



Global Protection Forum, 10-14 November 2025

Programme

Session 1: Threats, Risks and Needs: A Global Overview of Protection Trends and Protection of Civilians' Efforts in 2025

Monday 10 November, 14.00-15.30 CET

Objective: The opening session will set the tone for collective reflection and action. The session will include an overview of the main outcomes of the Global Protection Update (GPU), highlighting global protection trends and the persistence and evolution of protection risks and threats across crises. The session will include a panel discussion focused on the challenges in upholding international humanitarian law and protecting civilians and opportunities for collective responsibility and action towards addressing protection risks and threats. **Register [here](#)**

Session 2: Advancing Protection in Prioritized Humanitarian Action

Tuesday 11 November, 14.00-15.30 CET

Objective: This session will explore the impact of funding cuts and reforms on the ability of protection and humanitarian actors to effectively address protection risks. The session will reflect on the practical challenges and opportunities that hyper-prioritized responses pose for collective efforts to advance the centrality of protection. Frontline perspectives from different operational contexts will be presented to foster discussion on current and anticipated operational realities, including by reflecting on finding the balance between severity of needs and effectiveness of integrated and specialized responses, and by highlighting issues for local actors who find themselves prioritised in name but not always in practice. **Register [here](#)**

Session 3: Protection and Technology: For Better and Worse. How Advancements in Technology are changing the Protection Space

Wednesday 12 November, 14.00-15.30 CET

Objective: Digital technologies and artificial intelligence are drastically changing the global landscape including humanitarian action and modern conflicts. This session will reflect on both the positive and negative uses of technology in humanitarian settings, and how this impacts the protection of civilian populations. The session will look into concrete examples of how technology can exacerbate harm to people including but not limited to drone warfare, misinformation and disinformation or online recruitment, as well as how technologies can support humanitarian organizations, local actors and affected populations in enhancing access to critical and specialized support services. **Register [here](#)**

Session 4: Food Security and Protection Sectors: Working Together to Reduce the Protection Risks that drive Needs

Thursday 13 November, 13.00-14.30 CET

Objective: Recognising the links between food insecurity and protection risks, this session will focus on how food security and protection actors can work together to mitigate the protection risks that are driving food insecurity and starvation. The discussion will illustrate how the centrality of protection can work in practice, what results can be achieved, and what more needs to be done to step up collaboration across different sectors of work to reduce the protection risks that drive humanitarian needs. **Register [here](#)**

Session 5: Voices in Action: Affected Populations at the Forefront of Decision-Making

Thursday 13 November, 14.30-16.00 CET

Objective: The humanitarian reset has placed strong emphasis on the participation of affected communities, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), and local actors in the planning and delivery of humanitarian assistance. This session will reflect on the meaning and spirit of affected populations / IDP participation in decision-making – what does this mean and how can this be done well? This session will provide comparative perspectives on affected populations'

engagement in decision-making within humanitarian responses, nexus and durable solutions frameworks. **Register [here](#)**

Session 6: Justice as Protection: Reaffirming Rights-based Commitments to Humanitarian Action and Beyond

Friday 14 November, 14.00-15.30 CET

Objective: While the humanitarian reset has pushed towards the hyper-prioritization of life-saving assistance, questions arise of where this leaves us on our long-term responsibilities. With justice and accountability being two foundational pillars of rights-based humanitarian action, are we in danger of losing sight of advancing human rights, legal protection and justice for people who have experienced violence and displacement? Anchored in the roots of protection action, this session will reflect on how legal protection directly relates to rights to food, shelter, health and education in humanitarian settings and how we balance long-term protection accountability and justice in humanitarian action, including at a time of accelerated humanitarian exits and transitions. It will draw upon experiences from various actors and contexts. **Register [here](#)**

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