

Protection Cluster Meeting Minutes
24 March 2021
Minutes



Participating Organizations: UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, Save the Children, Plan-International, Care International, World Food Programme, Oxfam, Linha Fala Criança, Voluntary Service Overseas, Third Age Forum

Co-hosts: GBV AoR, CP AoR, Protection Cluster in Cabo Delgado, Protection Working Group in Sofala

Agenda Point	Discussions	Action points
<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: +258855406256 	
<p>2. Cabo Delgado updates by the Cabo Delgado Protection Cluster coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on mission to Mueda: It is in the far north of Cabo Delgado province, so it is considered one of the hard-to-reach areas. The mission was composed of different sectors and aimed at identifying key issues and see how to provide a response. A rapid assessment was conducted with the communities but data has yet to be released. According to the gov. there are approximately 84.000 IDPs in the area, and arrivals are on a daily basis. For what concerns capacities/services available in the area, these are very limited: there is nothing in terms of protection. <u>Key advocacy as Protection Cluster:</u> to encourage greater presence of partners in the area as soon as possible. The gov. plans to create four new sites there – one was visited. A technical mission will be launched soon to assess the conditions of the area. Also, capacity-building with local authorities will be carried out and a network of focal points will be created to start mapping the main protection issues. Concerns in Mueda: the area is isolated, no electricity for months, the area is militarized with curfew, and there is also a widespread presence of military security forces and also <i>força local</i>. Another key point of the cluster is to engage with these forces and provide them with capacity-building. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Macomia: After a year from the attacks, Macomia should now be accessible and a mission will be planned soon. A similar assessment to the one in Mueda will be conducted and, if conditions allow, protection activities should be resumed. • School: Protection Cluster is coordinating with Education-Shelter-CCCM Clusters to support the resuming of school activities. • Sites: New sites are being proposed in the southern area of CD, which are being assessed by the Cluster to make sure minimum standards and conditions for the families are respected. • Registration: Received requests from authorities for the registration of IDPs, meaning access to civil documentation. This was also requested in Mueda. Need to expand the programs in place in CD to speed up the process for issuing ID cards. • IDP Registration by IOM/WFP: The authorities are waiting for the results of the pilot project by IOM/WFP on the registration of IDPs, which had not been shared until the moment of the meeting. • UPR: Registration, relocation, access to hard-to-reach areas are all important points that will be presented for the UPR of Mozambique (May 2021). 	
<p>3. Sofala updates by UNHCR/Coordinator of the Sofala Protection Working Group (PWG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buzi: Focus of the gov. and agencies on Buzi where there are four different sites (around the Escola Secundaria de Guara-Guara) from which people are being moved to new resettlement sites. • Protection Monitoring: The PWG monitored the process to make sure that minimum standards of protection were observed – above all how vulnerable families are being prioritized and other elements of protection mainstreaming. • Resettlement areas: Monitoring visits were carried out to the new resettlement sites. Main findings: lack of potable water, no division between M/F latrines. These wash-related protection cluster were shared with the WASH Cluster. • Cross-cutting issues raised: No energy, lack of potable water, feelings of danger when going to latrines at night because of the dark. • Inaccessible areas of Buzi: The gov. should go visit these areas next week and invited agencies/sectors to join. The PWG will go to monitor the situation since they have been told the living conditions of IDPs are extremely concerning. • Protection Assessment following Tropical Storm Chalane and how they impacted those displaced by the Tropical Cyclone of Idai in January 2021 - the Presentation 	

	<p>of information prepared in January following a quick durable solution assessment carried out by the PWG (to be shared separately). They looked at durable solutions issues of IDPs from the Cyclone Idai.</p>	
<p>4. Child Protection Updates by Child Protection AoR / UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation: Working in Sofala and CD in particular on the issue of civil documentation. In Cabo Delgado there is a birth-registration campaign on-going since December, it should finish at the end of the month but they are trying to support its continuation. • Trainings: Training on case-management tools was carried out – 14 members of the AoR in CD and Pemba participated. They are now looking to conduct a training on specific case-management protocol for UASC, and it should occur in the next weeks. • Sofala: various missions took place, and follow-up actions to the deactivation of some accommodation centers. Two partners are carrying out PSS activities and CFS in Buzi and Nhamatanda - 1500 children targeted. And similar activities are being carried out in CD. • Issue raised: Many members are not filling in the 5Ws template and thus it is hard to have data on who is doing what where, and identify gaps. 	
<p>5. Presentation of the “Third Age Forum” on the situation of elderly displaced persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose Pedro is the Executive Director of the Third Age Forum in Mozambique, founded in 1998 to fight for the rights of the elderly in Moz. They also support gov. authorities in strengthening social assistance to elderly persons. There are 30 organizations that are members of the forum. • Activities in CD: they are doing some activities of an ad-hoc nature, as they wait for additional funding. They support the identification of elderly/disabled people among the IDPs, and created elderly friendly spaces in IDPs resettlement sites. They also support them in accessing documentation, and on a very small scale they provide food (whenever funds are available). They are also advocating for the rights of elderly displaced people at the national level and are now working with outreach community officers that are identifying elderly persons that need support. 	<p>For more information Jose Pedro is available for any clarification on this email: forum3idade forum3idade@tvcabo.co.mz</p>
<p>6. GBV updates by GBV AoR/UNFPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBV AoR Action plan: During the last meeting, the GBV AoR Action plan was endorsed by members. The activities that are to be implemented relate to advocacy, capacity-building and service provision. • 5Ws: Issue on top of the agenda. They look forward to having more partners providing their feedbacks and GBV services mapping. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation shared with all partners to join the GBV AoR coordination meetings in order to join forces and be able to provide services where needed and not available. • Training: there is an upcoming training for health partners on the minimum initial service package. The AoR is looking for two health partners that could participate. 	
7. Update on the process of domesticating the Kampala Treaty by UNHCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Updates on the strategy developed by UNCHR to support the government in the domestication of the Kampala Convention, with the aim of developing a national framework on internal displacement. • Legal mapping: UNHCR has developed a legal mapping document which constitutes the basis of the legal review of national legislation and policy that are relevant to the protection of IDPs and that UNHCR has committed to developing. The idea is to carry out a thorough analysis of how the existing laws and policies of Mozambique cover issues of key relevance in the response to internal displacement vis-a-vis international and regional standards on IDP protection, with the aim of highlighting eventual gaps or obstacles to the full enjoyment of IDPs' rights. The legal mapping document builds on a lot of the discussions and suggestions provided for by members of the Reference Group. • Legal audit: The legal audit is about to start, and will be conducted with the support of a team of lawyers from the DLA Piper Global Law Firm, that will be in charge on conducting the legal analysis. The findings of such analysis should be shared by the Reference Group with relevant protection, development and disaster-related authorities and organisations, and should constitute the basis for promoting their informed next steps on how to move forward with the domestication of the Kampala Convention in Mozambique. 	For more information on and contributions to the document: Valentina Rossi – rossi@unhcr.org
8. Follow up on Human Rights Advocacy/Protection Cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPR: The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Mozambique will happen at the next HRC session in May 2021. Mozambique will be reviewed for what concerns the human rights situation in the country. • OHCHR and the Protection Cluster are catching up to provide additional inputs to delegations and include additional issues related to human rights and displacement in Mozambique. • Issues identified to propose: <i>IDP relocation in the north – access to IDPs in hard-to-reach areas – visa for protection actors – civil documentation for IDPs.</i> 	

<p>9. Presentation of Report on Early Marriage Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the HNO done last year, it emerged that data and information lacked on the issue of early marriage. • Linha Fala Criança (LFC) has identified the main needs by looking at data gathered through their helpline. • Victims of reported early marriage cases to Linha Fala Criança are majority female (93%) and the median age of victims is 15 years old. • Early Marriage cases reported to LFC have increased since 2018: this large increase may be as a result of: the use of early marriage as a negative coping mechanism due to Cyclones Idai and Kenneth; a consequence of LFC expansion into Central Mozambique; and increased advocacy work. • Report available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.dropbox.com/s/c8rv85b87ngxq97/LFC-2020_Early_Marriage-FINAL-EN.pdf?dl=0 (English); - https://www.dropbox.com/s/t6hnu2a3ib849ht/LFC-2020_Early_Marriage-FINAL-PT.pdf?dl=0 (Português). 	
<p>10. Updates from other partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM: Updates were given on the work done with Reference Groups for preventing and combating violence against children, trafficking in persons and promote regular migration. A ToT was conducted last week in partnership with UNICEF and the Attorney General Office, and it targeted the key members of the National Reference Groups. As a follow-up, they plan to have a similar ToT for the Refence Group in CD. • IFRC: have been providing trainings on policy in child protection and child exploitation. Trainings have been organized for partners in Sofala as well. In Manica, volunteers and partners were trained on GBV issues, and have distributed bicycles to volunteers to do the outreach activities in support of the Red Cross. • CARE International: Updates on the work done in Sofala. They have started with kits distribution in Guara-Guara, and have conducted awareness sessions on issues related to PSEA and GBV. In CD, they have trained women in life-skills sessions. • Masculinity Study: CARE has been conducted a study related to the topic of <i>masculinity</i> to understand gender roles and gender dynamics. Key findings will be shared and presented in the next meeting. 	
<p>11. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR AHCs Visit to Mozambique: The two Assistant High Commissioners went on a mission to Mozambique last week. They visited the area of Cabo Delgado as 	

	well, and met with displaced people who shared their difficult experiences and concerns. The AHCs raised awareness on the deterioration of the humanitarian situation, and underlined the compelling protection issues faced by IDPs.	
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