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## Practical Guide for Field Protection Clusters on Engagement with National Human Rights Institutions

HRE TT launched its guidance for Field Protection Clusters for meaningful engagement with National Human Rights Institutions. The Guide outlines the relevance of National Human Rights Institutions for Protection Clusters, what can be achieved through collaboration, and practical considerations for Protection Clusters to take into account when engaging with these institutions. You can consult it [here](#).



### Webinar on Collaboration Between Protection Clusters and National Human Rights Institutions

Thank you again for all the rich comments and suggestions you provided during the drafting process of the Practical Guide on Engagement with National Human Rights Institutions for Field Protection Clusters.

A webinar on the Guide, took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August. If you missed the event, you can watch the recording [here](#) and find a copy of the slides [here](#).



### Infographics on Protection Analytical Framework with Focus on Human Rights Lens

Infographics on protection analytical framework with focus on human rights lens was developed and launched for use of field colleagues. You can consult them [here](#).

## Practical Factsheets on Engagement with Human Rights Mechanisms

4 practical factsheets for field protection clusters on engagement with UN human rights mechanisms were recently developed:

- [The Human Rights Council](#)
- [The Special Procedures](#)
- [The Universal Periodic Review](#)
- [Treaty Bodies](#)

### Additional Resource



[Human Rights Education Milestones](#)  
Infographic Prepared by OHCHR



## Human Rights Engagement Training for Field Protection Clusters

The HRE TT has been working on pilot online training series on human rights engagement for protection clusters, which will take place between September to November 2021.

The program is composed of eight sessions, each covering one of the following topics:

- ⇒ Session 1: Basic concepts and Human Rights Engagement (HRE) as a process`
- ⇒ Session 2: Human rights analysis
- ⇒ Session 3: Mapping stakeholders for human rights engagement
- ⇒ Session 4: Engaging with affected populations
- ⇒ Session 5: Integrating human rights in cluster work
- ⇒ Session 6: Implementing HRE 1
- ⇒ Session 7: Implementing HRE 2
- ⇒ Session 8: Addressing racism

The sessions, each of them lasting max. 2 hours, are designed in an interactive manner allowing discussion time and exchange of experiences. The aim of the modules is to strengthen human rights engagement in the field for protection clusters. The pilot training will be held in English.

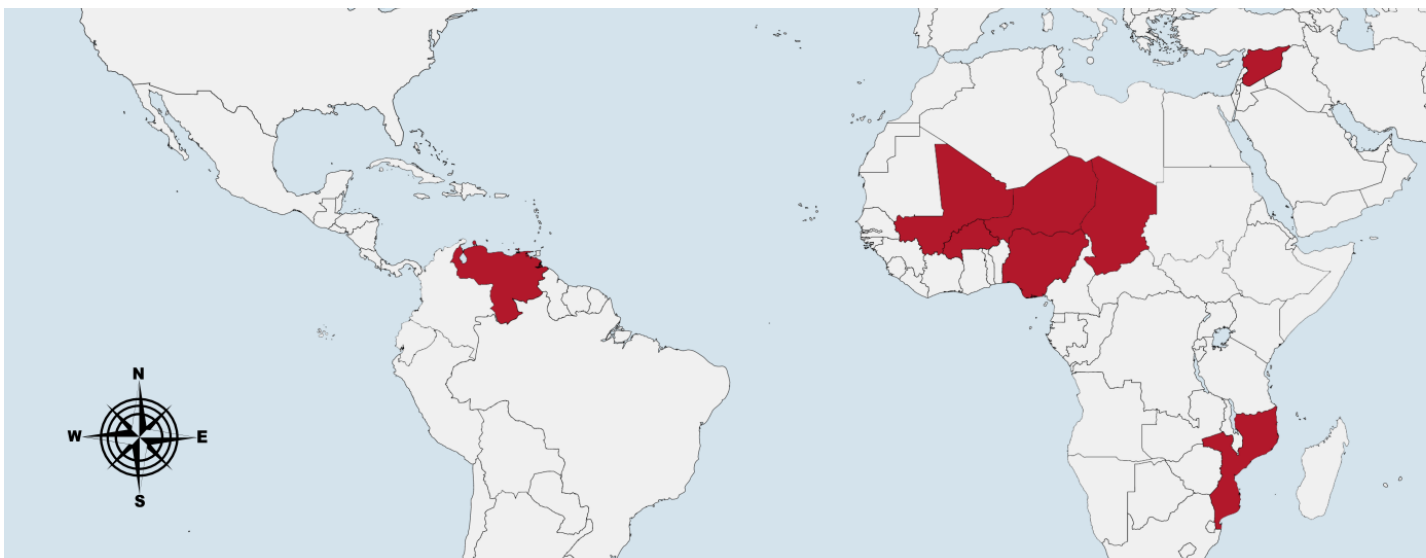
Once the pilot run is completed and the program is adjusted based on your feedback, the material will be available for all protection clusters to use in their cluster work as they deem appropriate. The final full training package will also include a "mini series" versions of all 8 sessions that can be used as a handout or discussion topic for cluster members.

### Infographics: Mid-Year Update on GPC HRE TT support to 8 Pilot Countries

HRE TT is thrilled to share an infographics showing the impact of the GPC Human Rights Engagement Task Team's efforts in terms of support provided to the 8 pilot countries in the first half of 2021.

Well done to the 8 clusters! They are: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Syria, and Venezuela.

The infographics can be viewed [here](#).





## Joint Roundtable with Humanitarian Policy Group

A joint **virtual roundtable event** was organized on 15 September 2021 by the Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at the ODI and the Global Protection Cluster's Human Rights Engagement Task Team.

HPG and the GPC TT HRE are working in partnership to explore the relationship between international humanitarian and international human rights actors in respect of their roles to enhance the protection of civilians affected by armed conflict. This research is focused specifically on how these two groups of actors collaborate in advocating for greater respect for international humanitarian and human rights law by parties to conflict/third party states. This partnership is one component of a multi-year programme of research and public affairs work on humanitarian advocacy in relation to protection being undertaken by HPG - more information can be found on this programme [here](#).

As part of this partnership, HPG and the HRE TT were co-hosting a closed-door roundtable event. The roundtable, which was held virtually, aimed to bring together select senior practitioners from international humanitarian and international human rights organisations that engage in protection advocacy in conflict settings. This event provided an opportunity for practitioners to share their respective experiences of collaboration at headquarters and in the field, exploring the challenges as well as positive experiences of collaboration. The event included a brief informal presentation of the emerging findings from HPG's research, followed by a semi-structured discussion among all participants. It was held under the Chatham House rules. The discussions will be used to inform an HPG publication on strategic advocacy partnerships between humanitarian and human rights actors.



# VIDEO ON STAKEHOLDER MAPPING AND ANALYSIS

Stakeholder mapping is a key component of human rights analysis in humanitarian contexts as well as a prerequisite for any successful strategy.

HRE TT has prepared a short [guidance video](#) on how to map and analyse stakeholders in any given context. It outlines the process in four stages: (1) Identify, (2) Analyse, (3) Map Relations, and (4) Prioritize.

Click [here](#) to watch now!



## Annual conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes 2021

The GPC HRE TT presented during the Association of Human Rights Institutes conference 2021: “Human Rights Strategies” which was held from 26 to 28 August, hosted by the [Maastricht Centre for Human Rights](#), Maastricht University, Faculty of Law.

In the conference, it was highlighted that a great diversity of strategies are deployed in order to create awareness of and expose current human rights violations. Social media and digital technologies are used as a modern and quick method for ‘naming & shaming’. Undoubtedly this is a positive development when it leads to ‘Walls of Silence’ being broken down and the exposure of abusers. The other side of the coin is, however, that the use of such technologies has paved the way for spreading rumours about serious misconduct – regardless of whether they are related to sexual misbehaviour or any other human rights violations – which are swiftly disseminated on the Internet via social media, without being backed-up by a thorough investigation.

Another strategy to expose human rights violations concerns strategic litigation. Here the goal is not only to win a case for a certain client but to bring about social, political and legal changes, particularly as regards situations of gross injustice or environmental degradation. Language may also be used as a strategy to serve a certain human rights goal. Modern society is inundated with information. However, the language used in information flows on human rights issues is coloured by certain interests. States, NGOs or other interest groups use language as a tool and a battleground for political struggle. The question arises how academics should deal with these information or symbolic politics.

The theme of the 2021 AHRI Conference opens up the possibility to study and discuss all kinds of strategies that are being used by a plethora of actors who wish to further the cause of human rights. This topic is not only interesting from a human rights perspective (both from the point of view of victims and alleged perpetrators), but it is also a thought-provoking issue for criminologists, sociologists, anthropologists, and political scientists.

More information can be found [here](#).





## GPC HRE TT and TT-IMWG Webinar on Integrating a Focus on Human Rights Into Protection Analysis

A thematic webinar was organized jointly by the GPC Human Rights Engagement task team and the GPC Information Management working group, and took place on 28th September. During this dedicated session, it was discussed how to integrate a focus on human rights into protection analysis.

Key objectives of the webinar were the following:

- a) Introduce the PAF with a clear focus on how the use of the PAF can better support and guide a human rights based approach to protection analysis.
- b) Facilitate exchange and discussion on existing status of human rights themes within protection analysis.
- c) Seek to answer the question: how can a stronger emphasis on human rights within protection analysis better support practical action?
- d) Share with field protection clusters ongoing experiences, available support, resources and tools.

During conversations with field clusters led by the HRE TT, a lot of emphasis has been placed on the role of analysis, and these discussions have occurred in parallel to the development and roll out of the PAF. This webinar was an opportunity to bring these two themes together and present an overview of how the PAF can better guide a focus on human rights within protection analysis, why this is important and how it can practically strengthen decision making, partnerships building and advocacy efforts.

The design and logic of the Protection Analytical Framework explicitly incorporates a focus on the information required to ensure a solid focus on human rights in all protection analysis. The objective of this is to foster and strengthen a rights-based analysis approach integrating the Human Rights dimension as a core component of the protection analysis and thus, of the Centrality of Protection in the humanitarian analysis.

To ensure that the human rights dimension is adequately captured in protection analysis, the PAF supports the analysis of:

- Structural issues and root causes that drive protection threats;
- Poles of duty bearers and perpetrators;
- Linkages between identified protection risks and the relevant human rights violation(s);
- Extend of application of relevant legal frameworks in a given context.

An analysis that better incorporates those factors can support responses at different levels and ensure stronger coherence with human rights and development actors.

The session also briefed participants on how some of the countries operations have initiated the roll-out of the PAF as an analysis framework for rights-based analysis.

You can view a recording of the webinar [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ Webinar – How to Tackle Racism and Related Intolerance in the Context of Internal Displacement

7 October 2021, 14.00 CET

⇒ Webinar – Welcoming the Stranger: Exploring the Role of Faith Actors in Protecting Displaced Persons

28 October 2021, 14.00 CET

⇒ High Level Event – Securing Better Protection Outcomes for Conflict Affected Populations: A Thematic Dialogue on Strategic Partnerships for Protection Advocacy

3 November 2021, 14.00 CET

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