



RESULTS-BASED PROTECTION

STRENGTHENING WAYS OF WORKING FOR PROTECTION OUTCOMES 2021-2024

The humanitarian community is increasingly focused on achieving protection outcomes. System-wide policy and guidance are moving in the right direction, embracing a focus on concrete outcomes. However, NGOs often lack relevant good practice examples and practical know-how in applying results-based approaches to protection. Risk reduction is difficult to measure, and the complexity of humanitarian crises makes planning for protection outcomes challenging.

Building on current momentum, InterAction’s Protection Team, with continued support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), seeks to contribute to a strategic and cultural shift within the humanitarian community to better achieve protection outcomes. This project includes three main components:

- (1) Field support for collective strategies
- (2) Development of a results-based evaluation framework for the prevention of gender-based violence
- (3) Strengthening organizational and systemic support for Results-Based Protection

What is Results-Based Protection?

Results-Based Protection (RBP) is a problem-solving approach to protection which aims for results manifested as a reduction in actual risks that people face. RBP underscores starting from the perspective of those experiencing violence, coercion, and deliberate deprivation and seeks to proactively navigate the complexity of humanitarian crises and protection concerns, for example through iteration, adaptability, investing in relationships, and strategic collaboration, to achieve protection outcomes.



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Project component 1:

Field Support for Collective Strategies

Over the past two years, InterAction has worked with NGOs in crisis contexts to use results-based approaches to address protection concerns. From 2021-2024, InterAction will continue this work in various contexts and will support NGOs to identify context-specific protection priorities and develop collective action plans to achieve protection outcomes. InterAction will provide ongoing remote support and occasional field visits. Documenting good practice at field level is an important output of this project; Key learning will be disseminated via InterAction's growing [resource library](#), webinars, and engagement in inter-agency efforts to strengthen collective outcomes. InterAction will hold two field practitioner's Roundtable for practitioners to engage in peer exchange, reflect on developments and experiences, and consider the further development of strategy. InterAction will also produce two briefing papers highlighting key protection concerns, ways of working to address them, and other reflections about putting results-based protection into practice (see previous reports [here](#) and [here](#)).

Learn more about field support [HERE](#).

Project component 2:

Evaluation Framework for the Prevention of GBV

Between 2019-2021 InterAction worked with NGOs to develop and launch an [evaluation framework for the prevention of gender-based violence](#) (GBV PEF). Starting in 2021, InterAction will work with NGOs to pilot the GBV PEF in several crisis contexts. An Advisory Committee will continue to convene and help steer this work. To support piloting, InterAction will develop support materials; hold yearly webinars on emerging practice; and seek feedback from field teams on the GBV PEF. Emerging lessons and good practice will be documented and disseminated. InterAction will commission a study in 2023 and hold a roundtable to learn about the practical application and challenges NGOs are facing. InterAction will also host a Community of Practice for practitioners using the GBV PEF to support its practical application, generate a shared and safe space for raising questions and challenges, and capture emerging good practice. InterAction will publish a joint report in 2024 with participating NGOs on the full project, including its development, pilot, and results.

Learn more about the GBV PEF [HERE](#).

Project component 3:

Strengthening Organizational and Systemic Support for Results-Based Protection

Building on previous work, InterAction will aim to accelerate action among influential actors in the humanitarian system. This includes the RBP Hub, established in 2019 consisting of HQ level NGO protection specialists and senior managers; Donor governments; and IASC bodies, including Centrality of Protection working group and inter-agency mechanisms, such as the ProCap Advisory Committee. InterAction will seek to inform and facilitate discussions based on insights emerging from this project, with a view to fostering learning and to inform decision-makers involved in driving institutional and inter-agency policy and practice. Bi-annual discussions (co-facilitated with Sida wherever possible) will be held with interested donors. In addition, InterAction will commission two pieces of action-based research designed to inform both field level protection strategies and HQ level policy and practice. It is expected that the action research agendas will help to animate and inform a shared learning agenda among a range of actors. The first piece of research will focus on the issue of conflict and hunger.

Learn more about this work [HERE](#).

GOAL: To contribute to a strategic and cultural shift within the humanitarian community to achieve protection outcomes of reduced risk using results-based approaches to protection

TIMELINE: June 2021–March 2024

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