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# Health and Protection Joint Operational Framework - Working Together to Improve Health and Protection Outcomes





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# Why is health and protection important?

## What is protection?:

- ✓ **Protection aims to promote and ensure the respect and fulfilment of human rights, including the right to health.**
- ✓ “all activities aimed at obtaining full respect for the rights of the individual in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the relevant bodies of law” (including IHRL, IHL, IRL)
- ✓ Centrality of Protection, Accountability to affected populations
- ✓ Every actor has a role to play

## What is health?:

- ✓ **“a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”** WHO Constitution
- ✓ “Every human being is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health conducive to living a life in dignity.” (IESCR)
- ✓ **Social determinants** e.g., food insecurity, poverty, overcrowding, marginalization and exclusions contribute to health outcomes
- ✓ Universal Health Coverage, ‘leave no one behind’, Quality of Care in Humanitarian Settings includes ensuring CoP, AAP

- <https://globalprotectioncluster.org/publications/1270/policy-and-guidance/guidelines/health-and-protection-joint-operational-framework>
- <https://healthcluster.who.int/newsroom/news/item/13-04-2023-launch-of-the-health-and-protection-joint-operational-framework-working-together-to-improve-health-and-protection-outcomes>



## Joint Operational Framework Health and Protection

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## *Core Function 1: To support service delivery*

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ Clusters and AoRs coordination platforms supporting the fulfillment of the right to health, uphold protection principles, and promote access to health and protection services.

- **How will we do it?:**

- ✓ Multisectoral Presence and Response Tracking; Multisectoral Presence and Response Tracking; Information Sharing Protocols.
- ✓ Minimum Service Package; Referral Pathways; Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

## *Core Function 2: To inform the HC/HCT's strategic decision-making*

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ Ensure that health risks are incorporated into protection risk analysis
- ✓ Integrate protection analysis and information from AoRs and cross-sectoral groups with health analysis

- **How will we do it?:**

- ✓ Joint analysis and close collaboration during the production of Protection Analysis Updates (PAUs) & Public Health Situational Analysis (PHSA)
- ✓ Protection & health risk joint analysis for the HNO, HCT strategy etc.

## *Core Function 3: To plan and implement cluster strategies*

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ HCTs are responsible for ensuring that protection is central to all humanitarian work, including by informing access to and provision of quality health care.

- **How will we do it?:**

- ✓ Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) - Severity of the crisis and most pressing humanitarian needs (including health and protection)
- ✓ Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) – Joint or integrated planning and programming in cluster or multisectoral strategies.
- ✓ HCT Protection Strategy – Joint strategic indicators and key messages.

# 5 reasons why we're supporting the JOF



- Leads to better outcomes for the population
- Makes joint data collection more likely, and more feasible
- Turns joint analysis into standard practice
- Builds on mechanisms that already exist
- More predictable cross-sector coordination



## *Core Function 4: To monitor and evaluate performance*

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ Joint health and protection indicators can measure collective outcomes and specifically:

- Assess healthcare quality;
- Access to health care as part of the protection risks and vulnerabilities.

## *Core Function 5: To build national capacity in preparedness and contingency planning*

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ Strengthening the capacities of governments and cluster coordinators on preparedness and response to improve health and protection outcomes.

- **How will we do it?:**

- ✓ Joint capacity building strategy targeting national institutions, communities, cluster coordinators and partners across all aspects of the HPC to support long-term development of inter-sectoral response.
- ✓ Joint capacity building strategy targeting cluster coordinators, co-coordinators and partners
- ✓ Long-term approaches to capacity development can strengthen institutional knowledge and mitigate loss of capacity due to staff turnover.
- ✓ Joint and harmonized protocol for collecting socio-demographic data (i.e. vulnerable groups)

## Core Function 6: To support robust advocacy

- **What we want to do?:**

- ✓ Advocacy is fundamental to achieve common outcomes on critical protection and health issues. This requires coordinated advocacy strategies, shared messaging, resources, and platforms.

- **How will we do it?:**

- ✓ Joint efforts to remove existing operational barriers to joint and integrated programming, e.g. siloed reporting requirements and funding opportunities.
- ✓ Actively engagement in key advocacy forums as:
  - **Advocacy Working Group (AWG):** Joint advocacy priorities, strategies and actions.
  - **Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG):** To factor programming into strategic processes such as the HRP and HCT Protection Strategy.
  - **Humanitarian Country Team (HCT):** Joint health and protection initiatives, assessment findings, and targeted advocacy messaging.



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