UNHCR INTERVENTIONS IN SITUATIONS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT (THE “IDP FOOTPRINT”)

UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE
Coordination and Partnerships Strengthened

- Design a strategy for each UNHCR-led cluster in collaboration with partners and informed by needs, protection considerations and humanitarian principles.
- Lead needs assessment, situation analysis and gap analysis.
- Ensure evidence-based collaborative planning.
- Deliver information management support and services.
- Monitor and report on activities and needs, and measure performance against the cluster strategy and agreed results.
- Promote, disseminate and apply relevant standards and guidelines for cluster coordination.
- Develop and disseminate information products (e.g. activity mapping, Situation Reports (SitReps), dashboards, profiles, maps, etc.).
- Build capacity for coordination, preparedness and contingency planning.
- Advocate on behalf of affected populations for effective protection, informing and influencing the priorities of the Humanitarian Coordinator, UNCT/HCTs, other clusters, national and local authorities and other relevant audiences.
- Develop effective linkages with, and capacitate sub-national protection clusters, as well as AORs.
- Represent the interests of cluster members.

RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS

- Joint assessment, planning and evaluation exercise held
- Coordination mechanisms established
- Collection, collation and dissemination of information by partners harmonized
- Capacity development supported
- UNHCR engaged in and committed to effectiveness of the UNCT/HCT for protection delivery
- Partnerships effectively established and managed
- Participation in existing coordination mechanisms
- Partnerships established with development actors at national and regional level
**SUGGESTED INTERVENTIONS**

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**Protection from Effects of Armed Conflict Strengthened**

- Identify and report critical protection risks; violations of human rights and international humanitarian law; and individuals or groups at risk of abuse and violence (through, for example, monitoring, field missions to displaced and/or enclaved communities, strengthening communication with communities).

- Lead and coordinate needs assessments and gap analyses.

- Respond to risks and violations (through, for example, targeted interventions to address or deter arbitrary detention, undertake humanitarian evacuation or relocation, establish referral mechanisms).

- Advocate for the full respect of international human rights and international humanitarian law (including, for example, prevention of arbitrary displacement, protection of civilians, demobilization, disarmament, rehabilitation and reintegration).

**RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS**

- Protection by presence provided
- Assessment and analysis undertaken
- Situations of persons of concern monitored
- Population moved to safe locations
- Capacity development supported
- Measures to identify and minimize forced recruitment implemented
- Advocacy conducted

**Community Mobilization Strengthened and Expanded**

- Map and strengthen community-based protection mechanisms of IDP communities (through, for example, setting up early warning systems; awareness raising and capacity building activities).

- Set up or support existing community-based networks and centers in order to reach out to IDPs, including in remote and scattered settlements, urban areas and sites.

- Develop two-way (UNHCR+IDPs) communication systems throughout the programme cycle (i.e., assessment, planning and design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation) that enable meaningful participation of all groups within the community and enable accountability to the affected populations, based upon the age, gender and diversity approach.

- Facilitate the establishment of and support community governance structures, taking into consideration the profile of the populations, representation and the age, gender and diversity approach.

**RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS**

- Community self-management supported
- Community leadership and decision making supported
- Participatory approach implemented
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Reach out to communities, ensuring the representation of all age, gender and diversity groups, to identify jointly and address their specific needs and/or protection risks (through, for example, targeted distribution of a minimum standard Core Relief Items (CRI)/Non Food Item (NFI) packages, cash-based interventions and other protection interventions).

Ensure humanitarian action integrates the concerns of IDPs with specific needs in assessments/mapping, strategies and interventions and that they have safe and equitable access to protection and assistance programmes.

Advocate for the integration of concerns of IDPs with specific needs in national programmes (including, for example, older persons, persons with disabilities, LGBTI persons, minorities).

Advocate for access of IDPs to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services¹ (including, for example, continuity of anti-retroviral treatment, condoms, safe blood supply, standard precautions in health facilities and elimination of mother to child transmission).

Services for Persons with Specific Needs Strengthened

UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE

RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS

- Sectoral cash grants or vouchers provided
- Support to persons with specific needs provided
- Assessment and analysis undertaken
- Specific services for persons of concern with psychosocial needs provided
- Specific services for LGBTI persons of concern provided
- Specific services for minority or indigenous groups provided
- Specific services for persons of concern with disabilities provided
- Support to persons with specific needs provided

¹ To strengthen the integration of the HIV response during emergencies, UNHCR and WFP are co-leaders of the Global Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) in integrating HIV interventions into sectors such as protection, health, nutrition, food security, shelter and education, and to produce guidance notes for the various clusters. IATT membership includes UNAIDS, the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Save the Children (StCUK), the Red Cross (IFRC), World Vision International (WVI) and the International AIDS Alliance. See UNAIDS, October 2014, UBRAF thematic report: addressing HIV in humanitarian emergencies https://goo.gl/aW8yfH
SUGGESTED INTERVENTIONS

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Risk of SGBV is Reduced and Quality of Response Improved

Ensure physical safety and security measures to prevent and respond to SGBV (through, for example, training of law enforcement officers and setting up safe spaces).

→ Capacity development supported

→ Safety and security for SGBV survivors provided

Provide legal assistance and facilitate equitable access to justice, including traditional justice mechanisms, to SGBV survivors.

→ Legal assistance provided

→ Capacity development supported

Provide training on gender, human rights and the national legal framework, and monitor formal and traditional justice mechanisms to ensure that they do not take arbitrary decisions and do not infringe on the rights of survivors.

→ Advocacy conducted

→ Access to medical services facilitated

Advocate for a comprehensive package of clinical response services, including the availability of HIV post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) kits for rape survivors, and emergency contraception.

→ Participation of the community in SGBV prevention and response enabled and sustained

Mobilize community participation in SGBV prevention and response, including through the establishment of referral systems.

→ Material assistance provided

→ Psychosocial counselling provided

Provide material and psychosocial assistance to SGBV survivors.

2 UNFPA and/or UNICEF, as the agency focal points for the Gender-Based Violence AOR within the Global Protection Cluster, will lead in this area while remaining under the comprehensive umbrella of the national Protection Cluster. The scope of UNHCR’s operational engagement will thus depend on the presence, access and capacity of the agency focal points at country level.
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Protection of Children Strengthened

1. Advocate for full inclusion of IDP children in national child protection systems and services, and advocate for change as needed.
   → Assessment and Analysis undertaken
   → Advocacy conducted

2. Monitor the overall protection situation of IDP children and reflect this in protection analysis or in specific child protection situation analysis.

3. Build the capacity of national actors, partners and UNHCR staff to strengthen child protection mechanisms.
   → Capacity development supported

4. Facilitate and advocate for the development of prevention programmes and response services for adolescents and children at risk.
   → Prevention and response services for adolescents
   → Prevention and response services for children at risk

5. Ensure functioning mechanisms are in place to identify and refer children with specific needs, including unaccompanied and separated children.
   → Coordination and partnership mechanism established and operational

   → Community based child protection structures established and operational

7. Advocate for, and where necessary support, issuance of birth registration certificates by national civil registration authorities.
   → Advocacy conducted

8. Advocate for alternatives to detention of displaced children.

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Access to Legal Assistance and Legal Remedies Improved

Provide legal counseling to individuals or groups (including, for example, civil documentation, Housing/Land/Property issues, access to public services).

→ Legal assistance provided

Provide technical support and training for members of parliament, national human rights institutions, relevant authorities and partners.

→ Advocacy conducted
→ Capacity development supported

Support the ratification, domestication and implementation of relevant regional and sub-regional legal instruments on internal displacement, consistent with the IASC Framework for Durable Solutions, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and other applicable international standards.

→ UNHCR commentary of legal acts and drafts provided
→ Advocacy conducted

Engage civil society and IDP communities in the process of law and policy development.

→ Capacity development supported

Carry out studies, assessments and analyses to identify gaps in existing law and policy frameworks for the protection of IDPs.

→ Assessment and analysis undertaken

Law and Policy Developed or Strengthened

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→ Assessment and analysis undertaken
Advocate for the prevention of arbitrary detention and the promotion of freedom of movement of IDPs (through, for example, the provision of identity documents to IDPs).

Advocate for the promotion of the freedom of IDPs to reside in the areas of their choice as well as the freedom to leave.

Ensure that risks related to arbitrary detention and limitations on freedom of movement are adequately monitored.

Advocate for the prevention of separation of families and the facilitation of family reunification of IDPs.

Ensure an adequate coordination mechanism is in place to facilitate family reunification of separated IDP families.

Address needs, including those arising from protection risks and gaps, through targeted distribution of Core Relief Items (CRIs), sanitary materials or alternatives such as cash-based interventions.
SUGGESTED INTERVENTIONS

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**UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE**

Shelter and Infrastructure Established, Improved and Maintained

- Undertake contingency planning to identify a combination of settlement and shelter interventions for in/outside camps in rural/urban settings; pursue alternatives to camps, whenever possible; and encourage government and development actors to include IDPs in ongoing settlement and shelter programming.

- Encourage access to national systems and services and, if establishing a camp, consider it an opportunity to enhance existing infrastructure and services for the host country.

- Informed by the cluster strategy, develop a protection-sensitive settlement and shelter strategy that is anchored in the local contexts with links to local development, including the economy, infrastructure and culture; draws on already available shelter options; and takes into account the possible use of cash-based interventions.

- Ensure sufficient surface area and identify housing, land and property ownership and/or use rights for buildings or locations when selecting and designing sites, allocating and rehabilitating public and/or private buildings.

- Promote sustainable and locally contextualized shelter solutions that take into account possible protection risks.

**RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS**

- Shelter materials and maintenance tool kits provided
- Sectoral cash grants or vouchers provided
- Emergency shelter provided
- Transitional shelter provided
- Long-term/permanent shelter provided and sustained

- General site operations constructed and sustained
- Land allocation for shelter supported
- Capacity development supported
- Advocacy conducted
- Advocacy conducted

* Long-term/permanent shelter will be provided and sustained to meet emergency needs only after consultation with the concerned Regional Bureau and the Shelter and Settlement Section in DPSM.
Advocate for comprehensive delivery of protection and assistance services to IDPs and, where relevant, host populations, wherever they might be settled (in/outside camp and rural/urban).

Set up governance, coordination and management structures, including agreements on standard operating procedures, for all communal sites, such as formal and informal camps, sites and settlements, collective centers.

Build capacity of humanitarian partners, community leaders and other stakeholders on camp management concepts and practices.

Provide technical guidance on management of IDP community centers in urban and rural locations, including outreach activities and community-based protection approaches.

Monitor services to IDPs and lead needs assessments and gap analyses in camps, sites and settlements.

Coordinate operational delivery in sites.

Ensure effective community participation in the management of sites.

Ensure proper identification of sites in accordance with protection principles and standards.

→ Roles and responsibilities for camp managers and service providers defined and agreed

→ Information Management systems, including needs assessments and monitoring, are integrated across camps
Ensure responsible handing over of the CCCM functions to the national authorities and relevant entities.

Develop and agree on handover and exit strategies to national entities and other agencies enabling and/or leading to the closure of camps, sites and settlements.

Undertake contingency planning to ensure identification of sites and other appropriate accommodation modalities (including, for example, collective centers, hosting among local communities) to enable IDPs to enjoy their rights and access services (including mapping of potential national, local and non-governmental partners for coordination and management of such sites).

Identify, select and develop adequate settlement options according to the context (including, for example, urban, rural or camp) to ensure dignified and safe access to services, while giving due consideration to settlement closure.

Ensure that settlement and site design promotes privacy by allocating sufficient space according to minimum sectoral standards.

→ Strategy developed and implemented

→ Site selection, site planning and site monitoring/implementation conducted according to UNHCR and/or SPHERE standards
### Suggested Interventions

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#### UNHCR Focus Objective

**Civil Registration and Civil Status Documentation Strengthened**

- Advocate with and build the capacity of national and local authorities to support and facilitate the provision and recognition of civil status documentation for IDPs.
- Ensure that newborn children are registered and provided with birth certifications.
- Lead population data management of the affected population (including, for example, profiling, enrollment for assistance, movement tracking) for rural/urban as well as communal/dispersed.
- Set and disseminate standards for population data collection and processes.
- Gather, analyze and share concerns, intentions and needs of IDP populations.
- Establish systems for the identification, referral and monitoring of IDPs, with a particular focus on persons with specific needs.

**Related Focus Outputs**

- Advocacy conducted
- Capacity development supported
- Issuance of civil status documentation by national institutions supported

#### UNHCR Focus Objective

**Population has Optimal Access to Reproductive Health and HIV Services**

- Advocate for non-discriminatory access of IDPs to national reproductive health and HIV services.

**Related Focus Outputs**

- Advocacy conducted
Develop a Protection and Solutions Strategy for IDPs and, where appropriate, returning refugees and stateless populations, together with the authorities and development actors.

Ensure that the root causes of forced displacement and obstacles to solutions are clearly articulated and prioritized in all national and international context analysis, planning tools and advocacy documents.

Advocate for the inclusion of IDPs and host communities in joint UN and national planning and processes (including National Development Plans).

Advocate for the access of IDPs to services.

Advocate for the access of IDPs to self-reliance activities, while only programming for livelihoods for IDPs in specific circumstances, such as in mixed situations when engaging in area-based approaches for refugees.

Advocate for the registration of IDPs on the electoral roll and for mechanisms for the restitution of land and access to land titles.

Encourage government and development actors to widen the scope of existing programming so as to permit the inclusion of IDPs, returnees and settled communities in ongoing programming.

Encourage humanitarian actors to design emergency programming so as to be compatible with national programmes and services.

Involve Early Recovery actors, including the Government and civil society, as well as development actors, in developing a solutions perspective from the onset of an emergency.

→ Comprehensive Solutions profiling of population conducted
→ Strategy developed and implemented
→ Advocacy conducted
**UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE**

**Potential for Voluntary Return Realized**

- Ensure that IDPs have access to all necessary information to make an informed decision concerning return.
- Ensure the voluntary nature of all return movements.
- Ensure that IDPs who are opting for return are provided with the necessary support and assistance to ensure the durable nature of the return.

**RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS**

- Assessment and analysis undertaken
- Go and see visits for refugees and IDPs conducted
- Information provided to persons of concern

- Individual voluntariness of return verified
- Advocacy conducted
- Sectoral cash grants or vouchers provided
- Special assistance for persons of concern with specific needs provided
- Return assistance provided
- Safe and dignified returnee transport provided

**UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE**

**Reintegration Made More Sustainable**

- Advocate for and promote respect for the rights of IDPs to land, housing, property and documentation.
- Provide technical support, guidance and capacity building to national and local authorities to ensure that IDP enjoy their basic rights as well as equal access to services in areas of return.
- Facilitate and promote respect for the rights of IDPs in return areas, including access to services, through the development of comprehensive reintegration strategies.
- Ensure adequate monitoring of IDP return areas through community-based returnee monitoring programmes.

**RELATED FOCUS OUTPUTS**

- Land, housing, property and documentation rights of persons of concern are upheld
- Capacity development supported
- Strategy developed and implemented
- Partnerships with development actors established
- Situation of persons of concern monitored
Facilitate and promote respect for the rights of IDPs and their access to services in integration areas through the development of comprehensive integration strategies.

Advocate with national and local authorities to ensure that IDPs enjoy their basic rights as well as equal access to services.

Support peaceful co-existence initiatives for both IDPs and local communities in areas of integration.

Ensure that conditions for IDPs in areas of integration are adequately monitored through community-based monitoring programmes.

Support peaceful co-existence initiatives for affected communities, including IDPs (through, for example, sensitization campaigns, social cohesion initiatives and community support projects, including in areas of return and relocation).
**UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE**
Public Attitude Towards Persons of Concern Improved

Advocate and provide capacity building to authorities and local communities to combat xenophobia, racism and intolerance against IDPs.
- Advocacy conducted
- Capacity development supported

Engage, promote and facilitate public information interventions focused on the protection of IDPs.
- Relations with local and international media established and sustained

**UNHCR FOCUS OBJECTIVE**
Operations Management, Coordination and Support Strengthened and Optimized and/or Logistics and Supply Optimized to Serve Operational Needs

Some of the activities as outlined in the narrative under cluster coordination and interventions in support of cluster leadership may need to require an operations management and/or logistics budget.

Activities are to be defined by operations in line with their needs.