Terms of reference for the Community Based Protection working group

The mandate of the Community Based Protection (CBP) Working Group is to promote self-sustaining refugee communities that manage their own affairs and are active participants in finding solutions for their protection concerns. This will be achieved through strengthened interagency coordination and engagement with communities. The working group will focus on six key areas namely: information sharing, coordination and harmonization, policy guidance, advocacy, community outreach and capacity building.

1. Information sharing

- Sharing agency-specific and other updates on planned activities and trends.
- Collecting, documenting and sharing lessons learned among working Group members.
- Regularly updating the Urban Refugee Protection Network (URPN) and other actors on developments in community based protection.

2. Coordination & Harmonization

- Conducting regular mapping on Who is doing What, Where, When and Why?
- Coordinating programs and activities with various CBP actors.
- Strengthening the existing referral systems among members of the URPN.

3. Policy guidance

- Ensuring that the CBP practice is guided by relevant national and international policies and standards.
- Maintaining communication with focal points and relevant actors, encouraging their active engagement in the working Group.

4. Advocacy

- Promoting CBP through the use of different media, to propagate messages on agreed content and integrate crosscutting issues within the working group.
- Organizing joint events promoting CBP approaches.

5. Community outreach

- Mapping, planning, organizing and monitoring community outreach sessions with and feedback.
- Recommend follow-up actions to enhance meaningful engagements with communities.

6. Capacity Building

- Highlighting key areas of knowledge and skill building in CBP, and promoting the training and capacity building of partners of the working group and beneficiaries.
- Sharing and circulating training tools and opportunities among partners.

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