



Protection Mainstreaming:

Guiding principles



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- Incorporating key protection principles by all sectors throughout program cycle.
- Bringing a ‘protection lense’ to the sector activities.



Guiding Principles

- **Equal and non-discriminatory access to services**
- **Delivery of Protection and Assistance in Safety and with Dignity**
- **Engaging Refugees and Communities for their own Protection**
- **'Do no harm'**



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➤ **Equal and non-discriminatory access to services:**

- Provision of and access to services to women, men, girls and boys based on the principles of equality and non-discrimination;
- Particular attention paid to those with specific needs including elderly and disabled refugees; unaccompanied girls and boys; households headed by women, girls and boys;
- Addressing identified challenges and/or barriers that could potentially impede on equitable access.



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➤ **Delivery of Protection and Assistance in Safety and with Dignity:**

- Activities aim at reducing and mitigating protection risks, including the risk of SGBV;
- Promotion of an environment, where protection and assistance are delivered in safety and with dignity;
- Attention to identified dynamics in households and in public spaces.



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➤ **Engaging Refugees and Communities for their own Protection:**

- Strengthening of the capacity of women, men, girls and boys to contribute to the protection of their own communities;
- Establishment/support of community-based protection mechanism and safety nets engaging women, men, girls and boys to benefit from the support;
- Strengthening two-way communication with persons that might be excluded from the decision making processes;
- Meaningful participation of refugees and communities in the development of sector response plans and activities.



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➤ 'Do no harm':

- Sector response plans and planned activities are based on an assessment of impact and understanding of gender dynamics:
 - Prevent or minimize unintended negative effects that may increase the vulnerabilities of women, men, girls and boys to protection risks
 - Monitoring of the impact on supported women, girls, boys and men to uncover unintended consequences.