



Global Protection Cluster
Task Team on Law and Policy

Legal Aid and Access to justice in crisis settings

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Established in 2015 - **Global platform for coordination** among humanitarian but also human rights and development - UN agencies, NGOs and academia on law & policy engagement - **promoting regular dialogue, experience sharing** and, most importantly, **action** in this area

The **mission** of the Task Team is twofold:

- **Support States** in discharging their responsibilities regarding internally displaced persons and other populations affected by crises, by **promoting and supporting states' efforts in developing and implementing** relevant legal and policy frameworks.
- **Support field protection clusters and relevant partners** in contributing to the development, implementation, and monitoring of relevant legal & policy frameworks for the protection of people affected by crises

The Task Team does that primarily through:

- **Capacity-Building**
- **Knowledge-sharing**
- **Guidance & Technical Advice**
- **Legal analysis**
- **Specific studies and research**

-  Project overview
-  Case Study Ukraine
-  Case Study Libya
-  Questions and Answers



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Project Objectives

- ❑ Improve the capacities of the Protection clusters and international as well as national development, human rights, peace and humanitarian organizations, to:
 - **understand and assess** the legal aid and access to justice needs in crisis settings
 - **promote collective and coordinated** interventions to address jointly identified gaps

- ❑ Support the **integration of legal aid and access to justice in humanitarian response** from the outset

- ❑ Develop knowledge and tools to help **bridging humanitarian, development, human rights and peace actors' legal aid and access to justice interventions**



Project deliverables

First phase (November 2021 – June 2022):

- ✓ **Concept Note** on rationale, scope and objectives
- ✓ **Virtual Library on Legal aid in humanitarian settings:** living repository of relevant documents, reports, capacity development material, tools on legal aid.
- ✓ **Conceptual Framework:** glossary of key concepts and definitions on legal aid used by humanitarian, development, peace and human rights actors.
- ✓ **Legal aid Analysis Framework (LAAF):** a tool designed to facilitate comprehensive assessment of legal aid landscape in a given country/territory affected by a crisis. The tool is accompanied by a **Guidance Note**.
- ✓ **Survey Report on Legal aid and access to justice in crisis settings :** on key aspects related to legal aid: policy, coordination, partnership, funding, field needs.
- ✓ **Final Report:** main findings and strategic directions for GPC TTLP on legal aid

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Second phase (September 2022 – June 2023):

- ✓ **Trainings on LAAF toolkit and approach**
- ✓ **Pilot LAAF toolkit in the field**
- ✓ **Provide technical support on coordinated initiatives on legal aid and access to justice**
- ✓ **Create opportunity for cross-learning:**
 - Webinar on legal aid in reparation contexts
 - Webinar on legal aid to protect legal identity
- ✓ **Produce a compilation of good strategies and practices**



Reflections on implementation: the process ahead

- Consolidate a **global community of practice**
- Create and share knowledge on “**good practices and strategies**”
- Continue **bridging legal aid/access to justice humanitarian and development** strategies and interventions
- Identify the right coordination platform at field level: **ensure national actors’ ownership** of analysis and response
- Tackle **politization of legal aid/access** to justice in crisis settings
- Support **disaggregated data for inclusive (whole of population and forced displaced) response**
- Include **in-depth analysis of multiple and often parallel legal systems** for effective holistic interventions
- Mobilize **political, financial and technical** support to promote legal aid and access to justice interventions





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