



## **PRACTITIONERS ROUNDTABLE: SEEKING PROTECTION OUTCOMES IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: 8:00 – 10:00 (Washington D.C.) / 12:00 – 14:00 (London) / 13:00 – 15:00 (Abuja) / 15:00 – 17:00 (Nairobi) / 15:00 – 17:00 (Baghdad)**

There is growing recognition of the impact climate change is continuing to have on communities already living in situations of armed conflict. Impacts of climate change including changing weather patterns, intensified natural hazards, and shifts in land use and livelihoods opportunities can all contribute to, or otherwise affect, protection risks. Protection actors are working to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities to address these issues. This Roundtable hopes to add to that understanding by identifying key themes related to climate change and Results-Based Protection, bringing together field practitioners to share experience, and highlighting existing good practice.

The Roundtable will explore the following thematic issues:

### **Protection analysis**

In recent years there has been increased attention paid to the importance of risk-focused protection analysis. Good protection analysis takes into account contextual drivers and triggers of specific protection risks, which must include climate impacts. How are we incorporating analysis of climate and environmental impacts into our protection analysis? Where are we seeing climate impacts drive, trigger or exacerbate protection risks? Are our methods of protection analysis compatible with existing climate and environmental analysis? What do we need to do to strengthen joint analysis?

### **Multi-disciplinary strategies**

There is growing understanding that in order to achieve protection outcomes, we must work together across organizations, sectors, and even outside the humanitarian community. Where climate impacts and environmental degradation contribute to protection risks, organizations must work together using different expertise, mandates, and skill sets. What kind of collaborations do we need? What skillsets and other considerations are required to develop those collaborations? Where can we find good examples of effective knowledge sharing, collaboration, and partnerships?

### **Engagement with armed actors**

Engagement with armed actors can play an important role in strategies for protection outcomes, in addition to negotiations on access and humanitarian operations. In situations of armed conflict, climate impacts such as changes in the environment, weather patterns and livelihoods, can affect the behavior of parties to conflict, as well as the ways that both civilians and

humanitarians engage with those actors. For example, armed actors may seek to exert control over changing natural resources, or deliberately deprive populations of access to climate change mitigation measures. Are we witnessing any such changes in our work? Are the impacts of climate change affecting our own negotiations with armed actors, either negatively or positively?

## Objectives

- Exchange experience, good practice, and challenges related to reducing protection risks when populations are affected by both the impacts of climate change and armed conflict
- Explore how NGOs can strengthen efforts to address protection risks that are influenced by the impacts of climate change
- Support the use of outcome-oriented approaches to overlapping risks from armed conflict and the impacts of climate change

A Briefing Paper will be produced that reflects the discussion, findings and recommendations that emerge in the Roundtable.

## Background on Results-Based Protection

Results-Based Protection is a framework that aims to strengthen the humanitarian community's approaches to protection outcomes – by keeping the reduction of protection risk at a community level at the center of our work. There are three key elements in the Results-Based Protection Framework: (1) continuous context-specific protection analysis, (2) multi-disciplinary strategies and (3) outcome-oriented methods. Strengthening our approaches to protection outcomes requires applying this framework to the myriad circumstances that communities face in armed conflict. This Roundtable aims to deepen our collective understanding of the overlap between protection risks and climate impacts, and by doing so, help to deepen our understanding and application of Results-Based Protection as well.

## Seeking participants

InterAction is seeking participants for this virtual Roundtable. We are seeking case examples from the field where practitioners are working on issues of climate change and protection, in any stage of intervention, from analysis to design, to implementing programming, to coordination to advocacy and anywhere in between. We are also seeking individuals and organizations who are working on any of the abovementioned themes and would like to share that expertise.

We welcome attendance from practitioners working on these issues. If you are interested in attending, please [RSVP here](#), or reach out to Lea Krivchenia at [lkrivchenia@interaction.org](mailto:lkrivchenia@interaction.org) with any questions or feedback.