

**Protection Cluster Meeting Minutes**  
**28 July 2021**  
**Minutes**



**Participating Organizations:** UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, CARE, Save the Children, PSEA Network, FAMOD, Light for the World, WFP, NRC, Plan International, IsraAid, SOS Children’s Village, Mines Advisory Group, ActionAid.

**Co-hosts:** GBV AoR, CP AoR, HLP AoR, WG for Persons with Disabilities, Nampula Protection Working Group.

Agenda Point	Discussions
<p><b>1. Introduction by National Protection Cluster Coordinator</b></p>	<p>National Protection Cluster Coordinator introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hugo Reichenberger – <a href="mailto:reichenb@unhcr.org">reichenb@unhcr.org</a> – WhatsApp: +436767382227</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates from Protection Cluster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Inter-Agency Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1) CERF update was negotiated, the total amount of USD 875k for the Protection cluster out of USD 5.5 Million. Protection Cluster would have hoped that this amount would be higher considering that protection was one of the priorities. The strategy submitted to CERF NY is currently being reviewed.</li> <li>○ 2) HRP 2021: review of the 2021 plan will not go forward after deciding that this would be too cumbersome at this point. The People in Need and People Targeted number remain mostly unchanged as they had been estimated higher during planning in late 2020.</li> <li>○ 3) HRP 2022: Protection Cluster is calling on all protection cluster partners to participate in the HRP for 2022. This is an opportunity for visibility for partners as protection actors. This does not mean automatic funding, but of course, greater visibility. Protection Cluster will get back to partners with greater information on this one.</li> <li>○ 4) Stock monitoring: Protection Cluster has been requesting partners to share stock as requested by authorities/HCT. During the last ICCG, the Protection Cluster shared some of the concerns from partners. These included: requested that no detail of stock of partners be shared – but only more general information. Protection Cluster also raised the issue of double reporting. OCHA has agreed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>to verify what are the items that are reported by clusters they will make a proposition on who should be reporting on those.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Key Protection Messages:</b> Protection Cluster wants to update its key protection advocacy messages. Some of the issues that will be included in the messages includes: durable solutions, special considerations for persons with specific needs (elderly persons and persons with disabilities), participation of IDPs (especially children), principled IDP relocation, preservation of family unity, HLP, humanitarian access, civil documentation, respect for IHL, prioritization of older persons and persons with disabilities, child protection, GBV, access to asylum and protection mainstreaming. <b>Responses from participants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>GBV AoR:</b> Suggests to include <b>durable solutions</b> should come out strongly, messages on IDP integrated into <b>host communities</b> should be included as well. Agrees with <b>access to asylum</b> and access of refugees to <b>durable solutions</b> (will be seen with UNHCR).</li> <li>○ <b>Light for the World:</b> Persons with Disabilities should be included with a suggestion that they should be prioritized.</li> <li>○ <b>CP AoR:</b> Inclusion of respect for IHL should be targeted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Cabo Delgado Protection Cluster Coordinator by PC CD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New staff for the Protection Cluster in Cabo Delgado:</b> we hope this will materialize into more concrete results.</li> <li>• <b>Following up on SEA:</b> Some complaints were received against community leaders that there was monetary exchange and some potential sexual exchange for humanitarian support. For this reason, Protection Cluster and National PSEA coordinator visited two districts - Ancuabe and Metuge – to establish direct communication with authorities and to see how to mitigate this issue at this point. This concern is also being addressed within the Registration Working Group.</li> <li>• <b>Workshop on training with local authorities:</b> is being planned and protection on this - at least the first batch.</li> <li>• <b>For IDPs on the move:</b> there are two mechanisms in place: 1) Emergency Kits 2) RRM - for Protection Cluster side - it is important that protection mainstreaming of these two different responses are in place. Protection Cluster is ready to support in this before and after the distribution. Furthermore, we also have asked that there is direct coordination with the PSEA Network for the incorporation of protection.</li> <li>• <b>Increased military presence in Pemba:</b> there is an increased military presence in Cabo Delgado with foreign troops arriving in the province to support in the fight against the NSAG. For this reason, Protection Cluster has been supporting in preparing direct messaging and communication on their way to the combat areas.</li> <li>• <b>Civil Documentation:</b> We have been discussing this for a long time. Different assessments have demonstrated that a large majority of IDPs do not have civil documentation, which means that IDPs suffer</li> </ul>

	<p>a number of protection concerns. One of the biggest challenges is how to expand the existing civil documentation project in Cabo Delgado and bring in additional partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boat arrivals:</b> there has been additional arrivals of IDPs by boats, which is a direct impact of the military activities in the north. Now one of the main challenges is access. A few months ago, there was an agreement that the Protection Cluster would have access to the IDPs arriving in Paquitequete beach. However, this was not the case last week. Protection Cluster is coordinating this with OCHA. This is a crucial action point since last week saw the worsening of the conditions of boat influxes.</li> <li>• <b>District Focal Point:</b> cluster leads have been discussing how to have focal points in each district for the purpose of coordination. In theory, this should be for NGO present in each areas that are harder to reach. These will liaise with OCHA and coordinating with authorities.</li> <li>• <b>UASC:</b> Protection Cluster and Child Protection AoR have been discussing ways to improve UASC reunification and mainstreaming of international standards.</li> <li>• <b>Rapid Response Mechanism:</b> it is really important that we mainstream protection in the way these are approached.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Protection Working Group of Nampula (UNHCR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mapping with new IMO:</b> PWG in Nampula is currently finalizing a mapping of service providers in Corrane IDP Site.</li> <li>• <b>IDP Relocations:</b> IDP Relocations into Corrane are still ongoing. The last relocation was Saturday during which the PWG Nampula has been in touch/liasing with INGD. PWG was also informed by Caritas that a group of IDPs had been left behind during the relocation exercise. Although Caritas supported them with food, their situation is critical and they have no shelter/latrines. PWG has been liaising with INGD to see how to further assist.</li> <li>• <b>Mission to Zambezia:</b> similarly to the mission to Niassa, UNHCR went on mission to Zambezia and met with some of the local authorities and IDPs to understand what is the protection situation. Gaps were identified in locations where IDPs are residing and a report will be drafted and shared soon. The report will contain elements related to shelter needs, complications in accessing civil documentation, lack of livelihood opportunities. IDPs from Palma were also identified in Zambezia.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Child Protection updates by Child Protection AoR (UNICEF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UASC:</b> the Child Protection AoR has been working on a training on this issue since there has been an increasing number of UASC being identified that need continuous follow up on.</li> <li>• <b>CERF:</b> Together with other protection cluster members CP AoR worked intensely on the CERF underfunded. At the moment all partners are waiting on feedback</li> <li>• <b>Civil Documentation:</b> CP AoR contributed greatly to a Civil Documentation Concept note that is currently being worked on. CP AoR partner UNICEF confirms that they will continue their work on birth registration. The project proposal is currently being finalized.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Sofala: The CP AoR in Sofala is currently monitoring the situation of IDPs in Buzi, Nhamatanda and Manica - we have a meeting with the HCT - where we have discussed the lack of staff.</li> </ul>
<b>6. GBV Update by the GBV AoR (UNFPA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Advocacy Note:</b> the GBV AoR were happy to receive inputs from its advocacy note that the AoR intends to release this week. The advocacy note will be sent out soon with inputs incorporated from all stakeholders. ECHO and GenCap has also contributed. In this advocacy note we will request scale up of partners in Cabo Delgado, including case management and prevention activities as well.</li> <li><b>Fund-raising:</b> The GBV AoR has been calling upon donors to prioritize funding for GBV in Cabo Delgado. Priorities have not changed: life-saving interventions and scaling up specific services.</li> <li><b>Safety Audits:</b> The HPC process will look at updating the 2021 document – these safety audit that we intend to undertake in most of the accessible districts in Cabo Delgado will help us design appropriate responses. The tools have been shared with AoR members and clusters so that that they can identify which partners to participate in that. During the AoR meeting we will make sure that this issue will be mentioned and that GBV AoR.</li> </ul>
<b>8. PwD Working Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Extended Meeting:</b> this was the first extended meeting of the disability working group. The extended meeting is a platform to reach mainstream actors, donors, UN agencies and implementing partners. The idea is also to strengthen the disability inclusion approach. This is the first meeting that also had many participants.</li> <li><b>UNICEF:</b> UNICEF Disability Specialist is currently in Cabo Delgado to have a meeting with IOM staff to improve their monitoring process of PWD.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Updates from other partners</b>	N/A.