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Organizations that attended the meeting: DPGCAS, UNHCR, IFRC, WFP, OIM, UNFPA, WVI, AVSI, ASATE, Save the Children, Handicap Internacional, FAMOD and Plan International.

Subject	Discussions	Action Points
Identification of persons with specific needs - Dashboard on Metuchira	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR, together with its partner Kulima, has just finalized and will share the report on the identification of persons with specific needs in Metuchira, Nhamatanda. 	UNHCR will share the report with PC members before the next meeting on August 29.
Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) and Women-Friendly Spaces (WFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR asks PC members about plans to set up Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) and Women-Friendly Spaces (WFS) in resettlement sites that do not have these structures. UNFPA explains that it has received funds to establish 15 WFS. By now, 12 have been created and the last 3 will be set up soon. One of them will be in Savane and two will be in Buzi. Save the Children explains that it will fix CFS in Savane, which was destroyed by the wind. UNHCR draws attention to resettlement sites in Buzi that do not have CFS and Save the Children informs that it will set up structures in Chigamindge only. Buzi would still have resettlement sites without CFS. DPGCAS asks about the possibility of building more permanent structures. UNFPA explains that this is a concern but, for the moment, it cannot make any commitments in this regard. 	UNHCR is working on a mapping of CFS and WFS to identify gaps and promote a better coordination amongst PC members to ensure all sites have such structures. The map will be shared shortly.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan International informs that it has 9 CFS and that, under the Child Protection Sub-Cluster, the transition from these structures to Education Centers has been discussed. For now, all CFS are interim structures. • WVI explains that it also has CFS and understands the need for more permanent structures. 	
<p>Updates from the GBV and Child Protection Sub-Clusters and from the Disability Working Group (DWG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GBV Sub-Cluster reports that it has received funding from Norway to scale up its projects and is looking for partners to develop new activities. It also reports that, during field visits, it has identified the abandonment of women by their husbands/partners in Cura, Mbiri, Mandruzi and Savane. The reasons identified relate to economic aspects, e.g. job search. • DPGCAS says that women's economic empowerment was previously discussed and that it had understood that UNFPA was working on this issue. • UNFPA explains that new projects will work on this issue, but due to the lack of enough funds it will not be possible to implement activities in all resettlement sites. • DPGCAS emphasizes that women's empowerment also contributes to child protection and calls for partners as Save the Children to keep this in mind. • The CP Sub-Cluster is discussing the transition from CFS to more permanent structures such as Child Education Centers and that partners are working to harmonize case management approaches. • The Disability Working Group representative (FAMOD) reports that constructions are not meeting minimum accessibility standards (e.g. lack of ramps in schools). Strategies are being discussed to deal with such a problem. • DPGCAS informs that advocacy must focus on responsible authorities on the matter. It is important to include City Councils in these discussions. 	
<p>Updates from the members of the Protection Cluster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR explains once again to PC members that it is important to inform on protection activities more systematically in order to improve coordination and avoid duplication. • IOM reports continued support to social activists in resettlement sites. Joint visits with UNHCR were conducted to align interventions. Joint training with other organizations is planned to continue building the capacity of social activists in resettlement sites. • Handicap International reports that information sections were held last week for activists in Dondo, Buzi, Nhamatanda and Beira. Next week, new sessions will be held in Dondo and Nhamatanda. Activists need to be properly taught to 	

	use different data collection tools as there have been problems in harmonizing information.	
VI Provincial Conference on Women and Gender - August 23 in Beira	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPGCAS introduces and invites all organizations to participate in the VI Provincial Conference on Women and Gender, to be held on August 23rd, in the city of Beira, at the Provincial Assembly. The proposed program is shared for comments. • DPGCAS thanks the partners for their support, without which it would not be possible to hold the VI Conference. 	
Other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR reports that the Portuguese version of the Protection Strategy has not received any comments. Thus, the Protection Cluster Protection Strategy is adopted. • UNHCR presents the Protection Monitoring Overviews in Bandua, Estaquinha and Chingamidje in Buzi. • UNHCR briefly describes the results of the meeting held on WFP on August 21 about security-related incidents, referral mechanisms and the roles of community structures. • ASATE requests a tarp to be used in a school and DPGCAS will address the issue with UNICEF, who had pledged to support. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. UNHCR will share the final version of the Protection Strategy in English and Portuguese. II. UNHCR will share the PM Overviews in Bandua, Estaquinha and Chingamidje, Buzi District. III. DPGCAS will follow up with UNICEF on the tarp.