

CCCM and Protection Cluster

Cooperation Framework

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With consideration of the turbulent humanitarian environment in South Sudan, lasting and aggravating humanitarian challenges, economic degradation, and climate shocks, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster and the Protection Cluster (PC) will identify the priority areas for close collaboration and coordination to ensure safety, dignity, and protection of displaced people living in camps or camp-like settings¹. Within the cooperation framework, the CCCM Cluster and the Protection Cluster will engage in key areas focusing on identifying protection risks, addressing the root causes, creating a safe and inclusive environment within the camp or camp-like settings, facilitating information sharing and exchange, fostering referral mechanisms and working towards sustainable solutions for people living in displacement sites.

Coordination mechanisms:

- **National Protection Cluster meetings** – integration of CCCM inputs into presentation linking PRMS and areas of displacement/sites for risk evaluation, assessment, and addressing potential solutions.
- **ICCG meetings** – joint presentations of CCCM and PC Clusters on thematic topics: findings of joint assessments, critical gaps and needs presentation, contingency planning.
- **Regular monthly CCCM-Protection Cluster touch-base meetings** to review the progress, align to the strategies and cross-check the information management and exchange.

Integration in planning and implementation [HPC Cycle]:

- **Needs assessments:** The Protection Cluster will be involved in CCCM assessments and data collection to identify potential protection risks within the displacement site population.
- **Site management policies:** CCCM policies and procedures incorporate protection considerations to mitigate risks and ensure Centrality of Protection.
- **Community engagement:** Clusters engage with displaced communities to understand their protection needs and involve them in decision-making.
- **Site-level safety and accessibility audits:** Common tool to be used jointly by CCCM and Protection cluster partners.

Protection Risk Monitoring:

- CCCM will continuously provide feedback and promote the use of the Protection Risk Monitoring System (PRMS) Observation tool, which aims to inform on protection risks in sites and provide valuable needs assessment for CCCM considerations.
- CCCM and PC will engage in joint data collection and data analysis, publications, and relevant advocacy about protection risks and CCCM needs through standardized processes in place in both clusters (for example the PROMO WG in PC and the Site Profiling Tool in CCCM).

Information Sharing and Exchange²:

- The South Sudan Information Sharing Protocol (November 2023 version)³ will be the basis of the CCCM-PC information exchange.

¹ South Sudan: CCCM Cluster Site Typology - March 2024 / <https://www.cccmcluster.org/resources/south-sudan-cccm-cluster-site-typology-march-2024>

² IASC Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility in Humanitarian Action – 2023 / <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/operational-response/iasc-operational-guidance-data-responsibility-humanitarian-action>

³ The South Sudan Information Sharing Protocol [11/2023] / <https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/south-sudan-information-sharing-protocol-november-2023>

- Data collected by CCCM through safety audit tools will be accessible to the Protection Cluster and mapped against 15 Protection Risks to act as contributor to the overall Protection Risk Monitoring System deployed in South Sudan. Furthermore, where applicable, CCCM will promote the usage of other PRMS tools by protection actors engaged in sites.
- When strategically relevant, CCCM and PC will engage in data analysis (with open possibility for additional joint data collections when facing gaps), publications, and relevant advocacy about protection risks and CCCM needs through standardized processes in place in both clusters (for example the PROMO WG in PC and the Site Profiling Tool in CCCM).
- To operationalize the exchange, cluster IMOs will establish a data collection, collation, and exchange yearly plan ensuring compatibility with the analysis, publication, and advocacy schedules, including the needs of the HPC process.

Cross-cutting areas for collaboration:

HCT Protection Strategy / PC Strategy – Cross-Cutting areas for CCCM and Protection Clusters: ensure that PSEA, AAP, Localization and HDP nexus are mainstreamed into CCCM activities within the intersectoral approach at the site level.

- Addressing PSEA and maintaining solid CBCM⁴ channels and pathways to report SEA cases.
- Localization⁵: Jointly with protection, camp coordination and other thematic teams launch tailored capacity-building, skill-development, trainings and campaigns with engagement of the partners from cross-sectoral fora to meet the needs and suggestions from the communities on their self-reliance and solutions-oriented activities.
- HDP nexus⁶: Protection Cluster and CCCM Cluster will have consistent approaches towards peacebuilding actors (e.g. UNMISS) for integrated contingency planning, setting basic parameters and criteria for safe space of civilians in emergency situations, provide expertise for minimum standards and requirements, suggest on best practices for establishing protection-compliant safe environment for vulnerable categories. Development actors will be addressed through facilitation of the dialogue with displaced communities within the sites, to highlight the priority areas for self-reliant and sustainable development strategies to end displacement and enforce lasting solutions.

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⁴ Best Practice Guide Inter-Agency Community-Based Complaint Mechanisms Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse / IASC 2016 / <https://psea.interagencystandingcommittee.org/sites/default/files/Best%20Practice%20Guide%20on%20inter-agency%20CBCMs.pdf>

⁵ IASC Guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of Local and National Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms / https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/sites/default/files/migrated/2021-07/IASC%20Guidance%20on%20Strengthening%20Participation%2C%20Representation%20and%20Leadership%20of%20Local%20and%20National%20Actors%20in%20IASC%20Humanitarian%20Coordination%20Mechanisms_2.pdf

⁶ Advancing The Humanitarian Development-Peace Nexus Approach Through IASC Global Clusters / <https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/IASC%20Guidance%20Note%2C%20Advancing%20the%20Humanitarian%20Development%20Peace%20Nexus%20Approach%20throu%20gh%20IASC%20Global%20Clusters.pdf>