Housing, Land and Property

Area of Responsibility (HLP AOR)

GLOBAL MEETING (online), Thursday, 9th March 2023

*Participants from across the HLP AoR membership, including representatives from donor and member states; global and national clusters - protection, shelter and CCCM clusters; NRC, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, IOM, academic institutions and independent HLP experts.*

*AGENDA*

* Women’s HLP advocacy animations
* El Salvador and Honduras HLP Assessments
* AoR update
  + 2023-24 Workplan
  + Global Protection Cluster Conference, Amman, May 2023
* Shelter, CCCM and HLP update
* Updates from members – the floor is open!
* AOB
  + DRC new HLP focal point
  + US Conference on HLP, June

1. Advocacy animation – Key Messages on Women, Land and Peace

**Eleonora Serpi, UN-Habitat**

* Eleonora presented the new advocacy animation – Key Messages on Women, Land and Peace - released to coincide with International Women’s Day 2023. The animations have been developed by UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tool Network, in collaboration with the HLP Area of Responsibility, and with the support of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).
* The new advocacy animation captures the [Key Messages on Sustaining Peace through Women’s Empowerment and Increased Access to Land and Property Rights in Fragile and Conflict-affected Contexts](https://gltn.net/2021/12/10/key-messages-on-women-land-and-peace/). Securing housing, land and property rights enables women to feel safe in their communities and empowers them to actively participate in decision-making, peace negotiations, peacebuilding and peacekeeping. The advocacy video provides a quick reference on how to empower women and protect their housing, land and property rights in fragile and crisis affected contexts, and why this is an essential element to sustain peace and stability.  
  The video is available in [English](https://youtu.be/hJ8Dqz0YRXc), [Arabic](https://youtu.be/SmXTULjvCk8) and [French](https://youtu.be/OTzAYx-MSV4). You can also access the animations here:
  + Website: [https://gltn.net/2023/03/08/watch-the-new-animation-on-the-key-messages-on-women-land-and-peace/](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1pZuY7-0001JL-6C&d=4%7Cmail%2F90%2F1678284600%2F1pZuY7-0001JL-6C%7Cin6l%7C57e1b682%7C28201117%7C13659367%7C6408981B92A5BDF4EB9D22CF59160A27&o=%2Fphtl%3A%2Fgts2ntn2t%2F0.e%2F33%2Fa08w0%2F--tcehenhttnw-omaiaienn-kth-o-ameyessg-emns-nwoeo-nn-l--adad%2Fecaep&s=ACwYRjeA0I_-XfqmUEyFFicV1Lo)
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* The three videos can be downloaded through this link: [https://we.tl/t-vKHhHDz6lo](https://url6.mailanyone.net/scanner?m=1pZuY7-0001JL-6C&d=4%7Cmail%2F90%2F1678284600%2F1pZuY7-0001JL-6C%7Cin6l%7C57e1b682%7C28201117%7C13659367%7C6408981B92A5BDF4EB9D22CF59160A27&o=%2Fphte%3A%2FwtsK%2F.th-vHltol6zDH&s=8vMfryac-S2rgZVxDvSZT7iWWzY)
* Dissemination: social media most suitable + ask for others to include on websites and screen during events

**Discussion**

Very positive response from participants, noting their concise communication of key messages, usefulness of multiple languages and accessibility. Agreed that dissemination using social media is effective – all encouraged to share and screen during events etc

1. HLP Assessments in El Salvador and Honduras

**Silvia Mari Bachero, NRC ICLA, Central America and Mexico**

* Silvia presented recent HLP assessments carried out in El Salvador and Honduras, leading to the two reports:
  + [“Nowhere is Safe”: Housing, land and property rights for person affected by displacement in Honduras](https://www.nrc.no/resources/reports/nowhere-is-safe/)
  + [“I Want My Place”: Housing, land and property rights for persons affected by displacement in El Salvador](https://www.nrc.no/resources/reports/i-want-my-place/)
* Methodology: Education, shelter team, and community organizers - survey with around 800 households, 15 FGDs and 35 interviews – similar numbers in El Salvador
* HLP issues in Honduras:
* Tenure insecurity – following disasters people relocate to unoccupied and undeveloped land
* Titling processes are slow + lack of information
* Incorrect, lost/damaged documents, and no registration records – depends on community
  + In comparison to other countries documentation is relatively good but updating very slow
  + Around 50 % percent have only informal or no documents – many who do, have outdated documentation
* Women and HLP rights – relatively good – 43 % responded that they have documents in their name
* 60 % of people who inherited homes did not legalize inheritance division – can spur family disputes
* Loss of property at place of origin – gangs may loot places or use for own purpose, 1/3 who had owned housing before displacement could not recover it
* HLP issues in El Salvador
* World Bank survey 1995 found that 83 % have land titles but most are not updated
* People still waiting for documents after agrarian reforms and from developers
* Lack of info on obtaining documents
* Issues regarding loss of property at place of origin similar as in Honduras

[See presentation, here](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12ISKyBsZqJ6c_L_NUlIi32OEgJzK3tnO/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=107002381636555430160&rtpof=true&sd=true)

1. Global HLP AoR Update

**Ombretta Tempra and Jim Robinson**

* Presentation of Draft Global HLP AoR 2023-2024 Workplan and the following key areas:

1. Community of practice
2. Supporting HLP in country operations
3. Website
4. Advocacy
5. Training
6. Integrating HLP within other clusters, AoRs, streams of work

* Other aspects of the workplan include promotion of language diversity; governance structure of the AoR (strategic advisory group etc)
* Thematic areas of focus for webinars & compiling / sharing of materials:
* Due diligence
* Eviction prevention/response
* Women’s HLP rights
* HLP in durable solutions (local integration, resettlement, urban areas)
* Restitution and compensation

**Questions and discussion**

* upcoming US conference on HLP (see AoB) as first effort to create a community of practice on HLP for north America
* blockchain, tech solutions and HLP as a potential thematic area of focus
* consider building capacity of HLP response to emergencies, including advocacy on why HLP is important
* colleague from North-West Syria noting that in the earthquake response, HLP has been relegated to early recovery phase. Need to consider linkages between different tools to safeguard documents.
* Resources shared by participants:
  + [Land, women empowerment, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab region](https://arabstates.gltn.net/2023/03/08/publication-release-land-women-empowerment-and-socioeconomic-development-in-the-arab-region-evidence-based-perspectives/)
  + [Safeguarding evidence of housing, land and property rights of Syrian refugees](https://arabstates.gltn.net/2022/07/29/safeguarding-evidence-of-housing-land-and-property-rigits-of-syrian-refugees/)
  + [HLP in Emergencies – animation from the Shelter Cluster](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvD0aezLFG4)

1. Shelter, CCCM and HLP toolkit Update

**Melina Smith, IOM**

* Melina presented the latest [Beta version of the HLP toolkit for CCCM practitioners](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Js6oEr0ft2yJaid2IqNt099e4UM68i3n/view?usp=share_link) and [guidance note](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rOP2RXVG4zP3TWFan2sO1fcS08bjYNpk/view?usp=share_link), developed by IOM, CCCM cluster and the HLP AoR. The toolkit is targeted at CCCM practitioners and draws together existing, relevant HLP tools and provides guidance on how these can be used. It was developed in response to priorities identified by CCCM and HLP practitioners to strengthen HLP responses in various camp settings. Based on consultations with the CCCM cluster and HLP AoR working group, the toolkit aims to provide resources and tools for all phases of CCCM programming, from project planning to implementation and closure, and for situations that may arise along the way. There is a **4 minute explainer video**, [available here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MYC1Qd43b0w6R1ztyx0epiITKxOEg4Ro/view?usp=share_link).
* The toolkit is organised through eight thematic areas of focus; Due Diligence, Community Representation and Participation, Women’s Inclusion, Conflict Management and Mediation, Camp Closure and Transition, Urban Displacement, Eviction Response and Resettlement, and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities
* Next steps are to pilot how the toolkit is used by CCCM practitioners in country operations, update and then embed the toolkit on the CCCM website in a searchable form.

1. Any Other Business  
   * The first U.S. conference on [Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) in Crisis Contexts](https://www.interaction.org/events/u-s-conference-on-housing-land-and-property-in-crisis-contexts/) is planned with Howard University's Department of Architecture and will be hosted at Howard University in Washington D.C., USA on June 5th and 6th. The conference will bring together academia, donor organizations, the private sector, the United Nations and International Organizations, and global NGOs to **discuss HLP issues faced by people and communities after conflicts and disasters worldwide**.

The purpose of the event is to **share experiences and practices relating to HLP issues faced by displaced and at-risk communities to build a community of practice** and identify steps forward. Initially convened by internationally focused humanitarian and development organizations, this conference will also look at HLP with marginalized and indigenous communities in the United States to share learnings with colleagues working internationally.

Register [HERE](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2F4hazwKRuNdXSMMxT6&data=05%7C01%7Cmmcquate%40interaction.org%7C08284baaa9e7450d3a8c08db261e49e9%7C1d364442a49d4c2198dc328a914d38a5%7C0%7C0%7C638145683764081950%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QHMHPkxyLkoHHe0rmOGIvUa5F%2BlrQe51mtAleVq5LuE%3D&reserved=0).

* + Introduction of **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)’s new global HLP focal point** – Barbara McCallin, who will be based in Amman and Geneva. You can reach Barbara at [barbara.mccallin@drc.ngo](mailto:barbara.mccallin@drc.ngo).

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* Members and participants of the AoR are warmly invited to present on their work at future meetings, to suggest inputs for the global update newsletter. Get in touch – [jim.robinson@nrc.no](mailto:jim.robinson@nrc.no).
* Sign up for the HLP mailing list to receive event invites and global updates [here](https://mailchi.mp/nrc.no/globalhlpaor)

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday Wednesday 7th June 1400 CET - online**