



PROTECTION CLUSTER SOMALIA

(how it works or not!)

What is Protection??

Protection “encompasses all activities aimed at ensuring full respect for the rights of the individual in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the relevant bodies of law, i.e. human rights law, international humanitarian law and refugee law.”

(ICRC, IASC, 1999)

Protection Principles



1. Avoid exposing people to further harm as a result of your actions.
2. Ensure people's access to impartial assistance – in proportion to need and without discrimination.
3. Protect people from physical and psychological harm arising from violence and coercion.
4. Assist people to claim their rights, access available remedies and recover from the effects of abuse.

Protection - *During Displacement*

- ✓ **GBV**
- ✓ **Children**
- ✓ **Protection of Civilians**
- ✓ **Land Rights / Property (HLP)**
- ✓ **Lack of Documentation – IDPs & Host Communities**
- ✓ **Minority / Marginalised Communities**
- ✓ **Host communities and IDPs**
- ✓ **Mental & Physical Disabilities**
- ✓ **The elderly**
- ✓ **Communities / groups that are part of the conflict**
- ✓ **IDP Movements**

CAP PC Response Plan

Protection Issues



- Gender-based violence;
- Poor infrastructure and site planning in IDP sites;
- Insecure and unequal land tenure for IDPs;
- Child protection violations;
- Weak/absent police force & incapacity of authorities;
- Lack of equal access to justice;
- The negative impact of family separation;
- Violation of rights; and
- The impact of in mixed migration flows.

How to address Protection?

Reactive

- ✓ Do no harm
- ✓ Provision of services / assistance
- ✓ Upholding international standards

Preventative

- ✓ Sensitisation
- ✓ Obtaining information and assessing needs
- ✓ Creation of a domestic normative and policy framework
- ✓ Training on IDP Rights
- ✓ Cooperation among the international community
- ✓ Mainstreaming
- ✓ Fostering durable solutions
- ✓ Investing sufficient resources at the right time

PC Response Plan - Objectives



1. Equal access to protection responses
2. Strengthen the capacity of people
3. Strengthen the capacity of stakeholders
4. Support the attainment of a durable solution
5. Strengthened coordination and capacity

Protection Cluster Structure

- Strategic Advisory Board (Nairobi)
- Protection Cluster (Nairobi & Field)
- 5 Technical working groups
 1. Child protection – Nairobi some field locations
 2. Gender-based violence - Nairobi some field locations
 3. Information Management - dormant
 4. Return Consortium – Nairobi and Mogadishu
 5. Mental health & psycho-social support (MHPSS) - Nairobi
- 9 Field Clusters (by name not functionality)
 - Mogadishu, Dollow, Dhobley, Baidoa, South & North Galkayo, Garowe, Bossaso & Hargeisa

Current Membership



- Over 650 organisations and institutions
- Over 1,100 email addresses
- Around 400 actual organisations

Current Membership Requirements



PC ToRs adopted May 2012 (para 3.3) requires:

- (i) participate;
- (ii) share information, including 3W/4W;
- (iii) proactive in exchanging information and reporting;
- (iv) Share responsibility for PC Cluster activities; and
- (v) Respect and adhere to agreed principles, policies, priorities, and standards.

Changes in Membership



Two types of “membership”

- a) A PC Member
- b) Protection interested organisations / institutions

To be a PC Member, the organisation **MUST**:

- i. Regularly attend PC or WG meetings either at field or national level (exception if no PC or WG is present in the region)
- ii. Complete the quarterly 4W, or the monthly 4W if part of a working group

Changes in Membership -continued



It is expected that members also (as per PC ToRs 2012):

- i. Share responsibility for PC Cluster activities;
and
- ii. Respect and adhere to agreed principles, policies, priorities, and standards.

“Benefits” of Membership



Eligible to submit CAP projects;
Eligible to apply for PC training initiatives; and
Support to funding initiatives.

NON MEMBERS

(Protection interested Organisations / Institutions)

Attend meetings

Receive all general PC mail

Where do we go from here?



Reinvigorate the cluster to do more than just meet

How?

‘dedicated’ cluster coordinators

Support from national cluster

Support from protection mainstreaming trainer

Support from Mogadishu cluster coordinator?