



Global HLP AOR Newsletter December 2020

Dear Members of the Housing, Land, and Property Area of Responsibility,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020. In many ways a year like no other. Yet in the face of continued and new challenges you continue to inspire us with your commitment and innovation - thank you for all your support and collaboration this year.

This month we include a bumper selection of featured resources on Covid and HLP as well as recent inter-cluster engagement on HLP issues - with the CCCM cluster, the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster and ongoing collaboration with the Shelter Cluster. This sort of collaboration - both at the global and country level - will be a key area for the AoR in 2021, please do let us know if you are interested to learn more, contribute or have ideas for sharing learning. You can register your interest in our specific HLP thematic working groups by completing this [short survey here](#). Suggestions, comments and feedback are always very welcome - please do get in touch.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS! Thanks to our UNHCR and NRC Colleagues in Libya, the HLP AoRs [Guidelines for dignified departure following an eviction](#) have been [translated into Arabic](#)! If you have resources to translate this document into French, Spanish, or another language, please get in touch.

HLP and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

We are pleased to share the [recording from the HLP Breakout session](#) at the CCCM global cluster annual meeting. It was a fascinating discussion on the emerging trend of informal land and property markets within site and camp settings.

From this collaboration with the CCCM cluster, **we are pleased to announce the initialisation of the HLP-CCCM Thematic Workstream** - watch this space for 2021 plans! Please do get in touch if you would like to know more (jim.robinson@nrc.no) or fill in the [\(very\) short survey here](#).

We are pleased to share the publication of the **Global Shelter Cluster's [Rental Market Interventions documents](#)**, developed by CashCap, with support from NRC, CRS, UNHCR and other members of the Global Shelter Cluster Cash Working Group. The guidance comprises:

1. A review of best practice in humanitarian rental market interventions;
2. A collection of five tip sheets to support the planning and implementation of rental market interventions; and,
3. A resource library which brings together existing tools, templates, reports and other documents which are relevant to rental market interventions.

You can access the documents [HERE](#). You can provide feedback and comments [HERE](#).

***TOMORROW! The Global Shelter Cluster** invite you to the launch of this guidance, which will take place on 15th December at 2pm Geneva time/CET. Please register your participation [Here](#). You can access the event [Here](#). (You can give us feedback on the event [here](#)).

[Consider reading alongside last month's resources on the [linkages between COVID-19 and the security of tenure of renters and occupants of informal sites](#), along with the ground-breaking [peer-reviewed study from researchers at Harvard University](#) (among others) which shows that “evictions lead to significant increase

in infections from COVID-19”, and that “eviction moratoriums show that policies to stem evictions are a warranted and important component of COVID-19 control.” The HLP AoR has been developing and sharing guidance to design responses to this crisis since April (including [templates for moratoria](#)), which remain stored on the HLP AoR’s [Eviction and Relocation’s Toolbox webpage](#).]

Afghanistan, HLP and urban agriculture

Closely following last month's webinar on gender and land rights, the Afghanistan HLP Task Force and the Food Security and Agriculture cluster hosted an inter-cluster [webinar on urban agriculture and land rights in Afghanistan](#). This webinar highlighted ways that investing in urban agriculture provides an opportunity to integrate HLP with food security and agriculture sector priorities for mutually beneficial outcomes - both in the Afghanistan context and also at the global level.

The webinar was developed out of the collaboration that jointly published, [Integrating HLP and Food Security and Agriculture Cluster \(FSAC\) Programming at the humanitarian-development-peace Nexus: Urban Agriculture for Sustainable IDP and returnee Settlements in Afghanistan](#).

Two very timely guides from the Global Protection Cluster:

- [Breaking the Glass Ceiling: A Smarter Approach to Protection Financing](#)

"The humanitarian community in 2013 took the bold step of committing to the “centrality of protection” within humanitarian action but, as a report that the same year showed, the protection sector has perennially been underfunded both in terms of its requirements in humanitarian plans and relative to other sectors.

[This study](#) aims to provide an updated analysis of the key protection financing trends since the original 2013 report. It seeks to assess whether the protection sector is still underfunded and, more importantly, why that might be."

- [Introductory Guide to Anti-Trafficking Action in Internal Displacement Contexts](#)

Trafficking in persons remains the single largest rights violation exacerbated in times of crisis in which the humanitarian community does not have a predictable, at-scale way to respond. Our new guide, which is the first of its kind, is an initial step to improving our collective anti-trafficking protection response. The guide will assist in the detection, identification, referral, protection, and assistance of trafficked persons. It provides direction on how to prevent trafficking, who to work with in doing so, and what support victims require.

Currently available in English, [this guide](#) will be translated into Arabic, French, and Spanish in the coming weeks.

The Second Arab Land Conference

The [Second Arab Land Conference](#) will be hosted in Cairo (and online!) from the 22 to the 24 of February 2021 by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, under the patronage of the Egyptian Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities.

The Conference will focus on the priorities of the [Arab Land Initiative](#). Of particular interest to members of the AoR, this will include sessions on **land and HLP issues along the humanitarian-development nexus** - highlighting how improved land governance is necessary to prevent, mitigate and resolve conflicts in the region, being overall relevant for the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

The conference will provide a platform to discuss countries' experiences, present new research, foster high level commitment to improve land management and

develop the capacities of land stakeholders from the region.

Participants can register for in-person and virtual participation by submitting the [registration form](#) to unhabitat-arablandinitiative@un.org.

As always, please see below for this month's [Featured Resources](#) of interest to HLP AoR members - please share far and wide!

Remember

The HLP AoR exists to support you. Please do [get in touch](#) if you have questions, are in need of technical support, interested to learn how others have approached a particular challenge, or just need to talk through the situation you are in. The AoR can gather experts with in-depth experience in order to help you navigate a particular issue. In these times it is essential we rely on one another. Please do indicate specific areas of HLP interest [here in our \(very\) short survey](#). Thank you!

Warm regards,

The Global HLP AOR team.

If you have any questions, please do contact us at (jim.robinson@nrc.no) and (alexandre.bourque@nrc.no). If you would like your organization's or country-level AOR work to be shared/featured in next month's newsletter, please get in touch.

[Read previous issues of the newsletter here.](#)

[Featured resources](#)

The Land Portal just launched the [second version of LandVoc](#), a thesaurus covering 310 concepts related to land governance - it is available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer, Vietnamese, Burmese, Thai, Swahili, and Arabic.

HLP in COVID

- IDMC Expert Opinion - [Covid-19 and Internal Displacement in Asia-Pacific: Towards local, rapid and inclusive disaster response](#)
- [Pandemic Housing Policy: Examining the Relationship Among Eviction, Housing Instability, Health Inequity, and COVID-19 Transmission](#)
- From the article, there is also this [useful diagram that clearly shows how evictions lead to increased COVID-19 transmission.](#)
- FAO produced a briefing paper on “[Protecting land and natural resources tenure rights in the era of COVID-19 by heeding the lessons from the past](#)”
Disponible en/en [Español](#) / [Français!](#)
- Data is crucial - this webinar from Land Portal on [Informal settlements and access to data in the time of COVID: a case for sharing data for decision making](#)
- The Shift (led by former special rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Leilani Farha) and the Open Society Justice Institute just launched [Model Emergency Legislation to Protect the Right to Housing During COVID-19](#)
- The Open Society Justice Institute also produced a [briefing paper](#) looking at the patchwork approach that States across the world have taken in order to protect the right to housing during the COVID-19 crisis, and examines the need for more comprehensive emergency legislation to prevent evictions during a global pandemic.
- [HLP Rights Due Diligence Guidelines for COVID19 Health Programming in the Rohingya Refugee Response](#) from the HLP Technical Forum, Cox's Bazar
- The HLP AOR “living document” for [resources and guidance on HLP in COVID -19](#) epidemic is still being consistently updated. **Please add any resources you think could benefit other** colleagues.

Security of Tenure

- The ancient band of shepherds [taking on a NATO land grab in Montenegro](#). Every day is critical in the pastoralists’ fight to save their ecosystems and way of life from the military training ground.

- Landesa explores [why securing youth land rights matter for agricultutre-led growth in Africa](#)

Shelter

- The Global Shelter Cluster continues to produce its excellent [series of HLP Country Profiles](#) - new countries now online include Burundi (French and English), Niger (Fr and En), Ethiopia (En), Mozambique (En), Nigeria (En) and South Sudan (En).

Evictions and Relocations

- IDMC released an [Expert opinion about how COVID-19 is aggravating the multiple protection crises in the Sahel](#), including third and fourth displacements by municipalities and military authorities.

Land and Water Tenure and and Agriculture

- The Conflict and Environment Observatory released a [report on Yemen's Agricultural system](#), which has important dimensions related to land and water tenure.
- [Reaching for the Mountains at the End of a Rebelocracy: Changes in Land and Water Access in Colombia's Highlands During the Post-peace Agreement Phase](#)

The Natural Environion and Conflict

- The ICRC has published the [Guidelines on Protecton of Natural Environment in Armed Conflict](#)
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Upcoming Events

- [The Second Arab Land conference, February 2021](#)

Recent AOR Events:

The Global Shelter Cluster annual meeting included this wonderful HLP session asking '[What is Secure Enough](#)', featuring cases from Nigeria, Iraq and Ethiopia (starts at 18mins, following updates from HLP AoR and Shelter Cluster HLP Advisor).

In case you missed it:

Central Emergency Response Fund - Revised Life-Saving Criteria, now with added HLP!

The newly released [CERF life-saving criteria](#) affirms the centrality of protection in the purpose of humanitarian outcomes and amongst the 26 lifesaving protection activities adopted and eligible for funding submissions includes Housing Land and Property. On page 5, the criteria states,

Housing, Land and Property Rights: *CERF encourages UN agencies and partners that before any establishment or rehabilitation of camps, shelters and other constructions begins for protection and humanitarian assistance purposes, proper due diligence is conducted to avoid creating or exacerbating existing conflicts, and that people's rights to shelter in camps, informal settlements or other locations, depending on the operational context are secure. Similarly, other activities, in particular agricultural assistance, should consider housing, land and property rights.*

And, activities eligible for CERF funding, now include HLP (page 17):

Sector: *Protection - House, Land and Property*

Activities: *Provision of emergency support to address the humanitarian impact of forced evictions, land and resource grabs or other forms of dispossession*

Key Considerations (eligibility etc): *Eligibility for CERF funding dependent on specific context of humanitarian emergency. Activities should aim to reduce risks of exposure to GBV and other threats of violence and must enhance immediate and direct access to shelter and food security.*

PLEASE SHARE

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Partagez aussi des ressources en français!

¡Comparten recursos en español también!

Please share resources in Arabic too! :)