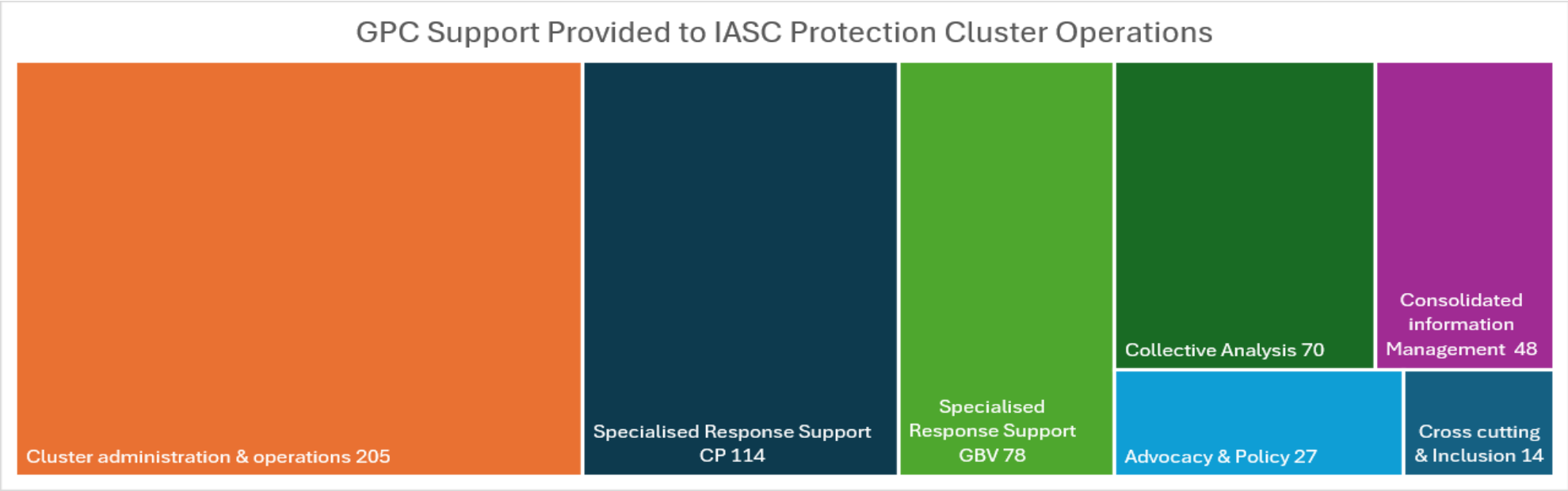


GPC Interagency Field Support Trends Snapshot January – June 2026

The following report contains information about the trends in support requests received by the GPC between 1 January and 30 June 2026. The GPC tracks requests from country protection clusters, requests from global partners and requests from other coordination platforms. This report is for GPC SAG members and other relevant partners to facilitate any reflection on the support requirements of cluster operations.

556	22	16	192
Support requests from cluster operations and partners between 1 Jan and 30 June 2026. ¹	Cluster operations received direct field support. ²	Partners, task teams and other experts involved in providing field support. ³	of the 556 requests from cluster operations have been from technical specialists and partners (GBV/CP). ⁴

REQUESTS AT A GLANCE



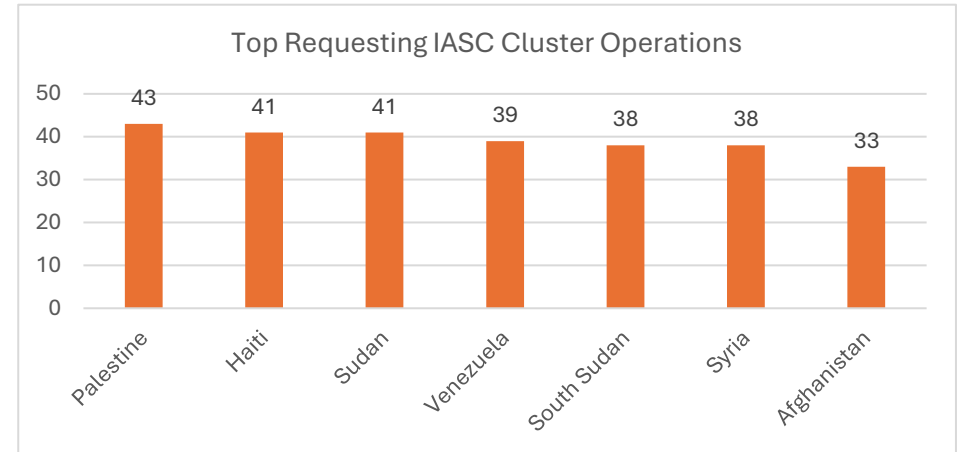
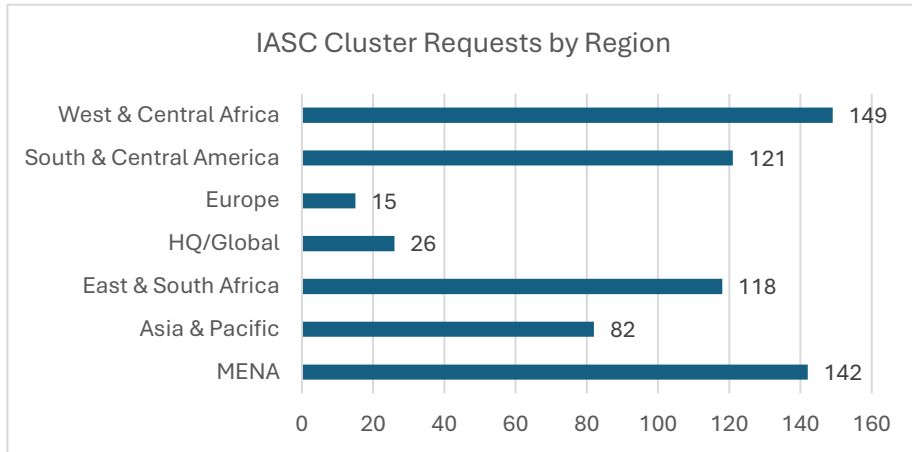
¹ To harmonise GPC field support tracking, GBV technical specialist adopted the GPC integrated tracking tool in March 2026. Not all support from January-March is captured.

² A full list of Protection Cluster Operations can be found [here](#).

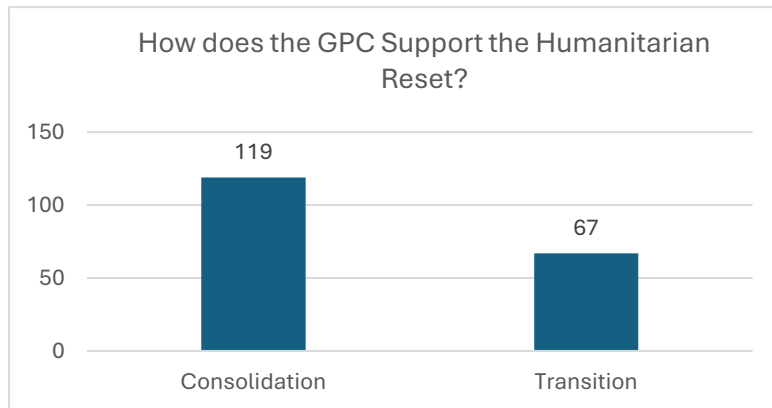
³ GPC wishes to thank the following organisations for their support in addressing field cluster requests between 1 January – 30 June 2026. Cash for Protection Task Team, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN), Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, the IHL Resource Centre, the International PRIDE Centre, The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action’s Task Forces and Working Groups, ICRC, IRC, NRC including NORCAP, REGA mechanism, UNFPA, OHCHR, Office of the Special Rapporteur for IDPs, PROCAP, REACH, UNHCR, UNICEF, and UN OCHA.

⁴ Data is collected based on requests made by protection coordination teams, and the specialist areas of CP and GBV. In addition to supporting the consolidated coordination teams, the GPC can provide support to the technical areas of CP and GBV due to the specialist capacity hosted by the GPC. The GPC does not track specific technical support to Mine Action coordinators but all Mine Action coordinators and IM benefit from GPC consolidated support to cluster coordination teams.

REQUESTS BY LOCATION AND OPERATION



SUPPORTING OTHER COORDINATION PLATFORMS AND BODIES. In addition to the 22 cluster operations supported by the GPC, 57 requests were addressed across 17 operations during the reporting period including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cuba, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Pacific, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka.



SUPPORTING THE HUMANITARIAN RESET

In 2026, significant efforts have been made by Protection Clusters, and areas of technical specialism (CP, GBV, Mine Action) to implement the Official communications by the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) / Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC): [Interim messages to Country Operations on Cluster Simplification \(September 2025\)](#) and the subsequent [Guidance on Cluster Simplification and Adapting in-country Coordination \(March 2026\)](#), including Annex 1 on [Lead and Accountability Arrangements for consolidated Clusters](#). Building on progress made by country operations in 2025, underpinned by the guidance/letter shared by the Directors of the Lead Agencies of the Protection Cluster and (former) Areas of Responsibility (October 2025), the GPC has continued to provide support to Protection Clusters in their consolidation efforts, to meet the June 2026 deadline issued by the ERC. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of all requests between January – June 2026 are linked to consolidation or from countries undertaking IASC transition.

UNDERSTANDING AREAS OF SUPPORT

What are the main forms of support requested for cluster administration and operations?

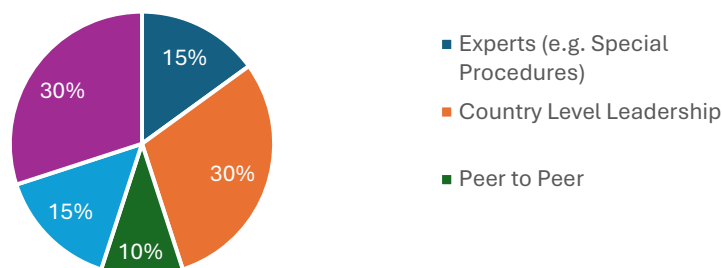
Advice/Guidance	78
Capacity Support + Technical Expertise	10
Document/Materials	7
Example/Lessons	22
Review/Revise Materials	33

What are the top 5 cluster administration and operations request topics? *
[Excluding Humanitarian Reset]

Country Specific Issue	9
Cluster Administration	43
Protection Policy/Principles	26
Protection Response	29
Specialised Protection Programme	6

In the first half of 2026, Protection Cluster coordination teams requested support in revising and updating relevant cluster administration documents, including ToRs, SOPs and membership, to ensure consolidation of the cluster. Multiple countries experienced new shocks and crises that required additional support to update strategies, tools and partner approaches including the Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Earthquake response in Venezuela. In addition to support provided to PCs tasked with advancing HCT strategies, coordination teams also engaged the GPC in support on mainstreaming, risk reduction and do no harm actions in their operation. Case management and cash and protection programming are two of the most common areas where protection coordination teams reach out for specialised programmatic support.

Top 5 targets of country led advocacy initiatives supported by GPC



PROVIDING QUALITY PROTECTION ANALYSIS

Protection Clusters continued to provide protection analysis to the wider humanitarian community. In addition to supporting the development of analysis products, the GPC contributed to the efforts of protection clusters to review and strengthen their existing tools and improve collective approaches to protection monitoring. The GPC provided technical inputs and guidance to 6 clusters updating their overall analysis strategy

PROMOTING COLLECTIVE PROTECTION ADVOCACY

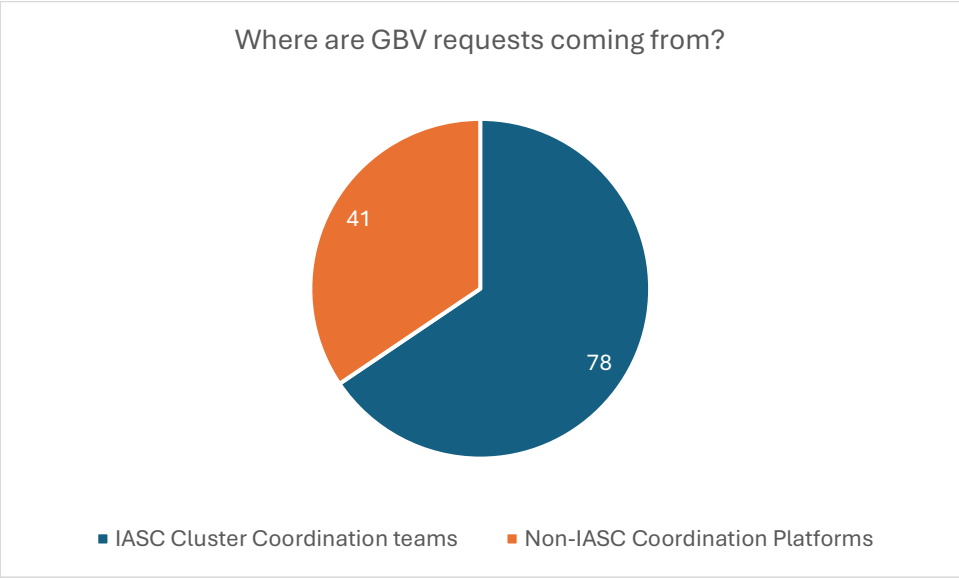
Protection Clusters continued to advance a range of important advocacy strategies and actions in the first half of 2026. This included actions by Protection Clusters themselves as well as a range of engagements with relevant platforms and networks, including with HCTs on collective protection strategies and influencing. Given the context of sharply reduced funding and growing violations of IHL, related advocacy on protection funding priorities, gaps and considerations remained a focus as did Protection of Civilians-related advocacy and engagement. In June, the GPC supported Sudan-focused advocacy at the Brussels level and South-Sudan focused advocacy at Geneva-level via several events and closed-door meetings, reaching different Member State and donor audiences and amplifying pressing protection concerns.

Top 5 areas of analysis support requests

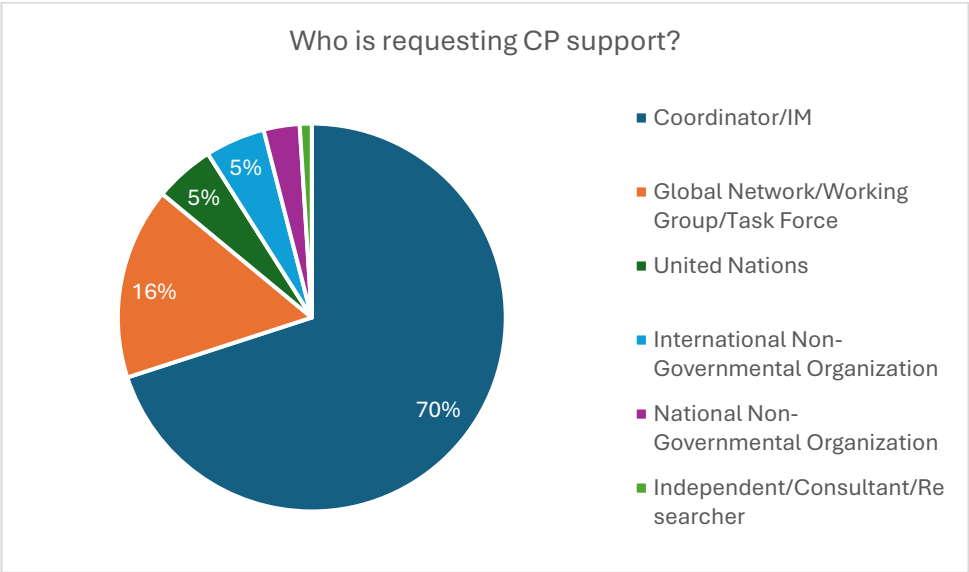
Developing & Updating Analysis Tools	14
Strengthening Protection Monitoring	7
Protection Analysis Document	13
Analysis and the HNRP	12
Analysis Strategy	6

GBV TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO CLUSTER OPERATIONS

During the reporting period, the GBV specialists (including specialised IM) responded to a wide range of requests from field operations, including support to GBV prevention and response in all major crises including the DRC Ebola response. Some requests related to larger areas of work (support to CRSV-GBV program linkages, qualitative analysis (Voices), GBV SOPs) and smaller tasks such as review of documents. The teams spent significant time on requests related to maintaining GBV country capacity (support to drafting of surge TORs, onboarding of new coordinators and IM specialists). Highlights were in-country missions to Syria (facilitation of GBV case management training for participants from across the country) and Colombia (Minimum Standards and GBV Risk Mitigation training facilitation). The regional IM teams received 48 requests from cluster operations; several requests are still ongoing. These data requests covered issues related to HPC, dashboards, safe and ethical data management for GBV case management task teams, and analysis of reduced access to Women and Girls Safe Spaces due to conflict and humanitarian funding crisis.



CHILD PROTECTION TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO CLUSTER OPERATIONS



What are the top 5 child protection request topics?	
CP coordination	66
Assessment, Measurement and Evidence	12
IM for Coordination	7
CP Case Management	7
Children Associated with Armed Conflicts and Armed Groups	5

Between January and June, there were a wide range of requests from field operations and CP practitioners. The highest volume of requests related to Child Protection coordination, including support on the Humanitarian Reset, resource mobilization, HPC, CCPM processes, and cluster transition or deactivation. Additional areas of support included Assessment, Measurement and Evidence (including the Needs Identification Analysis Framework, remote monitoring, PAU/PAF, multi-sector needs assessments, and situation and response monitoring), Information Management for coordination, Child Protection case management, and programming for children associated with armed forces and armed groups, including release and reintegration programming and related capacity-strengthening initiatives.

SNAPSHOT OF GLOBAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO IASC CLUSTER OPERATIONS (JANUARY – JUNE 2026)

In addition to addressing requests for the support, the GPC, global task teams and partners have initiated global level support to partners and regional platforms. The information below highlights some of these initiatives.

- The GPC developed a *Practice Note: Protection Cluster Coordination and Area-Based Coordination* (February 2026), to support Protection Cluster coordination teams in ongoing discussions on the use of Area-Based Coordination approaches. This Practice Note can be read alongside [the IASC Frequently Asked Questions on Area-Based Coordination](#) (April 2026). (Available upon request)
- The GPC has provided a *Consolidation of the Protection Cluster Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* (April 2026). (Available upon request)
- The GPC conducted five field missions to support Palestine (consolidation), Myanmar (HCT protection leadership), Niger (training & consolidation), Nigeria (transition) and South Sudan (consolidation and operations).
- The GPC held 3 peer-to-peer sessions between coordination team members. The GPC held a thematic session on protection issues linked to men and boys (January 2026), experiences of engagement with area-based coordination (January 2026), and reflection on the transition of HLP from protection coordination (April 2026).
- The Cash for Protection Task Team provided 2 training in cash and protection response (Ukraine, April 2026, Myanmar, June 2026).
- The GPC Age & Inclusion Specialist provided 4 training sessions on age and inclusion in humanitarian response, 3 for South Sudan and 1 for Papua New Guinea, and provided ongoing support to inclusion specialists in Sudan, Syria, Yemen and Ukraine.
- The GPC hosted an awareness session between the protection coordination teams and OHCHR on how to participate in the Universal Periodic Review.
- The GPC provided direct support to Protection Clusters' role in supporting the development and operationalisation of HCT Protection Strategies (Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar), as well as to operations where HCT Protection Strategies are under discussion.
- The GPC launched the 2026 Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM). The CCPM is an annual collective review of how country clusters are fulfilling their core functions (as [defined by the IASC](#)). The GPC provided up-to-date guidance, a survey, resources, and a [CCPM Live Dashboard](#) for country operations to use. As of June 2026, partners in 21 of the 22 cluster operations participated in the survey.
- Protection Cluster operations and the GPC have published 6 Protection Analysis Updates/Protection Snapshots/Flash Updates between 1 January – June 2026. [Afghanistan](#), [Cameroon](#), [Colombia](#), [Democratic Republic of Congo](#), [Mali](#) and [the occupied Palestinian territory](#).
- The GPC hosted a donor briefing and co-organized a Human Rights Council side event highlighting the situation in South Sudan (June) and facilitated the in-person participation of the Sudan Protection Cluster in the European Union's CoHAFA side event as well as related engagements with EU and Member State officials (June).
- The GPC launched the 2026 Protection Series. In this series, partners present existing tools that are essential to protection action. Between January – June 2026, the GPC has hosted 4 sessions, on the Professional Standards for Protection Work (ICRC), Digital Risks (ICRC), the Stockholm Manual (IHL Resource Centre) and Cash for Protection Guidelines (C4P Task Team) for 1072 protection partners participating across all the sessions.
- The GPC and the Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation provided a 4-day training for Niger Protection Cluster members on protection in situations of armed conflict and negotiations for protection (Niger, April 2026).
- The GPC has supported several operations in the identification of the impact of funding cut on partners capacities, as part of the research and report published in June 2026. The GPC has supported CAR, Mali, Colombia and Mozambique in integrating protection risk analysis and considerations in IDPs national processes on solutions and response.
- The GPC is supporting Nigeria, Cameroon and Colombia transitions, specifically on the continuation of a HC/RC own interagency mechanisms to maintain situational analysis of protection risks.

HNRP 2027

- The GPC has provided a HNRP 2027 Package to support the Protection Cluster and partners in implementing a harmonized and evidence-based approach to needs analysis, People in Need (PiN) estimation, severity analysis, and targeting. All relevant guidance can be found [here](#).
- The GPC has hosted 3 webinars on key tools and approaches for protection coordination and HNRP 2027. The GPC has also provided training to external stakeholders where requested.
- As part of cluster consolidation and the HNRP, the GPC has started the development of a dedicated approach and tools for protection response monitoring, in coordination with OCHA. Burkina Faso and Mozambique Protection Clusters are piloting a tool, in coordination with OCHA.

Support to specialised protection responses

- Case Management Task Force of the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action provided a clinic on Case Management data categorization and the updated Child Protection Case Management Forms for Child Protection Coordination Teams and Case Management Task Force Leads (February 2026). Ongoing in 2026.
- A child protection capacity mapping exercise was rolled out between January – March 2026, to map child protection coordination staffing, gaps and consolidation in practice. This has informed gap identification and support to CP coordination has been tailored to the emerging needs.
- A similar mapping was carried out for GBV during Q1, to assess coordination capacity, including contracts at risk, types of contracts and issues related to consolidation and GBV within the new consolidated cluster.
- Technical support has been provided to Cameroon, Myanmar, Lebanon, South Sudan and Sudan, Child Protection Coordination teams and partners under the Accountability to Children initiative (in collaboration with Plan International). Capacity strengthening sessions have focused on Accountability to Children and Child Participation. Action plans have been developed based on contextual priorities and needs. Additional activities are planned through the end of December 2026, including advocacy focused events.
- Between April and June 2026, quarterly calls were held with the Child Protection Coordination teams in the 23 contexts where clusters/cluster-like mechanisms are operational to discuss updates on the consolidation process, upcoming child protection coordination projects, challenges faced and support needed from the global team's side.
- In June, a global meeting was convened with GBV coordinators to discuss progress on consolidation, assess their needs and requests for support.
- On 29 June, a global call with GBV coordinators and protection partners was organised to promote continued localised leadership within protection (GBV). Mali and Yemen WLO GBV co-leads shared learning and achievements to 38 participants.
- The global GBV lead mission to Nigeria and Protection Workshop in Maiduguri. She met with WLOs and YLOs to learn about the impact of defunding and closure of services on women and girls and met with government actors in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Development.

Understanding GPC Interagency Field Support

Interagency field support capacity is provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, OHCHR, NRC, NORCAP, Help-Age, SDC, and War Child Alliance. The GPC provides interagency field support through a system of country focal points (Field Support Unit). These country focal points provide day-to-day country-level support to cluster operations. The GPC hosts dedicated capacity to support field advocacy analysis and IM, technical specialist areas of GBV and Child Protection, as well as cross-cutting issues such as inclusion. The GPC hosts two task teams, on cash for protection, with capacity provided by Save the Children, and Anti-Trafficking, with capacity provided by IOM, UNHCR and Plan International.

Countries have varying internal country capacities to address emergent needs and a lack of request of support does not necessarily indicate poor engagement between the country operation and the GPC. Country operations can reach out to GPC support as needed. To ensure continuity of engagement, country focal points regularly engage with coordination teams, host peer to peer sessions, and the GPC hosts all coordination staff townhalls. The GPC continues to address the priorities for field support described in the GPC Workplan. To learn more about the work of the GPC, you can read the [GPC Annual Report 2025](#) or request specific information on GPC led initiatives and GPC participation in other global processes and initiatives (including those led by GPC partners).

For more information about the GPC Interagency Field Support, please visit our [dedicated page](#) on the GPC website.

For inquiries, please write to: fieldsupport@globalprotectioncluster.org

