

***DRAFT (26 September 2016)***  
**Terms of Reference**  
**IASC Working Group - Protection Task Team**

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### **Background**

Upon review of the draft the IASC Protection Policy in July 2016, the IASC WG identified a need for a time-bound Task Team to prepare for, facilitate, and support the roll out and implementation of the Policy upon its endorsement by the IASC Principals. This roll out and implementation plan will entail the strong support and collaboration of the Global Protection Cluster (GPC), Emergency Directors Group (EDG), and other key stakeholders. This Task Team could also undertake other time-bound tasks (yet to be identified) to advance the protection agenda.

### **Objectives**

The primary objectives of the proposed work are:

- Thorough and successful roll out of the IASC Protection Policy across the humanitarian system, including within humanitarian organisations, the humanitarian leadership, and inter-agency fora.
- The institutionalization of the Centrality of Protection within humanitarian organisations, the humanitarian leadership, inter-agency fora, mechanisms, and decision-making processes, and in relation to other relevant stakeholders.
- Strategic and collective response to achieve protection outcomes in humanitarian crises.

Key Activities for the Task Team:

- Further development the roll out and implementation strategy for the IASC Protection Policy
- Provide key stakeholders with tools and materials to support wide dissemination of the Protection Policy
- Promote the roll out and implementation of the IASC Protection Policy, in liaison with other key stakeholders, including through integration into policies, guidance and management of humanitarian response activities
- Undertake specific tasks identified by the IASC WG to advance the protection agenda.
- Keep the IASC WG informed of progress on the implementation of these tasks with a view to soliciting their advice and support.

The Task Team will be dissolved upon completion of this work.

### **Working methods**

- The IASC WG oversees the work of this Task Team.
- The role of the Task Team Chair or co-Chairs is to facilitate the overall work of the Task Team, steering implementation of the work plan, convening and chairing meetings as necessary, maintain transparent and inclusive information flow for participating organizations, ensure full participation and robust discussion by UN and non-UN Task Team participants, facilitate agreement on actionable steps, and support their timely implementation. The Task Team Chair or co-Chairs report to the IASC WG on the work of this Task Team and may represent it externally.

- Participation in this Task Team is open to all humanitarian organisations. . Participating organisations are encouraged to take up leadership of different activities and to contribute to the work of the Task Team through active collaboration with one another. The Task Team may seek dedicated resources to facilitate implementation of some tasks.
- Individual members of the Task Team are encouraged to take on lead roles on individual activities or tasks in the collective work of the Task Team, including coordinating the contributions of TT members, developing and drafting materials, initiating and facilitating discussions on draft materials, and briefing the Task Team on work progress, in particular to ensure the necessary links to the other activities of the Task Team.
- The work of this Task Team will adhere to the Principles of Partnership, namely: equality, transparency, results-oriented approach, responsibility and complementarity.<sup>1</sup>

### **Complementarity with other IASC Initiatives**

- The Task Team will seek to ensure complementarity with other and related IASC initiatives, for example, Operational Peer Reviews, STAIT and IASC Task Teams addressing Protracted Displacement and PSEA. In all work of the described Task Team, efforts will be made to compliment and not duplicate the work resulting from other initiatives.

### **Adoption of Terms of Reference**

Once this ToR is agreed by the Task Team, it will be referred to the IASC WG for review and endorsement.

### **Timeframe**

This terms of reference will be in effect for one year from the date of endorsement, after which it can be reviewed and extended by the IASC if deemed necessary and appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> These principles may be found in full here: <http://www.globalhumanitarianplatform.org/pop.html>