Objectives of the Cluster

- Coordination and capacity-building of protection actors
- Analysis of protection issues and trends
- Mapping of protection presence and response
- Protection mainstreaming of all clusters’ responses in Sofala

Coordination and capacity-building of protection actors

- **Meetings**: 40
  - Meetings held and respective minutes drafted also in Portuguese (to empower the local authorities and local NGOs)
  - For the Emergency Response phase (March-June 2019)
  - For the Early Recovery phase (July-December 2019)
- **Protection Strategies**: 2
  - On the 1998 Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, the 2009 Kampala Convention on IDPs, Early marriage, PSEA, etc.
- **Training sessions**: 46
- **Joint missions**: 8
  - Joint field missions to the field of Protection Cluster co-leads (DPGCAS and UNHCR)

Analysis of protection issues and trends

- **Several mappings and dashboards produced, such as:**
  - 3 Protection Cluster’s Operational Presence (5W)
  - 2 Protection Cluster Overview
  - 2 Protection Community Mobilizers in Sofala Province
  - 2 Protection Services in Sofala Province
  - 1 Protection Mapping: Protection Interventions
  - 2 Police Presence in Sofala Province

Mapping of protection presence and response

- **Theme-based coordination and involvement in protection initiatives**
  - The Protection Cluster was involved in the coordination and participated of several protection-related initiatives

Protection mainstreaming of all clusters’ response activities

- The Protection Cluster has carried out an identification of vital protection concerns of the other clusters with a view to mainstream protection in their activities, in particular in the Shelter, Food security, WASH, Health, Education Cluster and the Community Engagement Working Group.

- The Protection Cluster shared regularly with the other clusters, in the framework of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), the protection activities of its members and its main findings, e.g. the various protection monitoring reports, protection monitoring overviews, protection monitoring dashboards, and protection mappings it produced.

- The Protection Cluster offered training activities to all clusters on Protection Mainstreaming.

The Protection Cluster, with a view to ensuring the centrality of protection, was actively involved in several initiatives of other clusters and of the humanitarian coordination in general.

Coordinators

- **DPGCAS (Provincial Directorate for Gender, Children and Social Affairs)**
- **UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)**

30 Members

## Humanitarian Response (March 2019 – May 2020)

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The Protection Cluster adopted Protection Strategies and Implementation Matrixes for each of the two initial phases (all of which are available in the Humanitarian Response website), and, for the third phase, this Strategic Direction.

The January-May 2020 Strategic Direction is premised on the need for a responsible disengagement by the time the Protection Cluster is deactivated. It equally recognizes the need for both adjusting the Protection Cluster’s initial objectives and taking into consideration the integration of the IDPs in the new communities where they have been resettled/relocated.

The integration of both the IDPs and of their resettlement/relocation neighborhoods requires a **full transition to the authorities of the various services** (protection, WASH, education, health, shelter, etc.) that are currently being provided by the humanitarian community.

The focus, therefore, should be more on the empowerment and capacity-building of the protection-related coordination skills of the local authorities, and on the identification of the challenges for the integration of the IDPs in their new communities and of the resettlement/relocation neighborhoods into the administrative units to which they belong.

The Strategic Direction that the Protection Cluster has identified for the Integration Phase encompasses the following objectives and corresponding activities:

### Protection Actors are coordinated

The Protection Cluster will continue to hold its coordination meetings every second week, to circulate the minutes of its meetings, to update the mailing list of its members, and to further circulate protection-related information that may be relevant and useful to its members and other clusters.

### The Protection Situation is analysed

**PHASE 1: ANALYSIS OF EXISTING INFORMATION**

All the available protection information on the situation of resettled/relocated IDPs is gathered from a wide range of internal and external sources. The information collected should be reviewed from an age, gender, and diversity perspective to identify protection gaps in information, in services, in assistance, or in advocacy.

**PHASE 2: PARTICIPATORY ASSESSMENT**

Structured discussions are organized with IDPs (women, girls, boys, men, elderly people, persons with disabilities), providing them with an opportunity to explain the protection risks they face and to participate as partners in the design of responses to issues affecting their lives.

**PHASE 3: PARTICIPATORY PLANNING**

Planning meetings take place so that IDPs can discuss with local authorities (Distrito, Posto Administrativo, and Localidade) the protection challenges that have been identified. It is important that all stakeholders, together, review and analyse the information available and agree on the actions required for both maintaining an open channel of communication and addressing the protection challenges.

### Protection is mainstreamed in the activities of the local authorities

The Protection Cluster will take advantage of the meetings with the local authorities to build their capacity in terms of protection mainstreaming. Separate sessions should be organized to that end, also with interested clusters.