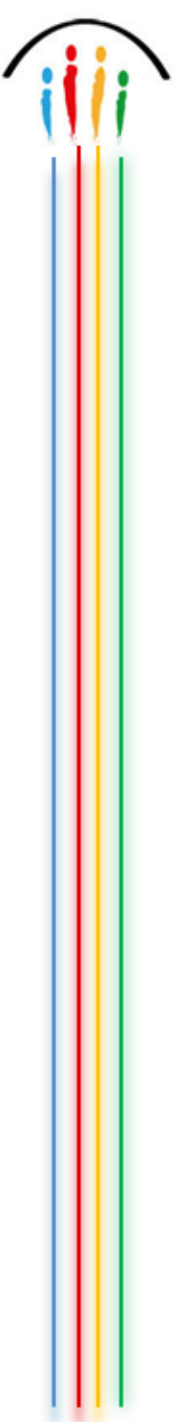


Protection Strategy
&
Humanitarian Country Team
Haiti

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Protection Background

1. 1.44 million Haitians have protection needs.
2. No UN agreed lead agency – no coordination of protection since in mid 2017.
3. Four sub-sectors: GBV, CP, Human trafficking, Statelessness.
4. HCT functional while the development sector coordination is non-efficient.
5. UN mission is scaling down with plans to leave in October 2019.

Structural: Recurrent Political crisis and Natural disasters.

Institutional: Weak Rule of Law, access limited to basic services including to ID papers.

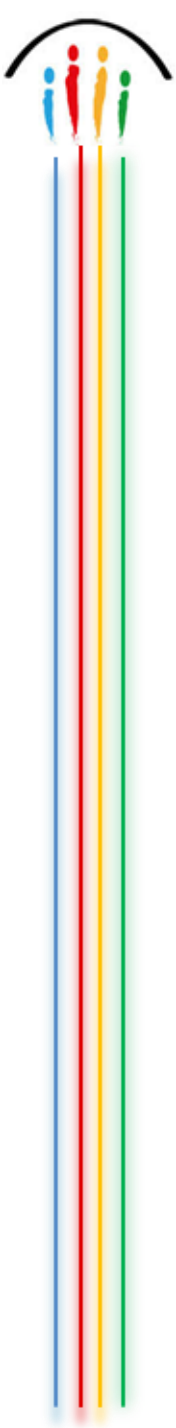
Community: Extreme poverty and the erosion of positive social norms.

Interpersonal: Culture of silence, patriarchal norms and taboos prohibiting help seeking behaviour or denouncing of abuses .

Individuals: Ruptures of family ties, migration, child labour, human trafficking, exclusion and stigma.

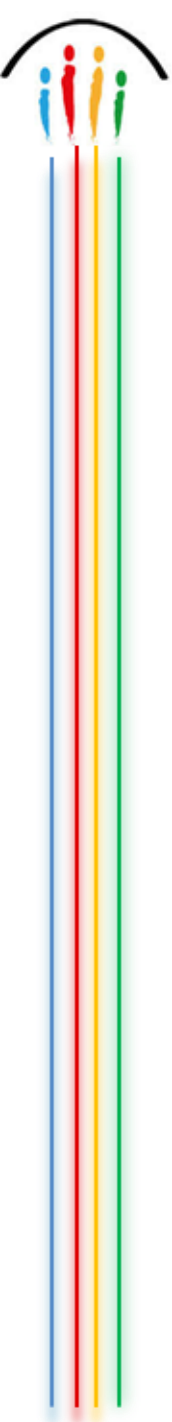
Erosion of the protective environment

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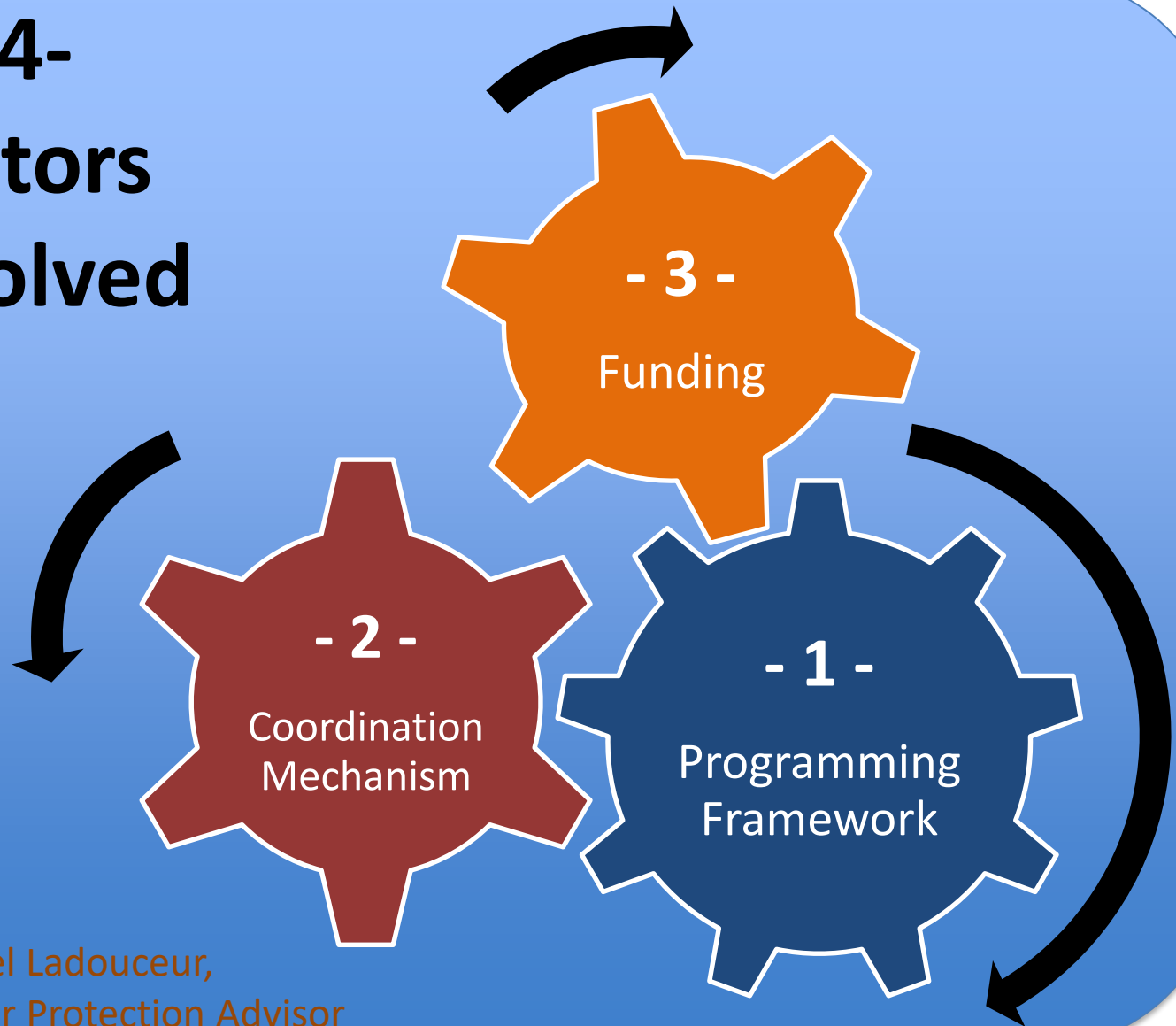
Protection needs

- 1. **85% of children (1-14 years) or 980.786** were victims of violence;*
- 2. **15% of women/girls (15-49 years) or 405.023** have suffered physical and sexual violence;*
- 3. **161 280 Haitians** expelled from Dominican Republic have no ID paper of which 24.436 are victims of abuse and violence.*
- 4. **30 000 in IDP** stuck in camps, 12.000 of which are single-headed household.*
- 5. **600 detained** heads of families and pregnant women affected by prolonged and arbitrary detention.*

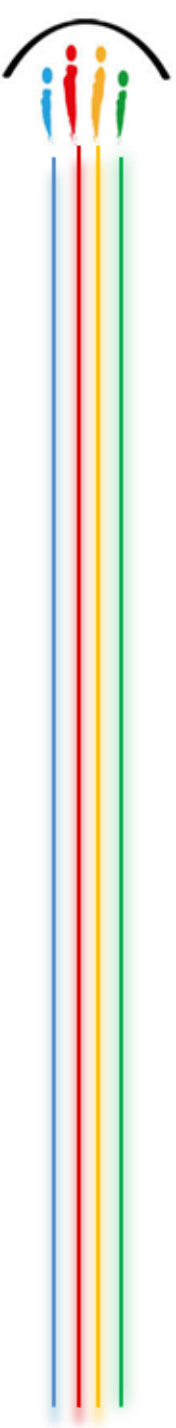


Components of the nexus

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Actors
involved**



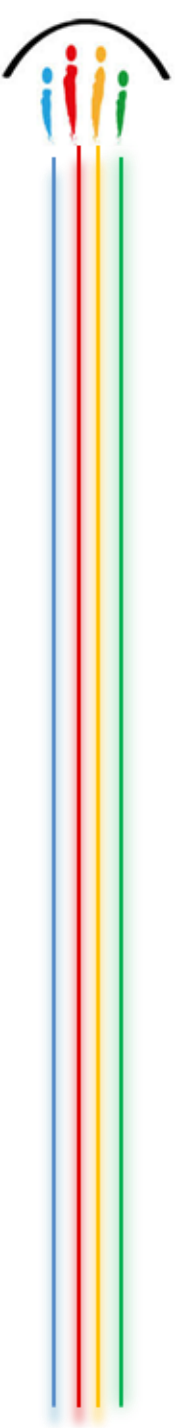
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Process

1. **Coordination Group revived under the Office of the RC/HC. One post created with OHCHR to lead this effort.**
2. **Leveraged the RC/HC's to design and lead the development of an HCT strategies:**
 - a. Common analysis draw attention to justice/peace actors and led to a **common understanding of the key protection issues and avoid silo approach**;
 - b. Development of collective outcomes, targets, roles and responsibilities, and budget.
3. **Process gradually rallied** humanitarian, development, justice and security actors based on the need to sustain the intervention in protection.
4. **Evolved from HCT Protection Strategy to a System-Wide Protection Strategy.**

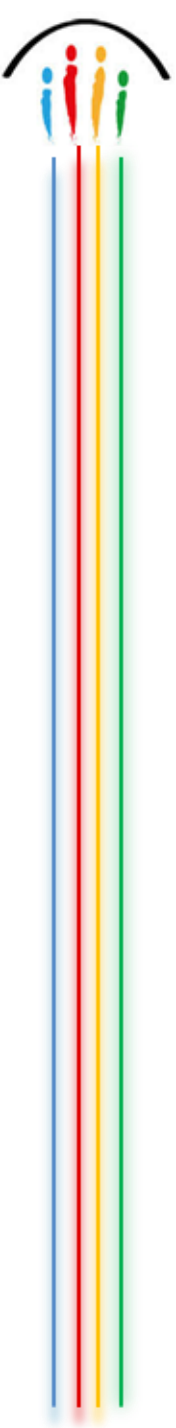
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Challenges

- 1. No protection lead (HCR absent). The HCT revived the coordination for protection under the Office of the RC/HC.**
- 2. Building trust and reaching out to the civil society organizations. Weak link with the NGO coordination platform.**
- 3. SRSG statement on corruption had her PNG; this helped gain credibility for the UN amongst some actors, but it reminded partners that we were very political.**
- 4. Limited operational capacity of the RC/HC's office. No access to funding to support the development process.**
- 5. High level competing priorities for the RC/HC compounded by the limited knowledge on protection the humanitarian sphere.**

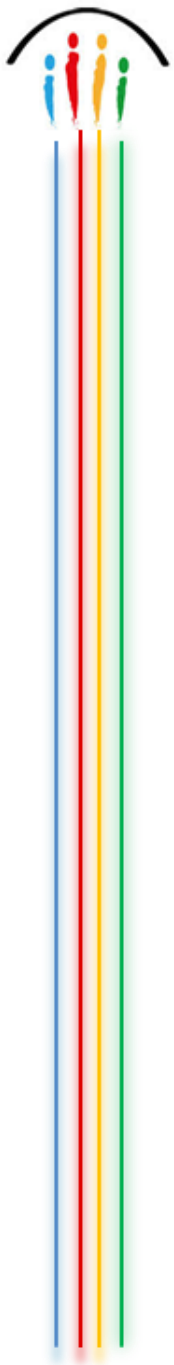
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Opportunities

- 1. Direct access and membership of the HCT and the UNCT.**
- 2. Leveraged the neutrality and coordination mandate of the RC/HC's office to design and lead the development of a System-Wide Protection Strategies :**
 - a. Analysis led to a common understanding of the key issues across of the system.
 - b. Linked to the PoC Strategy and allowed for the transfer of some responsibilities to the UNCT after the departure of the UN peacekeeping mission.
 - c. Development of collective outcomes, targets, roles and responsibilities, and budget.
- 3. IN a position to oversee all clusters and development sectors to ensure protection mainstreaming.**
- 4. Direct link to the donors and to senior government officials.**

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Niveau hiérarchique de la stratégie



**Strategic Plan for
Development in Haiti
2012-2030**

**Sustainable
Development Goals
(SDG)**



**UNDAF
(2019-2021)**

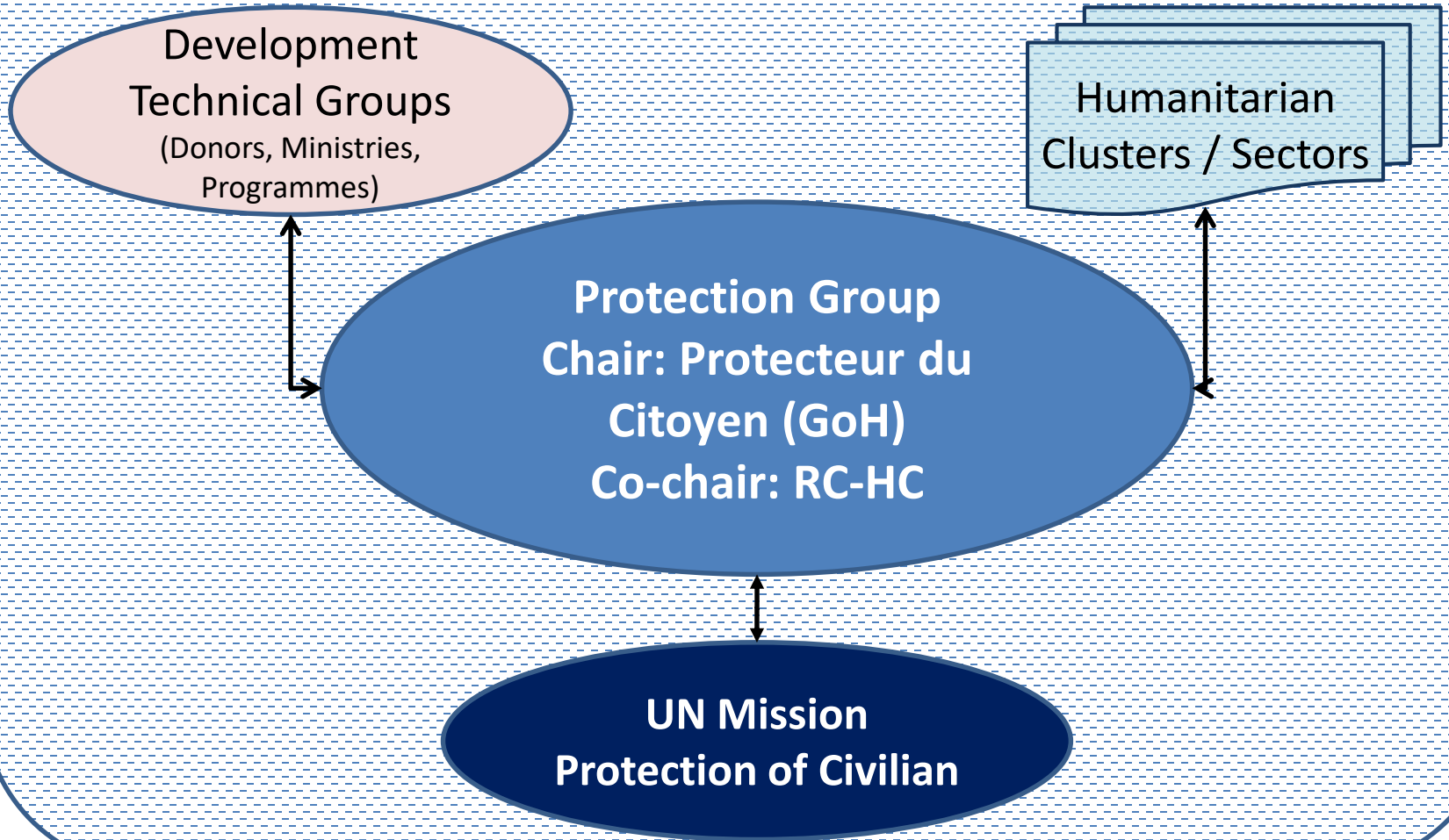
**NGO Country
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**HRP
2019-2020**

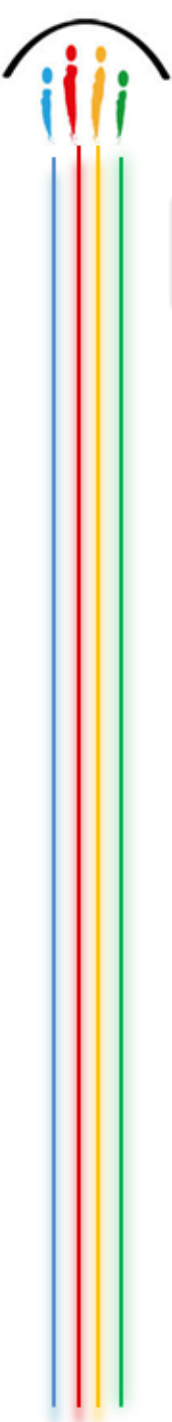
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-1- Level of coordination in the nexus

Unified Coordination Mechanism



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Outcomes

Nexus scale

Protection in Haiti

- 1. Humanitarian principles respected.**
- 2. Bridged the gap between humanitarian, development and peace actors.**
- 3. Stronger protection strategy implemented through the Annual Work-plan of the HRP and the UNDAF.**
- 4. Part of the exit strategy for the UN Peacekeeping mission.**
- 5. Document endorsed by the national authorities and hosted under the Office of Citizen Protection.**

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