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Who we are

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What we do

Deploy
ProCap deploys senior personnel with proven protection expertise to field, regional, and global operations to develop sustainable protection-capacity programming.

Train
ProCaps train mid-level protection staff from Standby Partners and UN Agencies and support Resident/ Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HC), UN agencies, and integrated missions.

Protect
ProCap Advisers create sustainable paths toward protection in all humanitarian emergencies: caused by disaster or conflict; protracted or neglected crises; and in transitional contexts.

A world where international, national and local actors fulfill their responsibilities to protect those affected by armed conflict and situations of natural disaster.

Our vision
How does ProCap provide support?

- Technical protection advice and strategic support to RC/HC offices
- Operational guidance and capacity support to agencies, clusters/sectors and other coordination structures and mechanisms.
- Technical support to regional, national and local authorities and stakeholders on protection

What is ProCap's added value?

- Inter-agency support reinforcing the protection response for affected & vulnerable populations
- Technical expertise, tools, and systems provided for HCTs to develop sustainable operational protection policies and strategies for IDPs
- Advisers are capacity-facilitators, not permanent protection appointees

How to request a ProCap deployment:

Calls for requests are released twice annually. With consultation with Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs), a formal request with proposed TORs is submitted, to be prioritized using established criteria. ProCap covers salary, daily subsistence allowance, insurance, and travel to the duty station. Host agencies are responsible for daily supervision, security arrangements, equipment, and in-country travel. Two or more agencies are encouraged to share costs.

**Main outcomes of ProCap Deployments:**

- Protection in Natural Disaster
- Centrality of Protection
- IDPs and Durable Solution Policies
- HCT Protection Strategy

**Highlights from 2017**

In 2017, ProCap supported 12 deployments at the country, regional, and global levels. The project maintained a roster of 30 senior advisers available to be deployed.

Trainings & Advocacy

ProCap trainings support the humanitarian system protection response by training not just ProCap (and GenCap) advisers, but also standby partners and UN personnel. At least two ProCap advisers were present for each of 4 sessions in 2017, conducted in English and French. A new E-learning model was also launched and prepped for full 2018 functionality.

Strategic Framework with GenCap

Following a 2016-2017 independent review, a new Strategic Framework was developed jointly with ProCap’s counterpoint for gender capacity, GenCap. The new strategy emphasizes increased sustainability measures, better M&E and learning, and deploys with a conscious exit strategy in place.

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