

This Tip Sheet is intended as a list of suggestions for field protection clusters on types of activities that can be undertaken to further mainstreaming of protection in the humanitarian response. It is not meant as an exhaustive list, but as a source of inspiration for protection actors for how they can strengthen protection mainstreaming initiatives.

1. Ensure that protection mainstreaming is regularly placed on the agenda of the Inter Cluster Coordination (ICC) and Humanitarian Country Team meetings (as appropriate)

Suggested action:

- Advocate with the Humanitarian Coordinator and/or the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to include protection mainstreaming on the agenda of meetings.
- Advocate with the HC for him/her to hold other clusters accountable for mainstreaming protection.
- For HCT meeting, ask the HC to lead the update with technical input from the Protection Cluster.
- For ICC meetings, the Protection Cluster Coordinator should lead the update.

2. Ensure that protection mainstreaming is included in trainings of other clusters

Suggested action:

- Map protection mainstreaming initiatives that other clusters may already be undertaking.
- Offer to facilitate sessions on protection mainstreaming in trainings organised by other clusters.
- Offer to review training materials of other clusters to ensure that protection is mainstreamed.

3. Provide briefings on the outcomes of protection assessments at ICC/ HCT meetings (as appropriate)

Suggested action:

- Highlight the areas that are particularly relevant for the different sectors/clusters.
- Suggest protection mainstreaming activities for the other clusters based on the outcomes of protection assessment.

4. Work bilaterally with clusters that are considered to be of priority from a protection perspective to strengthen protection mainstreaming in their response

Suggested action:

- Advocate with prioritized clusters to highlight the importance of mainstreaming protection in their response.
- Develop protection mainstreaming action plans with prioritized clusters, including the designation of a focal point on protection mainstreaming among participants in their clusters.
- Undertake joint missions to assess the protection mainstreaming components in the activities of prioritized clusters.