



**Terms of Reference**  
**GPC Protection Information and Analysis Working Group (IAWG)**  
**April 2026 – March 2027**

## Background

The Global Protection Cluster (GPC) Protection Information Management and Analysis Working Group (IAWG) aims to strengthen inter agency coordination on protection information management from collection to analysis.

Protection information management from collection to analysis is a core function of the GPC's as per its mandate to ensure that collective understanding across agencies and local stakeholders of protection risks, and resulting humanitarian needs, inform humanitarian decision-making. This includes informing response prioritization for protection outcomes and protection activities and services, ensuring that protecting crisis affected people is a goal of protection actors as well as of all humanitarian responders, in line with the principle of the centrality of protection. Building on previous interagency efforts —including the development and roll-out of the Protection Analytical Framework (PAF) and the development of collaborative models of information collection (protection monitoring joint efforts) — by guiding and supporting protection analysis initiatives, the group plays a central role in advancing harmonized, risk informed, inclusive and operationally relevant humanitarian response and specialized protection responses at country level.

Following a period of reduced activity and evolving GPC priorities, the group is being restructured to reinforce its coordination role, ensure stronger engagement of local and national actors, and deliver concrete outputs that support field operations and interagency processes (e.g. HPC, JIAF, HNRPs, CCA/UNSDCF, National Development Plans) in a principled way.

## Purpose

The IAWG is an action-oriented coordination body that supports the GPC core functions to inform response and advocacy by:

- Driving global coordination on protection information management and analysis
- Ensuring harmonized approaches to protection monitoring and risk analysis
- Strengthening the use of evidence for protection-informed operational and strategic decision-making and
- Supporting inclusive, locally grounded, and capacity-driven protection analysis systems.

The group functions both as a coordination and strategic advisory platform and as a deliverable-focused mechanism through time-bound workstreams.

## Specific Aims

- **Enhance coordinated inclusive protection monitoring and analysis across agencies.** Improve how organizations work together on protection data collection and analysis to ensure harmonized approaches, stronger collective results, and cost-effective implementation.
- **Promote a coherent and connected protection data ecosystem.** Support the systematic integration of protection data and analysis into interagency processes—such as needs assessments, planning, prioritization, and monitoring—to inform protection-driven decision-making.
- **Strengthen protection information management tools, guidance, and capacities.** Lead and support the collective co-development, adaptation, and dissemination of user-friendly and innovative tools, guidance, and training materials that improve protection data design, collection, management, and analysis for action, ensuring intersectionality is properly considered.
- **Reinforce protection information management systems to elevate local leadership.** Review, update, and promote protection information management and analysis mechanisms that are participatory and agile to enable meaningful engagement, leadership, and ownership by local and national actors, reflecting protection specializations.
- **Identify and overcome barriers to collective protection data and analysis.** Detect and address system, process, and capacity gaps that limit effective protection data collection, monitoring, analysis, and their use in interagency processes - especially within the Humanitarian Reset and UN 80 frameworks.
- **Foster strategic partnerships to strengthen protection evidence and its uptake.** Build and leverage collaborations with protection stakeholders, data and analysis actors, and peacebuilding, human rights and development actors to enhance the quality, relevance, and use of protection evidence across the humanitarian ecosystem.
- **Support and strengthen inclusion.** Advocate for and support the provision of tools to facilitate the inclusion of vulnerable key populations including persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, elderly persons, and others in data collection and analysis.

## Accountability & Ways of Working

The operational relationship of the IAWG is with the GPC global team.

The IAWG is accountable to the GPC SAG and provides updates on progress, challenges, and support needs on a quarterly basis. It will align with SAG priorities, maintain a results-oriented approach, and support the strategic advancement of the GPC annual workplan.

The IAWG will be chaired by a staff member of the GPC Global Team, with the potential to have a co-chair from the SAG, based on interest and capacity of SAG members.

The IAWG will be action oriented and thus operate through a small group of partners with role and expertise in information management from collection to analysis. To ensure proper information sharing and coordinated activities:

- A quarterly larger group meeting is convened to identify priorities and discuss potential workstreams;

- Time-bound workstreams focused on specific deliverables, in direct support of the priorities established in the GPC annual workplan may be created;
- A dedicated group of local actors to advise and ensure relevance and usability of approaches, systems and tools may be established, depending on available capacities;

A potential capacity-sharing and peer-learning mechanism providing training, coaching, and technical support with a focus on local actors is envisaged, depending on resources and capacities.

## Membership

The IAWG is open to interested SAG members, along with other engaged protection partners (including members of the former Areas of Responsibility), information management and analysis experts, and local and national actors at country and global levels, based on their technical capacities and areas of interest.

Considerations will be made to ensure a diversity of perspectives, profiles, and expertise across protection information management and analysis, with particular attention to core protection specializations.

A list of IAWG members, and related contact information, will be maintained by the GPC global team and new members can be added at any time, including based on expressed interest or through targeted outreach by the GPC. Other partners, technical experts, and relevant initiatives may be invited on an ad hoc basis to contribute to specific meetings, workstreams, or deliverables, as relevant.

Members are expected to actively engage in the work of the IAWG, including through strategic advice, technical contributions, while also sharing tools, practices, and relevant initiatives they are involved in. Members can be actively involved only in selected workstreams that best align with their respective organizational priorities, resources or other strategic areas of interest.

All members commit to respecting any parameters established for discussions and information sharing, including where content is confidential or shared under specific conditions such as *Chatham House Rules*.

## Timeline

The GPC Information and Analysis Working Group will be established for a period of 1 year (April 2026 – March 2027), subject to review for continuation or deactivation at the end of this period.