

PACIFIC HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION CLUSTER – 2012 WORKPLAN

PHPC GOALS:

- To monitor and advocate for the effective integration of protection principles and protection-based activities into regional, national and local responses to disaster affected populations in the Pacific region.
- To ensure that IASC principles that relate to protection constitute the foundation for all activities of the Pacific Humanitarian Team.

In supporting, monitoring and advocating for effective integration of humanitarian protection into regional, national and local disaster response, the PHPC pursues a rights-based approach that seeks to promote safety, wellbeing and dignity for disaster-affected populations. This includes efforts to meet the needs, promote the rights, and build the capacity of the most vulnerable including displaced people, people with disabilities, people living with HIV, older people, children, ethnic or religious minorities, and other vulnerable groups affected by disaster. The PHPC promotes the mainstreaming of fundamental protection principles - such as non-discrimination, gender analysis, safe and dignified access to basic services, identification of the most vulnerable, do no harm, and community empowerment - into all humanitarian activities in order to ensure that all affected people - women, men, girls and boys - can access appropriate assistance and protection. The PHPC recognises that the primary responsibility for protection of disaster-affected populations rests with national governments and works to enhance national capacity to prevent and respond to protection concerns arising from, or exacerbated by disaster situations. In pursuing its objectives, the PHPC engages with government agencies, civil society and communities.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Raise awareness and build capacity of key regional, national and local (where applicable) stakeholders on protection principles and responsibilities;
- Ensure emergency preparedness and response interventions address the most vulnerable persons / groups;
- Identification of protection concerns, gaps and challenges and communication of these to relevant partners and stakeholders;
- Effectively mainstreaming protection concerns and approaches into the work of all sectors / clusters;
- Provide support to national level protection clusters [when activated]; and
- Coordinate protection activities during humanitarian emergencies that require an international response.

PRIORITIZED COUNTRIES: Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Tonga

PRIORITIZED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY (AoRs):

Child Protection in Emergencies: UNICEF & Save the Children (with support from GenCap)

Gender Based Violence: UN Women & UNFPA (with support from GenCap & UNICEF)

Land, Housing & Property, and Internal Displacement: UN Habitat & OHCHR

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2012:

1. *Protection coordination & capacity:* enhance overall coordination of the PHPC and protection capacity of PHPC members
2. *Protection advocacy:* advocate with regional, national and relevant local stakeholders on selected protection issues in the Pacific region
3. *Protection preparedness:* continue building capacity of national disaster management agencies and protection focal points in priority countries
4. *Protection response:* provide support to national level protection response during emergencies
5. *Protection mainstreaming:* advance the application of protection principles throughout the humanitarian response

Protection Coordination & PHPC Capacity

Strategic priority 1: enhance overall coordination of the PHPC and protection capacity of PHPC members to support regional and national prevention and response to protection concerns

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	OUTPUT/ INDICATOR	STATUS / COMMENTS
1.1. Strengthen coordination capacity of PHPC lead and focal point agencies	1.1.1. Cluster lead and focal point agencies designate one staff member as coordinator and ensure his/her work plan includes time to perform duties relating to their coordination role	OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, UN Habitat	Contact list of cluster and AoRs focal points updated [PHPC 'core group']	<i>see also Activity 1.4.1</i>
	1.1.2. UNICEF Pacific/Asia Pacific Shared Service Centre convene coordination training for UNICEF staff – follow-up workshops to be conducted in Fiji and Vanuatu, and workshop to support roll-out of CP tools in Solomon Islands	UNICEF	Coordination training / follow-up workshops conducted	
1.2. Enhance identification of protection capacity-building needs & opportunities for PHPC members	1.2.1. Coordinate development of protection briefing sessions/ materials on range of key protection topics, to enhance protection awareness of PHPC members and support further dissemination through PHPC members.	OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, Save the Children	Package of protection briefing sessions on key areas of protection in emergencies developed	<i>See also Activity 3.1.1</i>
	1.2.2. Develop GBV capacity-building materials and integrate GBV content into gender mainstreaming and protection capacity- building activities	UNFPA	Comprehensive GBV training program developed for the Pacific, and 'introduction to GBV' sessions incorporated into other protection capacity-building initiatives	
	1.2.3. Review and respond to requests from PHPC members for protection training and capacity-building to contribute to continuous learning	OHCHR, UNHCR		
	1.2.4. Liaise with GPC regarding support for training and other capacity building opportunities (inc. distance learning)	OHCHR, UNHCR	Information on protection training opportunities circulated to all PHPC members as they arise	<i>Note: dialogue ongoing re possibility of GPC visit to Pacific, which may be valuable to support recognition & strengthening of national protection working groups or similar protection structures where established and functioning as part of NDMPs/NAPs</i>
	1.2.5 Facilitate a DRR briefing for PHPC	UNISDR, OHCHR	Increased understanding on the	

	members to raise general awareness on disaster risk reduction and how protection and DRR mainstreaming are linked.		linkages between protection issues and disaster risk reduction.	
1.3. Increase engagement with global and regional protection networks	1.3.1. Maintain awareness of the ongoing work of the Global Protection Cluster and its AoRs, and provide inputs to GPC development of protection tools and resources, based on Pacific experience	OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, Save the Children	Pacific experience fed into GPC	
	1.3.2. Pursue opportunities for PHPC engagement with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Protection Working Group, and the NZ Council for International Development NGO Disaster Relief Forum to explore areas of collaboration & mutual capacity-building	OHCHR, UNHCR	Participation in ACFID PWG and NZCID NDRF meetings and areas of potential collaboration identified	
1.4. Improve communication and Information Management on protection both within PHPC & with other clusters under the PHT	1.4.1. Focal Point Agencies ensure good information sharing within AoRs, and provide regular updates to PHPC lead agencies (incl. briefings at quarterly meetings)	UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, UN Habitat, OHCHR	AoRs networks activated Written AoR updates provided at quarterly PHPC meetings	<i>see also Activity 1.1.1</i>
	1.4.2. Develop and maintain PHPC calendar of protection events	OHCHR, with regular input from all PHPC members	Protection calendar of events updated and shared with PHPC members on a regular basis	
	1.4.3. Support inter-agency efforts for the development of integrated needs assessment processes & tools	All PHPC members	Protection integrated in common needs assessment methodologies / tools	
	1.4.4. Develop & maintain list of current research & information-gathering activities pursued by PHPC member and related to protection issues in the Pacific region that may inform protection assessment and programming in disasters	OHCHR, with regular input from all PHPC members	List of current research/protection studies updated and shared with PHPC members on regular basis, including contact details of source organisations	
	1.4.4. Maintain PHPC page on the PHT website	OCHA, OHCHR	Key PHPC information readily/publicly available online	

Protection Advocacy				
Strategic Priority 2: advocacy with national and regional stakeholders on selected protection issues in the Pacific region				
OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	OUTPUT/ INDICATOR	STATUS / COMMENTS
2.1. Enhance advocacy with relevant stakeholders to recognize and address the issue of <u>disaster-induced internal displacement</u>	2.1.1. Undertake a review of existing protection coverage, including IDP issues, in NDMPs and NAPs in the Pacific region	OHCHR, OCHA, UNHCR with Brooking Inst. & SRSG Protection of IDPs	Findings of review	
	2.1.2. Convene a conference of key stakeholders to develop a strategy for enhancing protection integration, including IDP protection, into national laws, policies and plans on disaster risk reduction and response	OHCHR, OCHA, UNHCR with Brooking Inst. & SRSG Protection of IDPs	Conference outcomes documents Enhanced awareness among national and regional stakeholders on the rights of persons displaced by disasters & commitment to establishing appropriate mechanisms for IDP protection	
2.2. Enhance advocacy with relevant stakeholders to recognize and address specific protection concerns & persons with specific needs in disasters (preparedness, response, recovery, DRR)	2.2.1. Develop and disseminate IEC materials on protection in emergencies including advocacy messages and materials on preventing and responding to GBV in emergencies; child protection in emergencies; protection of people with disabilities	UN Women, UNFPA, GenCap OHCHR, UNHCR, UNICEF, Save the Children, Pacific Disability Forum (PDF)	Protection advocacy and IEC messages developed targeting key stakeholders involved in DRR/DRM including NDMOs, civil society and first responders	<i>See also Activity 3.2.2&5.1.2</i>
	2.2.2 Liaise with regional/local agencies on disability to support development of a strategy for mainstreaming gender, age and disability in regional and national preparedness and response to disasters.	OHCHR, UNHCR, OCHA, UNFPA Pacific Disability Forum (PDF), Fiji Disabled People's Association (FDPF)	Increased awareness, attention and capacity of regional and national humanitarian actors to address issues regarding disability in DRR/DRM	

Protection Preparedness				
Strategic priority 3: Continue building protection capacity of national disaster management agencies and protection focal points in 5 priority countries				
OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	OUTPUT/ INDICATOR	STATUS / COMMENTS
3.1. Enhance technical assistance and practical protection guidance to national disaster management agencies and protection focal points in priority countries, including first responders	3.1.1. Implement activities to increase protection awareness and capacity of national protection focal points, building on planned activities of PHPC members	OHCHR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children	Inclusion of 'Protection Mainstreaming in Emergencies' sessions in CP, GBV or sectoral workshops targeting relevant national govt & non-govt actors	<i>See also Activity 1.2.1</i> <i>PHPC members requested to share information on such events with Cluster lead.</i>
	3.1.2. Contribute to national disaster risk management reviews, national Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) Progress Reviews 2011-2013, and development of national action plans to support the effective integration of protection	OHCHR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, UNISDR	Guidance/comments on protection integration into draft national SOPs, NDMPs, NAPs etc provided National HFA Progress Reports feature information on protection issues and identify gaps and opportunities. Protection is recognized in national DRR/DRM action plans	<i>PHPC members requested to share information with Cluster lead on their participation in such activities</i> <i>One of the 'drivers of progress' identified in the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters (HFA) focuses on human security, social equity approaches and their integration to DRR.</i>
	3.1.3. Pursue engagement with first responders such as National Red Cross Societies to explore needs and opportunities for capacity-building on protection	OHCHR	Contact established with National Red Cross focal points for Disaster Management within 5 priority countries, and opportunities for protection capacity-building explored	
	3.1.4. Engage with NGOs in country to build protection networks, (eg promote formation or strengthening of Protection Working Groups)	OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Women, UNICEF	Protection Capacity Matrix identifying key protection actors in different areas of protection developed for 5 priority countries	
3.2. Increase	3.2.1. Share relevant IASC, GPC and other	OHCHR, all PHPC	Key documents disseminated	

awareness of global policy and guidance on protection alongside development of Pacific-specific tools and resources	protection guidance (hard / soft copies) with national stakeholders	members		
	3.2.2 Develop, in consultation with all PHPC members, key protection messages, user-friendly guidance materials and assessment tools tailored to the Pacific region and to the capacity levels of first-responders	OHCHR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, UN Habitat	Key tools and resources developed & disseminated including: Pacific Rapid Protection Assessment Checklist; Guidance on integrating protection into disaster response across sectors etc	<i>See also Activity 1.2.1 & 2.2.1 & 5.1.2</i>
	3.2.3. Contribute to development and implementation of Minimum Gender Readiness guidance	OHCHR, UN Women, GenCAP, UNFPA		

Protection Response

Strategic priority 4: Provide and coordinate support for national level protection responses to emergencies

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	OUTPUT/INDICATOR	STATUS / COMMENTS
4.1. Provide timely, adequate and coordinated support to national level protection responses to emergencies	4.1.1. Share Protection E-PREP and other protection materials with Protection Emergency Team (PET) roster members	OHCHR, UNHCR, PET roster members	Operational stand-by PET roster (incl. updated roster contact list)	
	4.1.2. Deployment of protection roster members to provide protection advice and support as part of inter-agency assessment teams in the event of regional mobilization or international activation	OHCHR, UNHCR, PET roster members	PET roster members participate in emergency assessment teams and support national response coordination as needed	
	4.1.3. Review regularly Protection Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPREP)	OHCHR, UNHCR with PHPC members	Updated Protection EPREP	
	4.1.4. Provide support to national level contingency planning processes in priority countries	OCHA with all PHPC members	Protection is integrated into national Contingency Plans, with identified lead agency/focal point and partners	

Protection Mainstreaming

Strategic Priority 5: Advance the application of protection principles throughout the humanitarian response				
OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	OUTPUT/INDICATOR	STATUS / COMMENTS
5.1. Roll out protection mainstreaming activities and resources	5.1.1. Promote protection mainstreaming through the PHT, inter-cluster coordination meetings & cluster contingency planning processes	OCHA, OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, SC,	Protection is mainstreamed throughout the PHT & cluster contingency planning	
	5.1.2. Disseminate protection tools & materials to other clusters to ensure that protection considerations and a rights-based approach are applied across response sectors	OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, OCHA	Key sectoral training activities include protection and apply a rights based approach	<i>See also activity 2.2.1 and 3.2.2</i>
	5.1.3. Attend cluster meetings during emergencies to ensure protection is incorporated into sectoral response	OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, SC		