



Collaborative Regional Legal Aid Analysis

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ProLAC: A regional protection monitoring and analysis platform

Objective

1. Identify protection trends and risks in Latin America.

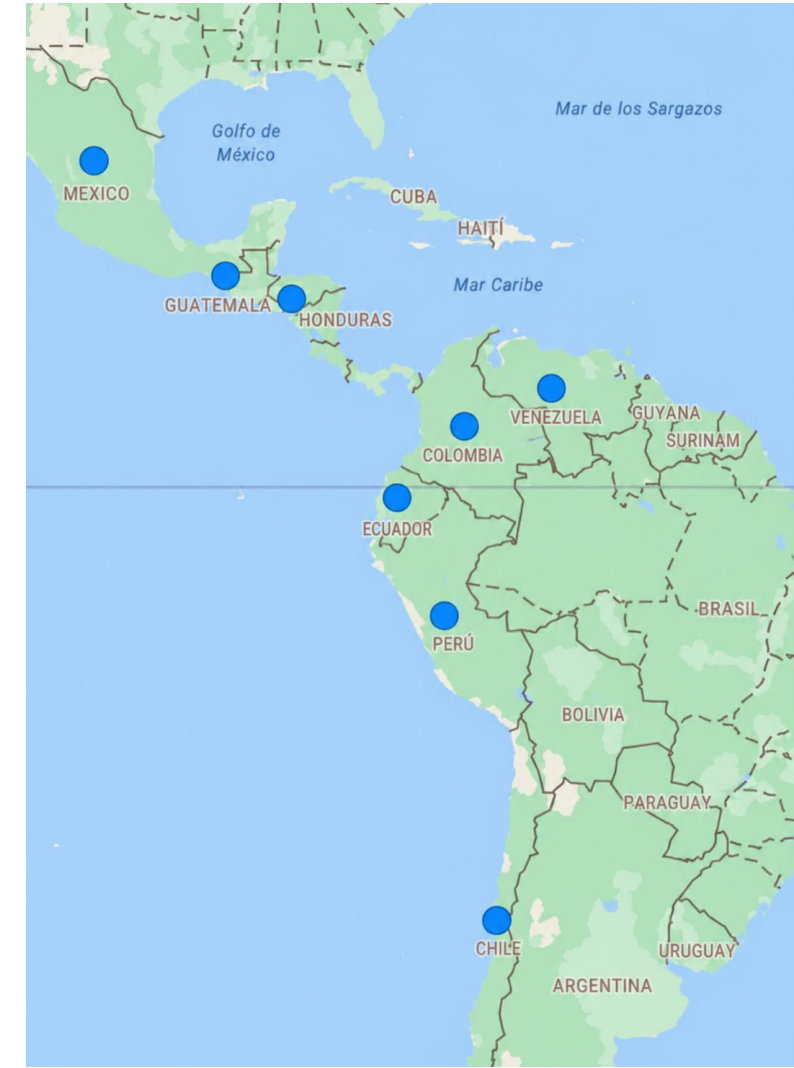
2. Strengthen coordination among humanitarian actors and promote a shared understanding of protection risks and rights violations.

3. Generate evidence to inform decision-making (programming and advocacy).

Localization

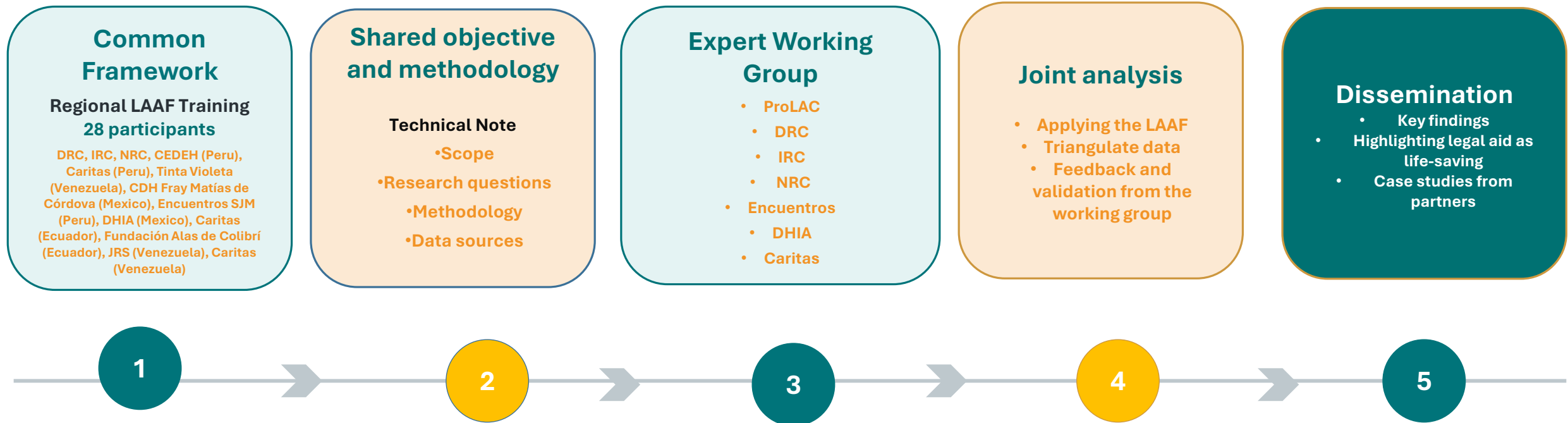
How does it work?

- ➔ A regional protection monitoring and analysis initiative co-led by DRC and NRC
- ➔ Implemented in 8 countries by 20 organisations in Latin America. 17 of them are local partners.
- ➔ Applies harmonized methodologies and tools at the regional level (PAF and 15 GPC protection risks + LAAF).
- ➔ Provides capacity strengthening and technical support to partners on protection and protection monitoring and analysis + LAAF



Development of a collaborative regional LAAF

Developing a collaborative Regional Legal Aid Analysis using the LAAF



Key legal aid challenges and gaps in the Latin American context

Legal aid context in Latin America

- **Growing internal displacement:** over 9.5 million people affected in 2025.
- **Regional protection environment deteriorated in 2025:** increased violence, forced displacement, confinement, mobility restrictions, and weakened international protection and migratory regularization pathways.
- **Expansion of exceptional security measures:** States of emergency generate protection concerns.



Legal aid context in Latin America

- **U.S. policy shifts:** ~300,000 people stranded and reshaped displacement patterns, including forced returns and prolonged movements.
- **Declining humanitarian funding:** reduced or closed legal aid services, creating critical coverage gaps.
- **Rising deportations and returns:** added pressure on origin and transit countries, driving higher demand for legal support in regularization and international protection.
- **Structural gap between law and access:** rights often exist on paper but remain inaccessible in practice without legal assistance.



Legal aid needs identified



Access to
Housing, Land
and Property



Protection
against
internal
displacement



Access to
legal identity



Access to
asylum or
migratory
regularisation

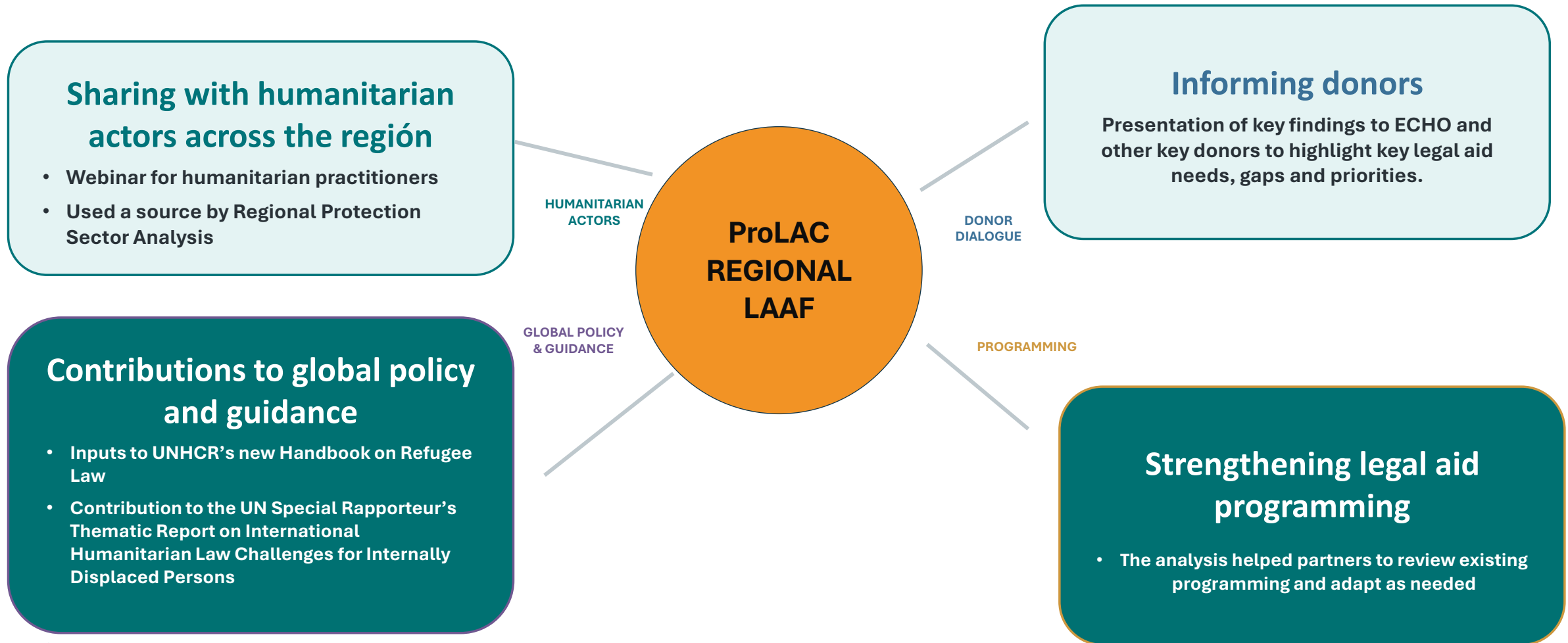


Access to
justice

Key takeaway: legal aid has become a **critical, life-saving protection enabler**, not a complementary service.

LAAF to inform programming and advocacy

From Analysis to Action: translating regional evidence into stronger programming, humanitarian advocacy and policy influence.



ProLAC partners

