistance (12 Million USD would be needed per month). ▪ For the months of July and August, the food basket will be reduced to 50%. The full ration for the two months will be distributed in the month of July (for practicality reasons and to comply with Covid-19 preventive measures) – No food will be distributed for the month of August. ▪ At the moment, there is no guarantee of food distribution beyond August. ▪ This is concerning as this can exacerbate protection concerns.
6. GBV Update by the GBV AoR (UNFPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two partners of the GBV AoR have strengthened GBV case management capacities through trainings: UNHCR has carried out a training last week, and there is another upcoming training by UNFPA. ▪ Global retreat of the National GBV AoR ongoing at the moment: Main points to be discussed are related to issues in coordination and service provision (aiming at a strengthened evidence-based programming). ▪ Some updates from Partners: UNFPA will have a safety audit only in Pemba; UNHCR conducting a GBV response assessment; UNHCR will partner with the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. ▪ Plans by the GBV AoR: The GBV AoR plans on targeting 69,600 persons for 12 months (20% of this will be nationals/13k persons in the host communities). They will be targeted with awareness raising, women and girls safe spaces, engagement with the multisectoral teams in the different districts, some key discussions on GBV on adolescent girls and boys, we will need to partner with UNICEF.
7. PSEA Network Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GBV AoR: PSEA Network and GBV AoR have been working closely to ensure that the referral pathways are mainstreamed and streamlined. ▪ In Cabo Delgado, GBV AoR is liaising with the Government in order to assess which support and services are available for referral and follow-up of GBV cases. ▪ The joint risk assessment will be the priority for the next two months.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOPs: Presentation on the referral of a case of SEA – There will be an upcoming session where the PSEA SOPs will be presented in detail and Protection Cluster members will be invited to attend.
8. PwD Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extended Meeting of the WG of PwD: it will be a platform to share updates, tools and mainstream with organizations. First one will be held next week on Wednesday from 2 PM. The post will be shared with cluster members. For this first inaugural meeting, the following points will be looked at: presentation of the disability working group as a sub-group of the Protection Cluster; inclusion of PwD in humanitarian programmes will be shared (by light for the world). Relevant data and evidence will also be shared that is available in Mozambique (by UNICEF). These extended meeting will be held almost once a month. ▪ Follow-up to disability cases reported through Linha Verde: FAMOD is following-up with its network of organizations on the ground. The covered areas are: Cabo Delgado, Sofala, Manica and Zambesia. The cases that are reported mainly relate to need for wheelchairs and issues in accessing food or education.
9. Updates from other partners	N/A.