

Protection Mainstreaming in Humanitarian Response in Niger

Best practices

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BEST PRACTICE	NOTE
1. The centrality of protection and protection mainstreaming are integrated in HRP 2018	Protection is the 1 st priority axe in the HRP 2018: <i>“Renforcer la protection de la population civile vulnérable dans les zones d’intervention humanitaire”</i> (Strengthening the protection of the vulnerable population in the areas of humanitarian interventions). All humanitarian actors are engaged in promoting the centrality of protection in humanitarian planning and action. Protection mainstreaming aspects have been adopted as one of the criteria for the HRP projects vetting.
2. Protection mainstreaming is discussed and included in ICCG action plan	Protection mainstreaming is central to the work of the ICCG and it is part of the ICCG action plan for 2018. Regular space for protection is provided in ICCG meetings agendas and protection mainstreaming issues are discussed during ICCG meetings. Protection mainstreaming indicators in relation to coordination have been piloted.
3. Advocacy with the HCT to take into account protection mainstreaming	Recommendations and advocacy notes are directly addressed to the HCT in order to bring more attention to specific protection issues. The last note has been shared in May 2018 on the impact of AMNI FARKHAT multinational joint force operation on local population and protection in Diffa region. Protection is systematically included on the agenda of HCT meetings.
4. HCT protection strategy	A protection strategy of the HCT has been elaborated with the technical support of the Protection Cluster and adopted in May 2018. The HCT has identified 3 goals: 1. Ensure that protection is mainstreamed in the humanitarian response in Niger and ensure that this is the case at all levels of the sectoral response; 2. Guarantee a protective environment; 3. The humanitarian response targets the most vulnerable people and communities - addressing critical protection issues through appropriate solutions. A detailed action plan has been adopted as a guide and timeline for the implementation of the HCT protection strategy and will be used to drive the vision and achieve the protection goals of the HCT. Each goal is linked to a defined number of activities and indicators that will be measured during implementation. The HCT will review the action plan every three months to ensure progress is made and to adjust the work



	plan as the situation evolves.
5. Protection mainstreaming is central in Protection Cluster strategy	<p>The Protection Cluster strategy aims to ensure the integration of protection as a collective goal, contribute to the reduction of vulnerability and improve the resilience capacity of populations at risk by strengthening prevention and response actions.</p> <p>Strengthening coordination and ensuring the centrality of protection in all humanitarian interventions for an integrated response is the first of the specific outcomes in the strategy.</p>
6. Capacity building on protection mainstreaming	<p>Protection Cluster has organized training for ICCG members on protection mainstreaming.</p> <p>Protection Mainstreaming trainings have been organized for the Education Cluster, Food Security Cluster, and Shelter/NFI Cluster at national level.</p> <p>Government representatives have been trained on protection mainstreaming.</p> <p>In total the protection cluster has trained over 1800 persons on protection related topics from January to April 2018.</p>
7. A technical support on protection mainstreaming is provided by Protection Cluster to other clusters	<p>Since March 2018, Protection Cluster coordinators (including CP and GBV Working Groups) are present in all clusters meetings as protection mainstreaming focal points. They provide technical support and orientation to integrate protection mainstreaming in cluster and organization activities.</p>
8. Toolkits on protection mainstreaming are available for all clusters' members	<p>The list of protection mainstreaming indicators has been shared with other clusters.</p> <p>The Protection mainstreaming checklist has been contextualized for 6 clusters (Education, Food Sec, WASH, Shelter/NFI, Health, Nutrition).</p>
9. Protection monitoring reports and protection analysis are shared with all clusters	<p>Protection monitoring reports and recommendations are regularly shared and available for other clusters.</p> <p>A protection monitoring monthly report is elaborated and shared for the regions of Diffa and Tillaberi.</p> <p>Systematic update on protection issues are done to integrate protection mainstreaming into each aspect of the humanitarian response.</p> <p>The Protection Cluster has conducted protection analyses in 4 regions of Niger (Diffa, Tillaberi, Tahoua, Agadez) to identify protection risks (threats, needs, vulnerable groups, existing capacities).</p> <p>Protection Cluster representatives participate in joint needs assessments (Diffa, Tillaberi, Tahoua regions).</p>
10. Support of different actors on protection aspects	<p>The Protection Cluster supports the Ministry of Humanitarian Action on protection mainstreaming recommendation for the new emergencies occurring in Tillaberi.</p>