



Centrality of Protection Task Team

Concept Note

Stock-take on the IASC Protection Policy and the Centrality of Protection

14-15 October in Amman, Jordan

Introduction

The [IASC Policy on Protection in Humanitarian Action](#) was adopted on 14 October 2016, following the [IASC Principals Statement on the Centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action](#) in 2013. In order to ensure that we are making progress to adopt the ways of working outlined in the Protection Policy, it will be important to reflect on our efforts to systematize and implement it since its adoption. The Task Team on the Centrality of Protection will support the GPC in convening a stock-take with a view to sharing emerging good practice as well as identifying challenges and means of addressing them. The stock-take is expected to generate critical reflections as well as forward-looking momentum, and provide insight for all relevant stakeholders concerning field level implementation and shaping policy in the humanitarian systems.

Purpose

Reflect on progress to implement the IASC Protection Policy and fulfill the aspiration of the Centrality of Protection statement; and reflect on the impact the IASC Protection Policy has had on ways of working, progress towards protection outcomes, and the challenges that have been encountered. The stock-take will additionally identify areas for improvement and make recommendations in this regard.

Objectives:

- Review experiences and observations on the degree to which we've made protection central to humanitarian action, since endorsement of the IASC Protection Policy, from the perspectives and vantage points of a range of actors.
- Identify future key actions -- and the actors who need to take them -- to better achieve collective protection outcomes and support effective implementation of the IASC Protection Policy.

Outputs:

- A report (without attribution) for the IASC and wide dissemination that comprehensively reflects the substance of discussions and sets out key areas for future consideration.
- A basis for follow up actions that may be encouraged/adopted during the stock-take discussions or beyond, such as:
 - Recommended actions to HCs, Heads of Mission/Country Directors, Cluster Lead Agencies, and other actors
 - Commitments for follow up discussions among smaller groups of actors, to take forth discussions at country level, etc

Approach

In order to prepare participants for the event and to provide a solid information base for the discussions, the Task Team on the Centrality of Protection will gather diverse perspectives related to the uptake and implementation of the IASC Protection Policy, through an online survey and by facilitating two peer-exchanges among practitioners on protection information sharing and analysis, and the development of HCT protection strategies. The survey and the peer-exchanges will help shape the overall agenda of the stock-take, and feed into discussions as well as the final stock-take report to the IASC.

Participants

The stock-take will draw from a diversity of perspectives to ensure critical reflection and forward-thinking to shape future efforts. Participants will total approximately 40 persons and include: Humanitarian Coordinators; HQ and field staff from relevant UN agencies and NGOs, donor government representatives, and independent experts. The stock-take will engage both protection focused and, importantly, broader humanitarian actors.

Agenda attached.