



Protection Emergency Preparedness and Response

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Potential Protection Risks and Impact

Major protection concerns expected: loss of lives, missing people, injured people, psychosocial trauma, displacement/relocation of people, loss of shelter, and loss of documentation

Most urgent protection needs to be addressed: prevention and response to family separations and needs for psychosocial support.

Heightened vulnerabilities as a result of:

- family separation and reduction of community protection mechanisms.
- exploitation, harassment, or violence as a result of the disaster
- spontaneous relocation into communal or emergency spaces/shelters with increased vulnerability for women and girls

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Thematic Areas

- Community Engagement
- Infrastructure Assessments & Closure SOP
- Rapid Response Team & Emergency Referral/Mapping capacity
- Family separation mitigation measures
- Trainings
- Preparedness Messages and Early Warning
- JNA and other emergency related assessments

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Community Engagement

Increase capacity of community-based protection mechanisms to respond to the immediate protection needs of women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and others with specific needs.

After **consultations** on their needs, **empower** them with what they really need, in terms of tools, knowledge (DRR), information (inter-sectoral plans), training, material (prepositioning of items in their shelter).

Awareness raising & Info sharing, through Community Outreach Members, to mitigate risks of family separation, abuse and exploitation, reaching out ALL refugees including the most vulnerable.

➤ **Guidance Note** on engagement of community during a natural emergency in the camps

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Infrastructure

Damage to facilities and consequently lack of services

- Mapping protection infrastructures at risk (Community Centers, Information Points, Women Centers, Child Friendly Spaces including recreational supplies)
- SOPs for partners to guide assessment, mitigation measures and closure
- If emergency shelters identified, ensure age&gender&diversity sensitive/mainstreamed

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Protection Rapid Response Team

Strengthened capacity of protection focal point agencies at the zone and camp levels to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable

Pool of protection rapid response teams, trained on identification of protection risks and referral mechanisms, to immediately deploy to respond to refugees' protection needs, with specialized staff also in CP and GBV. These mobile teams will respond to the affected areas based on the need/access/location basis:

- In close coordination with Health Mobile Teams
- At distribution sites
- Protection Monitoring

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Family Separation Mitigation Measures

- **Awareness raising/Key Messages** “Families are safest when staying together. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will be back. If you are lost or you lost someone go to the nearest Information Point”
- **Registration Database** at the gathering points to support family reunification
- **Child Safety bracelets** and awareness to parents and caregivers

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Contribution

- Mainstreaming protection in other sectors plan
- Joint Needs Assessment
- Preparedness Messages and Early Warning



Thank you

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