The global HLP Area of Responsibility (AoR) is part of the Global Protection Cluster. Led by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), the HLP AoR is committed to bringing together all actors to focus on improving global support to HLP coordination and response, and enhancing awareness of HLP inclusion at all phases of response.

The HLP AoR provides support to HLP responses around the world through a range of services, including those listed below. For any support or information, please contact the Global HLP AoR Coordinator at dalia.aranki@nrc.no

- Support to establish or strengthen HLP coordination groups.
- Advise on HLP issues – provide answers to any HLP question!
- Develop advocacy messaging at national and international levels.
- Support collection of HLP data and context analyses.
- Facilitate discussions on how to address HLP as part of any programming.
- Host and lead webinars and meetings on technical issues.
- Country to country interaction – sharing experiences and expertise.
- Country missions – for general support, leading workshops, strategy sessions, etc.
- Prepare and provide training on HLP for any sector.

- Preventing and addressing forced evictions or relocations.
- Integrating HLP/security of tenure into any programming related to housing/land (e.g. shelter, WASH, camp coordination/management, food security, livelihoods).
- Understanding and addressing barriers to women accessing HLP.
- Limited access to land or natural resources.
- Preventing and addressing conflicts related to HLP.
- Identifying how to determine what is secure enough for each type of intervention.

HLP coordination at country level

**ETHIOPIA**
Locations: Addis Ababa, Bule Hora
Chair: NRC, UNHCR
Main HLP issues: uncertainty with respect to ownership rights (in the return, relocation, host community contexts), lack of documentation, secondary occupation in the IDP context

**UKRAINE**
Location: Kyiv
Chair: NRC, under Protection and Shelter Clusters
Main HLP issues: lack of HLP documentation, official recognition of property rights, military use of civilian property, compensation for damaged/destroyed housing

**IRAQ**
Locations: Baghdad, Erbil
Chairs: UN-Habitat, NRC
Main HLP issues: lack of HLP documentation, access to restitution and compensation schemes, women’s access to HLP rights

**AFGHANISTAN**
Locations: 4 regions – central, eastern, northern, north eastern
Chairs: UN-Habitat, NRC, UNHCR
Main HLP issues: limited access to land, forced evictions, lack of HLP documentation

**SOMALIA**
Locations: Baidoa, Bossaso, Gaalkacyo, Garowe, Lower Juba, Mogadishu, Kismayo
Chairs: NRC, UN-Habitat, UNHCR
Main HLP issues: forced evictions, limited access to land, insecure tenancy arrangements

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**
Locations: Bangui, Berberati, Nana Grebizi/Kemo
Chair: NRC
Main HLP issues: destruction of houses, secondary occupation, lack of HLP documentation

**CAMEROON**
Location: Maroua
Chairs: NRC, Ministry of Cadastre and Land Affairs
Main HLP issues: limited access to land, forced evictions, women’s access to HLP rights

**NIGERIA**
Locations: Borno, Adamawa, Yobe
Chairs: Ministry of Land and Survey, NRC, UNHCR
Main HLP issues: limited access to land, forced evictions, lack of HLP documentation

**SOUTH SUDAN**
Location: Juba
Chairs: Land Committee of Transitional National Legislative Assembly, Protection Cluster, Shelter Cluster
Main HLP issues: secondary occupation of land, limited access to land, lack of HLP documentation

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Main HLP issues: forced evictions, limited access to land, insecure tenancy arrangements

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**
Locations: Kananga, Tshikapa, Goma, Kalima, Bukavu, Beni, Ituri
Chair: NRC
Main HLP issues: limited access to land, women’s access to HLP rights, land grabbing, forced eviction

**NIGERIA**
Locations: Borno, Adamawa, Yobe
Chairs: Ministry of Land and Survey, NRC, UNHCR
Main HLP issues: limited access to land, forced evictions, lack of HLP documentation

**SOUTH SUDAN**
Location: Juba
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The HLP Sub-Working Group is led by the Ministry of Land and Survey. Co-led by NRC and co-facilitated by UNHCR. The HLP AoR provides ongoing support on key HLP issues that have arisen since 2018, including limited access to land, forced evictions, lack of HLP documentation and women’s access to HLP rights.

HLP AoR Support has included providing responses to specific HLP questions, reviewing documents used for HLP responses, facilitating approaches to addressing HLP issues, and updating the HLP Sub-Working Group’s strategy and workplan for 2018-2019. The HLP Sub-Working Group has been focusing on providing on-request and pre-emptive technical support and advice to other sectors, including Shelter, CCCM, WASH, and Food Security/Livelihoods with activities related to housing and land. Its updated activities include preparing due diligence steps for each sector, including HLP questions in assessments, training and workshops on HLP issues, dispute resolution and working with statutory and traditional authorities to address HLP disputes.

Current areas of focus include facilitating the reissuance of lost/destroyed HLP documents for IDPs who have managed to return to their areas of origin; responding to forced eviction cases; and facilitating access to land for humanitarian partners.

Established in 2015, the national HLP Technical Working Group in Ukraine sits jointly under the Protection and Shelter Clusters. The HLP AoR participated in the development and implementation of the HLP TWG’s 2019 strategy and workplan.

With some initial preparation work, the HLP AoR Coordinator visited Ukraine in February 2019 to help organise and facilitate a strategy workshop with HLP TWG colleagues. Results include prioritisation of key HLP issues and response activities through an agreed strategy and workplan.

The main 2019 priorities are prevention and response to risks from civilian property occupied / used by military; restitution / compensation rights for destroyed or damaged buildings; documentation in Shelter interventions; and collective centres. For effective coordination of response activities, the HLP TWG has initiated a taskforce for each priority to bring together key HLP actors to progress with joint activities. The HLP AoR continues to play a role in supporting and providing advice to the HLP TWG and its progress with strategy and workplan activities.


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