Global HLP AOR Newsletter

September 2020 - the Forum edition!

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

We hope you are all safe and healthy in these challenging times.

This month we focus on the Global Protection Cluster Forum and we highlight some fascinating thematic sessions of interest to the members of the AoR. And remember - the HLP AoR hosts the session on the 30th September - 'Due Diligence, What Next? HLP implications for Protection in Practice: Due Diligence and Coordination between CCCM, Shelter and Protection' - find out more and register here!

Beyond the forum, we are pleased to share the recently released (hot off the press!) animation from the Global Shelter Cluster on HLP in emergency contexts - it's a great overview of the key issues and available in six languages!

We would like to highlight the publication of a fascinating series of briefs on Land, Housing and Covid-19, drawing on the series of webinars co-hosted by the AoR in May of this year.

And, as always, we are pleased to share our monthly selection of Featured Resources relevant to HLP.

The GPC Annual Forum - online for 2020 - kicked off at the beginning of September. There is a fascinating selection of events looking at issues across the spectrum of protection. Being online means that the thematic sessions are open to all - so please do sign up and join in what should be useful, enlightening and stimulating sessions. You can see the full range of sessions on the GPC website , though here we highlight sessions that may be of particular interest to AoR members and colleagues:

- Human Rights Engagement and How We Can Practically Use it in the Cluster Context – 16 September 2020

- Strengthening Protection of Civilians efforts by Protection Clusters and Operational Actors – 23 September 2020

- GBV Risk Mitigation Integration in Protection Work – 28 September 2020

- Shifting the Power Paradigm – Increasing Resources for and Representation of L/NNGOs and CSOs in Protection Coordination Mechanisms – Challenges and Opportunities – 28 September 2020

- Protection Dimension of Durable Solutions – 28 September 2020

- Leveraging Law and Policy for Effective Field Protection Response- 29 September 2020

- A Roundtable on Preparedness for Protection in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change – 5 October 2020

- Cross-sectoral work as a Condition for High Impact Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) – 6 October 2020

As you attend these events it would be fascinating to hear how they are relevant to your HLP work and if they spark ideas for future areas of focus, webinars, guideline and tool development - do let us know!

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Housing and Land during COVID-19 - In May, the HLP AOR co-convened a webinar and an online discussion series on Housing and Land during COVID-19. The Land Portal

prepared some "snapshots" of the webinars on [Women's Housing and Land Rights during COVID](#) , and [Evictions during and after COVID-19](#).

This month, we proudly **released the key learnings** from these events into a [series of briefs](#).

One of the key takeaways from the evictions event was that **moratoria can play important roles in securing the tenure of renters and occupants during COVID-19.** Due to advocacy by the HLP Working Group in Somalia, the city of Baidoa passed a moratorium on evictions in April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Combined with community monitoring, sensitization, and outreach, zero eviction incidents were identified in the following months. **These efforts successfully prevented the eviction of 5,616 IDPs living in informal settlements in the city, who were facing eviction risks before the moratoria was put into place.** Several communities have since been able to negotiate extensions for their lease agreements. The moratorium and prevention efforts in this city alone have saved nearly a 0.5 million US dollars which would have been otherwise deployed to mitigate the effects of these evictions. We will share the link to an upcoming report on this as soon as it is available.

Also on the theme of Covid-19, please see the [HLP Due Diligence Guidelines for COVID19 Health Programming in the Rohingya Refugee Response](#), jointly produced by the Cox's Bazar HLP Task Force, Protection Working Group, Site Management sector and Shelter/NFI sector.

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HLP in Emergencies Animation - The Global Shelter Cluster has released this useful, timely and engaging animation on [HLP in emergencies](#) - available in six languages - [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Amharic](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Portuguese.](#) Do share!

"This short animation focuses on Housing, Land and Property (HLP) in emergencies, presenting some of the issues commonly faced, and stressing the importance of considering HLP when planning and implementing humanitarian interventions. Further information can be found at www.sheltercluster.org/hlp*"*

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

- Lebanon mapping - the Shelter Cluster continues its series of HLP mapping - see the latest and sadly timely report on Lebanon

Displaced Women's HLP

- A recording of the July webinar on "What works for Women's Property Rights?" is now available online. The webinar and the corresponding brief are truly important contributions to the sector.

Security of Tenure

- CARE produced a groundbreaking report on the linkages between adequate housing, secure tenure and physical and mental health in humanitarian contexts.

- The HLP Task Force in Afghanistan releases A brief guide on accessing land through Presidential Decree 305 and other government allocation mechanisms (July 2020)

Shelter

- NRC releases an analysis of shelter insecurity for vulnerable refugee households in Lebanon during Covid-19

- The Global Shelter Cluster is producing a series of HLP Country Profiles - new countries coming online in the coming weeks...

Evictions and Relocations

- Tracking and mapping evictions in Somalia - data visualisation with the NRC

- Podcast featuring interview with Cecilia Jiminez-Damary, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Indigenous peoples

- Land Portal hosts a Webinar Series: The Effect of COVID-19 on Indigenous People's Organizations and Local Communities

Mine Action

- Moving insight into the work of an all-female team of Yazidi deminers working in an area of Iraq significantly impacted by ISIS. This film highlights the work of Mines Advisory Group and its local staff in Iraq.

Livelihoods & Natural Resource Conflict - Prevention & Resolution

- This brief from the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition explores the underlying drivers of fragility and disruptions to food systems in fragile contexts

HLP in COVID

- 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 other colleagues could benefit.

- We are pleased to share the HLP Due Diligence Guidelines for COVID19 Health Programming in the Rohingya Refugee Response, jointly produced by the HLP Task Force, Protection Working Group, Site MAnagement sector and Shelter/NFI sector.

Technical innovation

- HLP restitution smartphone app - potentially interesting developments enabling any refugee or IDP with outstanding or unresolved HLP restitution issues to formulate a claim. The App will link to a secure database enabling organisations to run custom data analytics that could be used for both qualitative and quantitative advocacy.

- The Guardian reports on the use of an early warning tool - 'Covid to displace more than a million across the Sahel, new tool predicts - Software hailed as a 'game-changer' in providing early warning for humanitarian relief efforts as virus fuels conflict'

Job posting

- Consultancy: [Case Study of the Factors and Dynamics Underpinning Eviction Phenomenon in Baidoa, Somalia](#)

Recent AOR Events:

The Shelter and CCCM thematic interest groups recently gathered for what was a very interesting discussion on the proposed theme for the GPC forum. Thanks for all participation and for the resulting focus for the forum session - ['Due Diligence, What Next? HLP implications for protection in practice: Coordination between CCCM, Shelter and Protection'](#).

Do let us know if you would like to be added to the Shelter and/or CCCM thematic interest groups. If you have yet to do so, please do indicate specific areas of HLP interest [here in our (very) short survey](#). Thank you!

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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 with Jim Robinson (jim.robinson@nrc.no).

Partagez aussi des ressources en français!
¡Comparten recursos en español también!
Please share resources in Arabic too! :)