Protection Strategies: A Conversation About What We Know So Far
Analyzing what is needed to support results-based approaches to protection

Results-Based Protection Discussion

Webinar
Monday, May 18th, 2015
9:30am-10:30am (Washington)
2:30-3:30pm (London); 3:30-4:30pm (Geneva); 4:30-5:30pm (Amman);
5:30pm-6:30pm (Nairobi); 9:30pm-10:30pm (Bangkok)
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Online discussion
The webinar will be followed by a four-week on-line discussion
Monday, May 18th – Friday, June 12th, 2015
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A series of guest speakers will be invited to engage in one-hour webinars throughout the on-line discussion. Speakers will share their perspectives on key areas of protection strategies that support a results-based approach to protection, discuss examples from their experience, and pose additional questions for discussion.

Background
Over the past month, the InterAction Results-Based Protection Program carried out several interviews with key stakeholders to explore the development of protection strategies across different contexts. Representatives from eight NGOs, two country-specific NGO coordination bodies, and several ProCap officers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Central African Republic (CAR), Lebanon, Nigeria, and South Sudan were interviewed and asked to reflect on both the process and content of protection strategies.

On **Monday, May 18th**, the Results-Based Protection Program will hold a webinar to share preliminary findings coming out of the review. This webinar is an opportunity to kick-start an on-line discussion with additional stakeholders including protection coordinators, UN agencies, national civil society, and other sector actors. The objective of this discussion is to capture examples of good practice that demonstrate key elements of a protection strategy

that can support a results-based approach to protection. **The overall orientation and focus of discussion will not simply be to rehash past practice but look to positively shape future approaches to protection strategies.**

Some of the questions that we will explore include:

- **Finding: Protection strategies are not based on a comprehensive protection analysis.**

    - Limited time, the quality of data, and poor coordination are some of the reasons that prevent a proper analysis from taking place. Are there examples of good practice for how an analysis is used to shape protection strategies? What is required to make this happen?

- **Finding: Strategy development is often driven from the top rather than building from the ground up, limiting the involvement and sense of ownership at the field level and among those implementing programs.**
    - What steps are required to ensure strategy development begins with and is shaped by those directly implementing a response?
    - What are the drivers of "ownership"?

- **Finding: Developing a theory of change may be useful in articulating assumptions and causal pathways to achieve protection outcomes. In addition, it may help to identify the contributions of actors outside the humanitarian system necessary to reduce risk. This process is a necessary, but often neglected, step in the development of a protection strategy.**
    - Are there existing examples for the development of theories of change? How should we monitor and reflect on a strategy and its underlying logic and assumptions?
    - How do we change our approach to protection and protection programming to include other actors in addition to protection specialists?

This webinar and online discussion is open to field and headquarter staff from NGOs, UN agencies, and government representatives. Practitioners with considerable experience in protection programming, coordination, and the involvement/development of protection strategies are encouraged to participate. A recording of the webinar will be posted on the discussion forum to enable all those not joining the webinar to participate in the online discussion

DISCUSSION FORUMS
The InterAction Results-Based Protection (RBP) Program hosts an [online platform](https://protection.interaction.org) (https://protection.interaction.org) that serves as a central point of reference and site for discussion on results-based approaches to protection. As part of the online platform, discussion forums are used as a space to solicit the contribution of key stakeholders, including practitioners and specialized experts, to develop the key elements of results-based protection. Following the conclusion of each discussion, InterAction and the Learning and Steering Group will evaluate and analyze the conversation to incorporate learning into the Program and determine elements for further exploration.

Background on Results-Based Protection

<u>What is the challenge?</u>
The humanitarian community has come under increased pressure to achieve more meaningful results and demonstrate impact through protection programming. We need to know *if and how* we are contributing to an actual reduction in violence, coercion, exploitation, and deliberate deprivation people experience in crises. For more see <u>The Challenge</u>.

<u>Don't we already do that?</u>
While there are examples of effective results-based approaches within the humanitarian community, they are scattered across organizations without a coordinated effort to gather good practice and develop relevant guidance to systematize a results-oriented approach to protection. For more see <u>Current Practice</u>

<u>What do we know so far?</u>
During the first phase of the Results-Based Protection Program, through the Call for Examples, some key elements supporting a results-based approach to protection were identified. While not all the key elements have been evaluated for relevance and good practice, consultation with practitioners has yielded a strong list of critical factors essential for achieving protection outcomes and measuring results. For more see <u>Key Elements of Results-Based Protection</u>

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