



Terms of reference for ICCG Cross-cutting Focal Points

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Background

Building on the ICCG retreat held in Port Sudan from 02 – 03 February 2025 and the cross-cutting presentations, a cross-cutting one day workshop was agreed to facilitate the effective integration and implementation of the cross-cutting areas (Protection Risk Mitigation, Gender Equality, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), Disability Inclusion and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) into Clusters programming.

The workshop held on 23 February 2025 aimed to strengthen the ICCG's capacity to effectively integrate cross-cutting concerns into its coordination mechanisms and the Humanitarian Project Cycle (HPC). In the current political context and ongoing conflict including the funding challenges, it is more important than ever to ensure that all efforts are coordinated and integrated to achieve a sustainable and inclusive response and peace.

The participants of the workshop agreed that cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) should not be viewed as a stand-alone activity, but rather an integrated approach aiming at improving programme quality, effectiveness and accountability while preserving, protecting and enhancing the rights and dignity of vulnerable people and communities. Moreover, on the establishment of cross-cutting Focal Points who will be playing a critical role in strengthening the ICCG's capacity to effectively integrate cross-cutting concerns into its coordination mechanisms and the Humanitarian Project Cycle (HPC).

Who can be Cross-cutting Focal Points (CCFPs)?

Cross-cutting Focal Points (CCFPs) should be:

- a) Representatives of Cluster, AoR, Working Group, Task Force that participate in the Sudan Humanitarian coordination response system and structure. The Coordinators will nominate at least **two members** of their respective Cluster, AoR, Working Group or Task Force or a Task team composed of multiple members to support the integration of cross-cutting themes within respective Cluster, AoR, Working Group and Task Force. They do not necessarily need to be a protection/gender/AAP/disability inclusion/PSEA expert but can be a humanitarian actor with specific Cluster expertise.
- b) Committed to learning about and contributing to addressing cross-cutting differential impacts as part of their work in humanitarian response and preparedness efforts; and

- c) Willing to take responsibility for sharing information, materials and generating discussion about cross-cutting issues raised in the different meetings with members of their Cluster or Working Group.

Responsibilities

Specific responsibilities include:

- a) Participate in cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) Cluster, Working Group/AoR/Task Force/Network meetings.
- b) Act as the point of contact on cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) in humanitarian action for their respective Cluster or Working Group.
- c) Create awareness of cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) and share available resources within their respective Cluster or Working Group.
- d) Support monitoring and evaluation of impact of humanitarian projects/programmes and strategies on cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA).
- e) Participate in cross-cutting (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) d assessments and provide technical and facilitation at various levels.
- f) Be catalyst within the Cluster of cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) (i.e. raise awareness, advocate for resources, etc.
- g) Responsible for circulating key cross-cutting documents (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) within the Cluster (tools, tip sheets, analysis, new studies, policy documents, etc.).
- h) Support the organization of technical support and capacity building for Cluster members on cross-cutting issues (protection, gender equality, AAP, disability inclusion and PSEA) together with Thematic Advisers.
- i) Provide inputs into reporting on cross-cutting issues progress in their respective localities, challenges, opportunities and good practices for their Clusters.
- j) Contribute to the implementation of the joint Cross-Cutting Action Plan, including joint advocacy, analysis, technical support, capacity development, etc.