

Introduction to a Reach Out Workshop

The Reach Out Project

- Main activity: disseminate refugee protection knowledge;
- Why? Humanitarian NGOs found a need for training;
- Training Kit based on lessons learned from Reach Out workshops held since 2000;
- Website: link to Reach Out on www.icva.ch.

An interagency initiative



Reach Out objectives

- Enhance refugee protection awareness, knowledge, and skills of field-based humanitarian workers with programme responsibilities;
- Improve understanding of, and cooperation between, participants and the UNHCR;
- ... Improve protection of refugees.

Improving protection through cooperation

- All of us share the goal of improving protection for refugees;
- Increased role of NGOs in protection and assistance work;
- Cooperation improves when we know each other's roles and responsibilities.

Key questions on refugee protection

- Is there a common vision, shared understanding of what protection is?
- What can we do better?
- How can we share this responsibility?
- What are the challenges?
- Does our organisation "do protection"?
- What about accountability?

Objectives for this workshop

- Explain how human rights relate to the international refugee protection system;
- Outline internationally accepted refugee protection tools;
- Describe the various actors involved in refugee protection;
- Identify some of the particular protection needs of specific groups such as refugee women and children;
- Discuss solutions to some refugee protection problems;
- Work towards improved cooperation between actors with different roles in protection.
