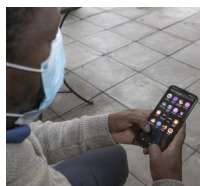




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# Advocacy and Events

## Human rights engagement and protection advocacy training in Erbil, Iraq

At the request of the Iraq National Protection Cluster, the GPC Human Rights Engagement and Advocacy Task Teams delivered a joint training from 25 to 29 September in Erbil, Iraq. The aim of the training was to reinforce the capacity of protection actors on different human rights-related topics in order to identify opportunities for stronger engagement with human rights mechanisms and develop protection advocacy interventions to amplify the voice of individuals in vulnerable situations in light of the deactivation of the cluster.



Seventy participants from both Baghdad and Erbil governorates attended the training and actively contributed to discussions on how to identify human rights-based protection priorities, risk management and how to develop stronger human rights-based protection strategies. The OHCHR office within UNAMI delivered a module on how to include human rights analysis in the protection monitoring.

## Webinar with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change



Mr. Ian Fry (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change)

On 26 July 2022, the GPC Human Rights Engagement Task Team organized a webinar with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, Mr. Ian Fry. The objectives were to introduce Protection Clusters to the newly established mandate and hear about his plans to address the issue of climate change as a driver of displacement, and the impact of climate change on displaced populations. The webinar, which was highly attended, provided a space for protection actors to engage with this new mandate-holder and identify synergies and opportunities to work collaboratively to strengthen the protection of the rights of displaced persons in areas affected by the impact of climate change. The link to the recording can be found [here](#).

## Deep Dive Clinic on Protection in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle 2023

On 30 August 2022, OCHA organized Deep Dive Clinic on Protection in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle 2023. The objective is to deepen our understanding of how OCHA can work together with other partners, at different levels, to ensure HPC processes more effectively contribute to enhance protection outcomes for crisis-affected people. The GPC Human Rights Engagement Task Team was invited to speak about the recent human rights minimum requirements produced by the Global Protection Cluster and the importance to apply a stronger human-rights based approach in the HPC.



Layla, an elderly displaced Iraqi widow is the sole provider of her grandchildren since their father went missing. Ramadan brings up painful memories for the family. [© UNHCR](#)



# Tools and Resources

## Human rights minimum requirements for the HNO and HRP

In July 2022, the GPC Human Rights Engagement Task Team produced some [minimum requirements for protection clusters](#) to better integrate human rights in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP). The purpose of these minimum requirements is to support protection clusters in moving from a needs-based approach in humanitarian response to a more rights-based approach. Four targeted and concise minimum requirements were identified for both the HNO and HRP to make sure that human rights considerations, including better analysis of root-causes, stronger engagement with local, regional and international human rights mechanisms and more effective human rights-based strategic objectives are included in the 2023 HNOs and HRPs. The minimum requirements were accompanied by an audio guidance in 4 four languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic).



## Global Protection Update – Beyond trucks: access that protects

In June 2022, the Global Protection Cluster released a [report](#) to bring into focus contexts where protection work is being challenged at its foundation due to constraints to access, and how certain protection risks and trends are being exacerbated by these access constraints. The report also highlighted some of the ways we can collectively strengthen access for protection looking at leverage points across policy and practice dimensions.

## Legal Aid in Humanitarian Settings

The Global Protection Cluster Law and Policy Task Team has established the “[Legal Aid in Humanitarian Settings](#)” project to improve the capacities of the Protection clusters to understand and assess the legal aid needs in their countries of operation, address existing gaps and promote legal aid interventions; 2) demonstrate the need to integrate legal aid in humanitarian response from the outset; and 3) develop knowledge products and tools for the Protection clusters and their partners at field level to address legal aid needs collectively. The inter-agency tools produced through this project include a Legal Aid Analysis Framework, accompanied by an analysis guide and a conceptual framework on legal aid in humanitarian settings. The tools are available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

# Updates from the field

## Establishment of a Protection Platform in Iraq

Following the decision to deactivate the Humanitarian Clusters in Iraq by the end of 2022 and to ensure a responsible transition, a new Protection Platform, co-led by UN-HCR and OHCHR, is currently being established as a way to ensure that high level advocacy and engagement take place on core and emerging protection issues in Iraq. The main aim of the Protection Platform is to inform and provide strategic guidance, advice and technical support to the UN and other actors on key protection issues such as the provision of legal assistance to vulnerable Iraqis especially in relation to their access to civil documentation and community-based protection interventions to strengthen community capacity for self-protection and to advance access to durable solutions in communities. The Platform will maintain flexibility in terms of topics to be addressed, based on emerging protection issues identified by its members.

## Development of a new Protection Monitoring Tool in Nigeria

The GPC Human Rights Engagement Task Team has been supporting the Protection Sector North-East Nigeria in developing a new protection monitoring system that includes strong human rights and international humanitarian law elements. This new system will trigger further assessments to gain a deeper understanding of protection concerns and human rights and international humanitarian law (IHL) violations, including their root causes, and potential solutions.

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