Who we are

The Protection Standby Capacity Project (ProCap) is an inter-agency initiative created in 2005 in collaboration with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), which seeks to build global protection capacity and enhance the humanitarian system’s protection response.

ProCap aims to strengthen the collaborative response of protection and non-protection mandated organisations and supports the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals’ Statement on the Centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action.

What we do

ProCap deploys senior personnel with proven protection expertise to field, regional, and global operations to develop sustainable protection-capacity programming. They train protection staff from Standby Partners and UN Agencies and support Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HC), UN agencies, and integrated missions.

The Advisors create sustainable paths toward protection in humanitarian emergencies, caused either by disaster or conflict; protracted or neglected crises; and in transitional contexts.
How does ProCap provide support?

- Strategic protection and HCT/UNCTs to RC/HC offices
- Supportive development of protection policies including, national IDP policies, in coordination with governments.
- Development and implementation of protection-sensitive humanitarian responses.
- Support inter-agency coordination mechanisms, including Protection Clusters, to improve protection coordination.

Develop capacity building initiatives, protection analysis, and workplans to ensure sustainable protection capacity.

ProCap’s Added Value

- ProCap Officers act as an inter-agency support reinforcing the protection response for affected populations and vulnerable groups.
- Technical expertise for HCTs to develop sustainable strategic and operational protection policies and strategies, with a focus on IDPs.
- The ProCap Adviser leaves lasting tools and systems in place upon the end of deployment – not a permanent protection appointee but a capacity-facilitator.

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Requesting a ProCap Adviser?

- Following consultation with protection actors within Humanitarian Country Teams, a written request with ToRs is submitted.
- The ProCap project covers salary, Daily Subsistence Allowance, insurance, and travel to duty station. NRC is responsible for administrative aspects of the deployment.
- Host agencies are responsible for security arrangements, office space and equipment, and in-country travel. Two or more agencies can agree to share costs.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, the project responded to complex humanitarian contexts such as Burundi, Nigeria, CAR, Lesotho, Cameroon, Mali, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Haiti. Most of the requests were related to support Humanitarian Coordinators/Resident Coordinators (HCs/RCs), to provide clear direction on how to address the most critical protection concerns through high-level advocacy and operations. Therefore, it was an added benefit to have ProCap advisers used as a resource for the wider humanitarian and response to have direct access to senior leadership, with a reporting line to the HC/RC, in addition to the representative of the hosting agency, reinforces the strategic role envisioned.

ProCap provided technical advice and strategic support to the promotion of the centrality of protection in major crises and complex humanitarian contexts across the world; supported inter-agency protection coordination mechanisms in emergencies; and embedded protection in humanitarian tools and processes. The Project also helped national governments develop and initiate IDP and durable solution policies and reinforced the capacity of humanitarian actors and local stakeholders to engage and incorporate protection in humanitarian action. By working closely with HCs, RCs and Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs) as well as national governments, advisers ensured that their work is translated into long-term sustainable measures.

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