

Annex I

2017 - 2018 PROTECTION CLUSTER ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

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Objective 1 To strengthen protection for people of concern, including prevention and mitigation of rights' violations.	Risks to life, safety and security due to UXO and mine contamination	Increase awareness about the risks of mines and UXOS among children and adults; Decrease the number of civilian casualties from mine associated risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Demining efforts need to be scaled up and made a priority by national authorities and the humanitarian community. 2) National technical standards and guidelines should be adopted to ensure that all actors are conducting mine clearance operations to a set minimum standard. 3) Government of Ukraine should ensure that national mine action legislation (including victim assistance) is adopted and implemented and that a central national mine action authority is designated. 4) De facto authorities should allow access of humanitarian mine action actors to undertake demining, marking and MRE activities. 5) Mine action activities are essential for self-reliance and livelihoods activities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increased awareness among civilians about mine-related risks; 2) Humanitarian mine action actors have access to NGCA; 3) Mine Action legislation is adopted with the following main features: a) National Mine Action authority is established and can coordinate response by state and humanitarian actors b) Procedure for accreditation of humanitarian mine action organizations is developed and approved c) Mechanism for identification and assistance to victims of mine-related incidents is approved by the Ministry of Health and is institutionalized at the local level. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advocate with de facto authorities to allow mine action activities by humanitarian actors. 2) Contribute to development of draft law on mine action; 3) Support the Ministry of Health in developing a mechanism for identification and provision of assistance to victims of mine-related incidents; 4) Support the Ministry of Education in incorporating mine-risk education classes into the school curriculum in Donetsk and Luhansk regions; 5) Raise awareness of the local authorities and population about mined territories and encourage mine action actors to prioritize demining in the areas essential for livelihoods activities. 	UNDP, UNICEF, HALO Trust, DDG, OSCE
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Objective 1 To strengthen protection for people of concern, including prevention and mitigation of rights' violations.	Risks to life, safety and security due to shelling of areas populated by civilians, as well as critical civilian infrastructure	Adherence with IHL standards to ensure strengthened protection of civilians.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All parties to the conflict should refrain from indiscriminate shelling of populated areas and locating military objectives within or near densely populated areas, in line with IHL; 2) Terminate all military activity around civilian infrastructure, objects indispensable to the survival of civilian population and chemical facilities which may cause damage to health and the environment. 3) Guarantee immediate and safe access to teams repairing infrastructure. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Decreased number of incidents where residential areas and critical civilian infrastructure is shelled; 2) Reduced military presence in the residential areas; 3) Critical civilian infrastructure - water, electricity, heating, hospitals and schools, as well as chemical facilities, are not targeted during hostilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Conduct training sessions on IHL for Ministry of Defense, CIMIC, National Guard, State Border Guard Service; 2) Contribute to advocacy messages at the inter-cluster and HCT level. 	OHCHR, UNHCR
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Objective 2 People of concern benefit from full and non-discriminatory access to quality essential services and enjoyment of their rights, with particular attention to the most vulnerable.	Access to Documentation	Government of Ukraine facilitates access to documentation for IDPs and people residing in NGCA.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) People residing in NGCA and Crimea should be able to register acts of birth and death in GCA in the same way as non-displaced citizens of Ukraine through administrative procedure. 2) People who received their passport in Crimea or NGCA should not face additional requirements for obtaining international passport, ID card, including photo in the passport. The list of additional documents should be exhaustive. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Administrative procedure for registration of birth and death in NGCA is established. 2) IDPs, NGCA and Crimea residents, as well as non-displaced people originating from NGCA can obtain identity documents through a clear procedure outlining the list of additional documents to be provided if necessary. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advocate with the Ministry of Justice for the need to establish an administrative procedure for birth and death registration and provide support for developing such mechanism. 2) Advocate with the State Migration Service for the need to prepare an exhaustive list of additional documents which people not included in the universal demographic registry can be requested to provide in order to obtain identity documents. 	UNHCR, UNICEF, OHCHR, DRC, R2P
Objective 2 People of concern benefit from full and non-discriminatory access to quality essential services and enjoyment of their rights, with particular attention to the most vulnerable.	Access to Social Benefits and Pensions	All pensioners, regardless of their place of residence or IDP status have access to pensions and social benefits.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) IDPs and people residing in NGCA must have access to social services, benefits, pensions and bank services on an equal basis with other citizens of Ukraine; 2) There should be no additional verification mechanisms for payment of pensions and social benefits to IDPs that are not established by law for citizens of Ukraine who have not been displaced. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Government de-links payment of social benefits and pensions from IDP registration; 2) Government adopts the proposed mechanism of paying pensions to people residing in NGCA; 3) IDPs pensioners do not have to undergo verification procedures that are not applicable to the non-displaced population. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Advocate with international stakeholders, MPs, national and local authorities; 2) Contribute to drafting amendments to the legislation and/or respective CabMin Resolutions; 3) Contribute to the work of the Working Group on social issues and payments under the Ministry of TOT; 4) Raise public awareness on the issue; 	OHCHR, UNHCR, NRC, DRC, DonbasSOS, VostokSOS, CrimeasOS, Right to Protection

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<p>Objective 1 To strengthen protection for people of concern, including prevention and mitigation of rights' violations. Objective 2 People of concern benefit from full and non-discriminatory access to quality essential services and enjoyment of their rights, with particular attention to the most vulnerable.</p>	<p>Conflict affected children</p>	<p>Conflict-affected children are protected from the impact of the conflict (shelling, mine contamination, displacement), and are provided assistance in line with their needs while their protective environment is strengthened.</p>	<p>1) The conflict has severely weakened the protective environment around children in Ukraine, making them further vulnerable to violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. 2) Hundreds of daily ceasefire violations put children's physical safety and psychological well-being at risk often leaving them with life-long disabilities. 3) Instances of child abuse and neglect are increasing in the conflict-affected families along the contact line, as parents are under emotional and psychological stress due to the conflict and monetary poverty.</p>	<p>1) A system of child protection monitoring, as well as effective referral and assistance mechanisms, are established in communities along the contact line; 2) Settlements within the 5 km zone along the contact line that suffer continued threat of conflict and economic devastation have functioning safe spaces for children. 3) Children with disabilities resulting from the conflict have access to necessary medical, psycho-social and rehabilitation assistance and have access to formal education.</p>	<p>1) Advocate with the MoSP for the need to build capacity of the social workers to respond to conflict-related protection risks faced by children and provide assistance to children and caregivers to address them. 2) Support the local authorities in the areas along the contact line affected by violations of ceasefire in establishing safe spaces for children. 3) Monitor child protection situation in the areas along the contact line to assess changes in protection environment. 4) Advocate with the development actors to prioritize support to the conflict-affected communities to strengthen child protection support systems at the local level.</p>	<p>UNICEF, Save the Children, DRC, SOS Children's Villages</p>
<p>Objective 3 Improve social cohesion and the resilience of conflict-affected people; support people of concern in identifying durable solutions.</p>	<p>Lack of social cohesion and peaceful coexistence in the area of displacement.</p>	<p>1) IDPs are treated equally by the state authorities at national and local level and enjoy access to services and entitlements on the same grounds as non-displaced citizens of Ukraine. 2) IDPs have access to durable solutions 3) People residing in NGCA maintain links with GCA, on a personal, legal, economic and cultural level.</p>	<p>1) IDPs must have access to social services, entitlements and livelihoods opportunities on an equal basis with other citizens of Ukraine. 2) IDPs are citizens of Ukraine and the fact that an individual was displaced does not confer particular status, but rather calls for particular types of assistance to address protection risks associated with displacement. 3) It is important to facilitate and maintain links between population residing in NGCA and in GCA for future peacebuilding and reconciliation process, as well as for IDPs considering voluntary return as a preferred durable solution.</p>	<p>1) IDPs are able to participate in the lives of local communities without discrimination on par with the local population, including by exercising voting rights, having access to services and documentation. 2) People residing in NGCA have access to information about developments in GCA, can easily travel and access services, entitlements and property in GCA.</p>	<p>1) Strengthen cooperation with development actors working on social cohesion. 2) Provide technical guidance for development actors on mainstreaming protection in their activities. 3) Raise awareness of the local authorities on the importance of inclusion of IDPs in the local programs. 4) Facilitate linkages between civil society representatives in NGCA and GCA. 5) Advocate for inclusive policies aimed at people residing in NGCA in terms of freedom of movement, transfer of goods, access to information, services and entitlements in GCA.</p>	<p>UNHCR, IOM, OHCHR</p>