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To: Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)

Subject: Centrality of protection
- presentation by UNHCR and InterAction

Following the COHAFA meeting of 4 April, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by UNHCR and InterAction⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

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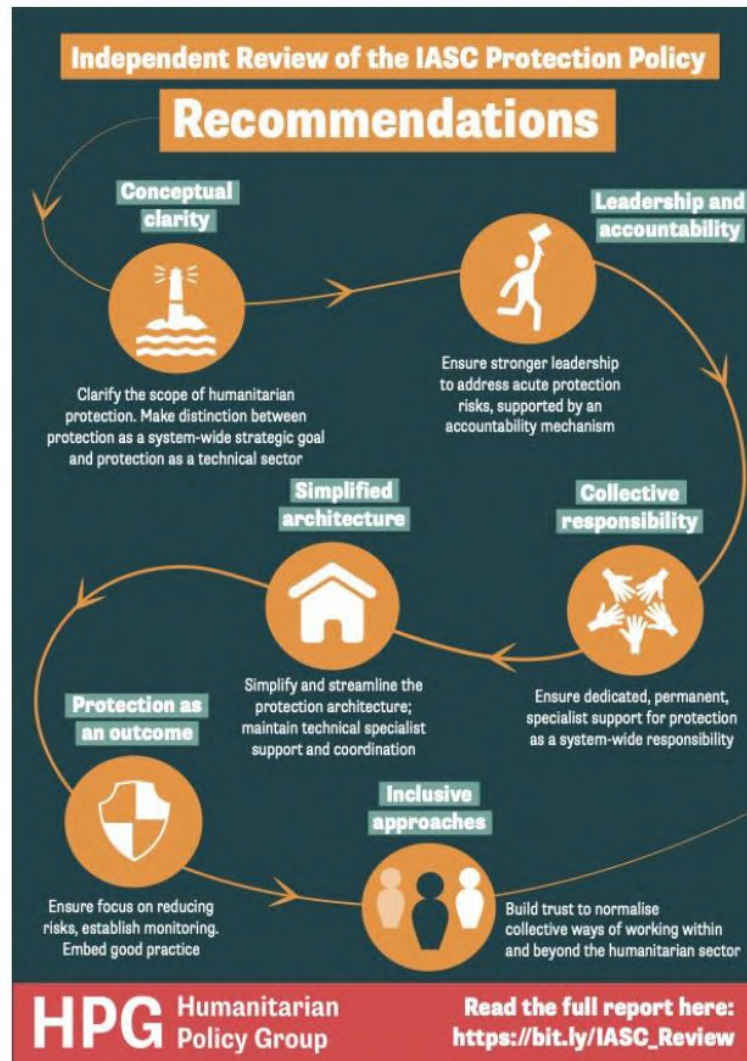
Centrality of Protection

Meeting of 4 April 2023

Objectives of the session

Brief on the findings of and ongoing follow-ups to the Independent Review of the implementation of the IASC Protection Policy

Discuss the role of member states and donors in advancing the centrality of protection (CoP) in humanitarian settings



Taking forward the Independent Review recommendations

Four Action Areas

- Conceptual clarity, protection as an outcome, collective responsibility
- Robust leadership and accountability
- Inclusive approaches
- Simplification and streamlining of the protection architecture

Tools and Processes

- IASC Action Plan
- Toolkit for Humanitarian Coordinators/Country Teams, including
 - Benchmarks
 - Aide-mémoire
 - Protection outcomes measurement considerations tool
- Champions initiative
- Consultations on simplification

How could member states contribute to better protection of affected populations in humanitarian settings?

- **Provide political backing** at global and national levels to **support humanitarian leadership to adopt robust approaches to protection**
- **Promote collective approach and use of tools and processes** under development
- **Align their policies and better coordinate their approaches to protection** to ensure their funding is coherent and incentivizes the **prioritization of protection, collective approaches and outcomes**

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