

AN ICRC PERSPECTIVE ON PROTECTION

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Primary responsibility of States

"The most important danger in the protection/assistance approach is that it may give NGOs the impression that *they* are in charge of protecting people.

This is the primary responsibility of *States*, and not non governmental, humanitarian actors...."

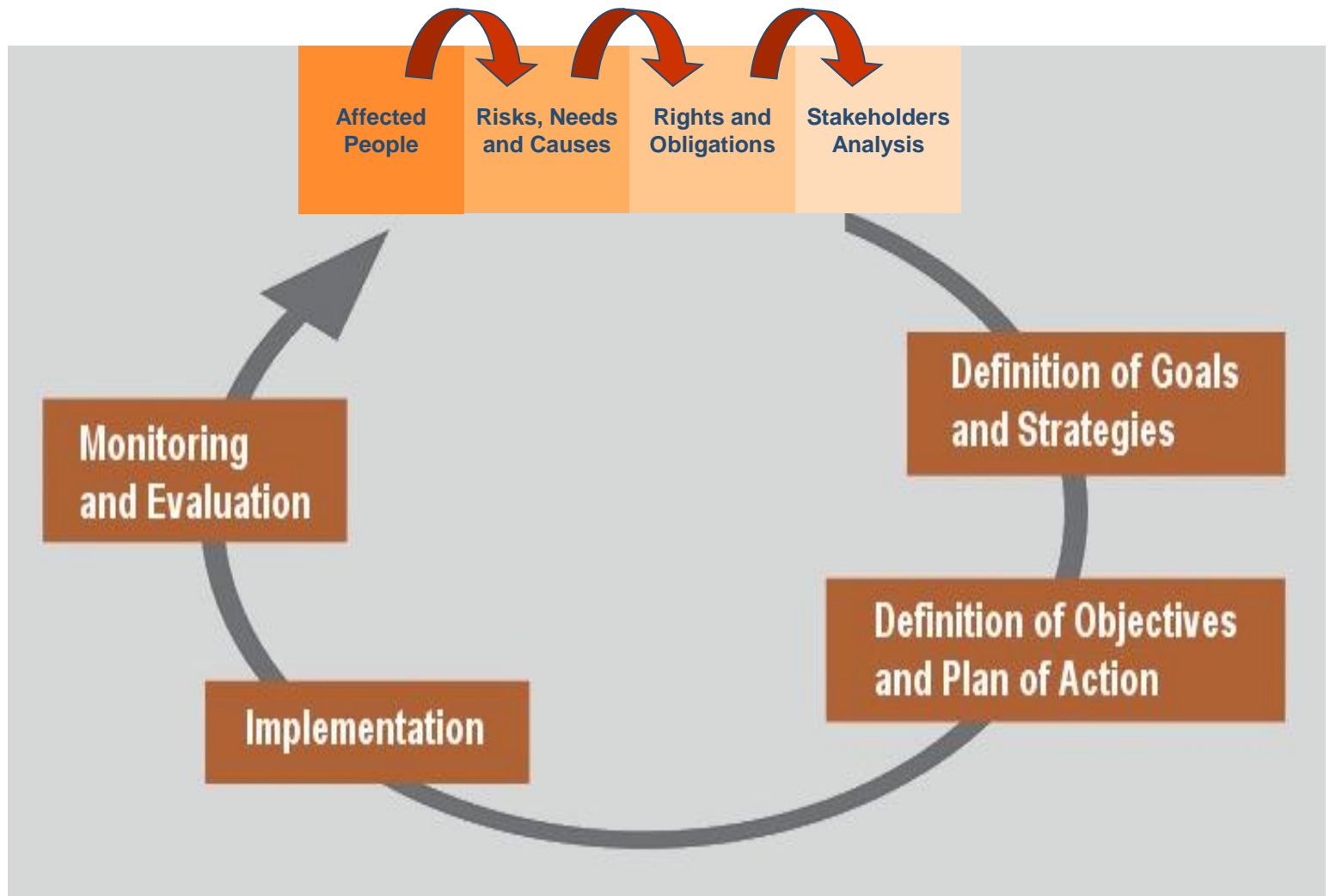


PROTECTION BY THE ICRC : THREE BRANCHES

- ▶ Re-establishment of family links
- ▶ Detention activities
 - ▶ Activities in favour of *persons deprived of freedom*
- ▶ Protection of the civilian population
 - ▶ Activities in favour of the *civilian population* and other persons not or no longer taking part in hostilities or acts of violence



Problem Analysis and Setting Priorities starts with the people affected

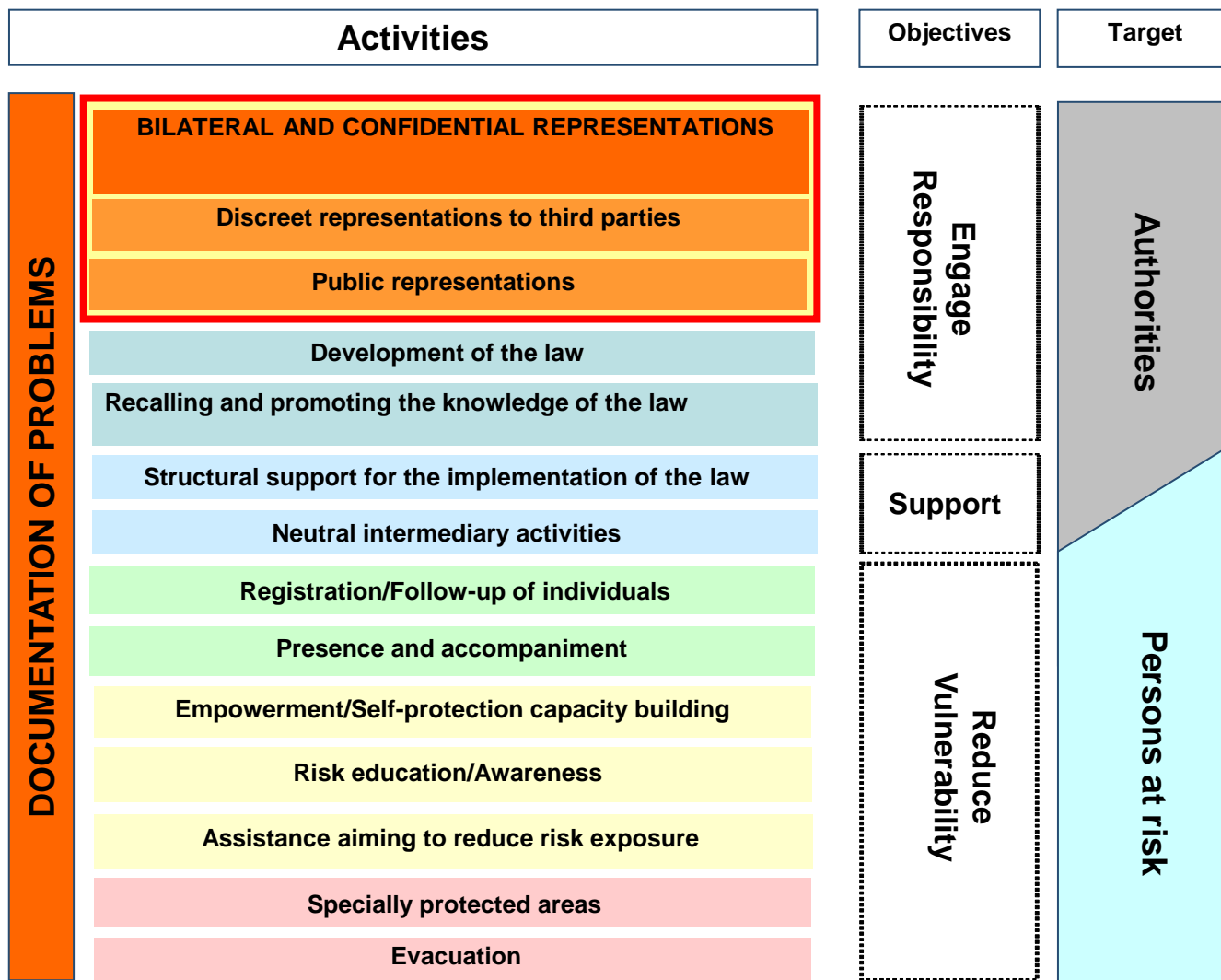


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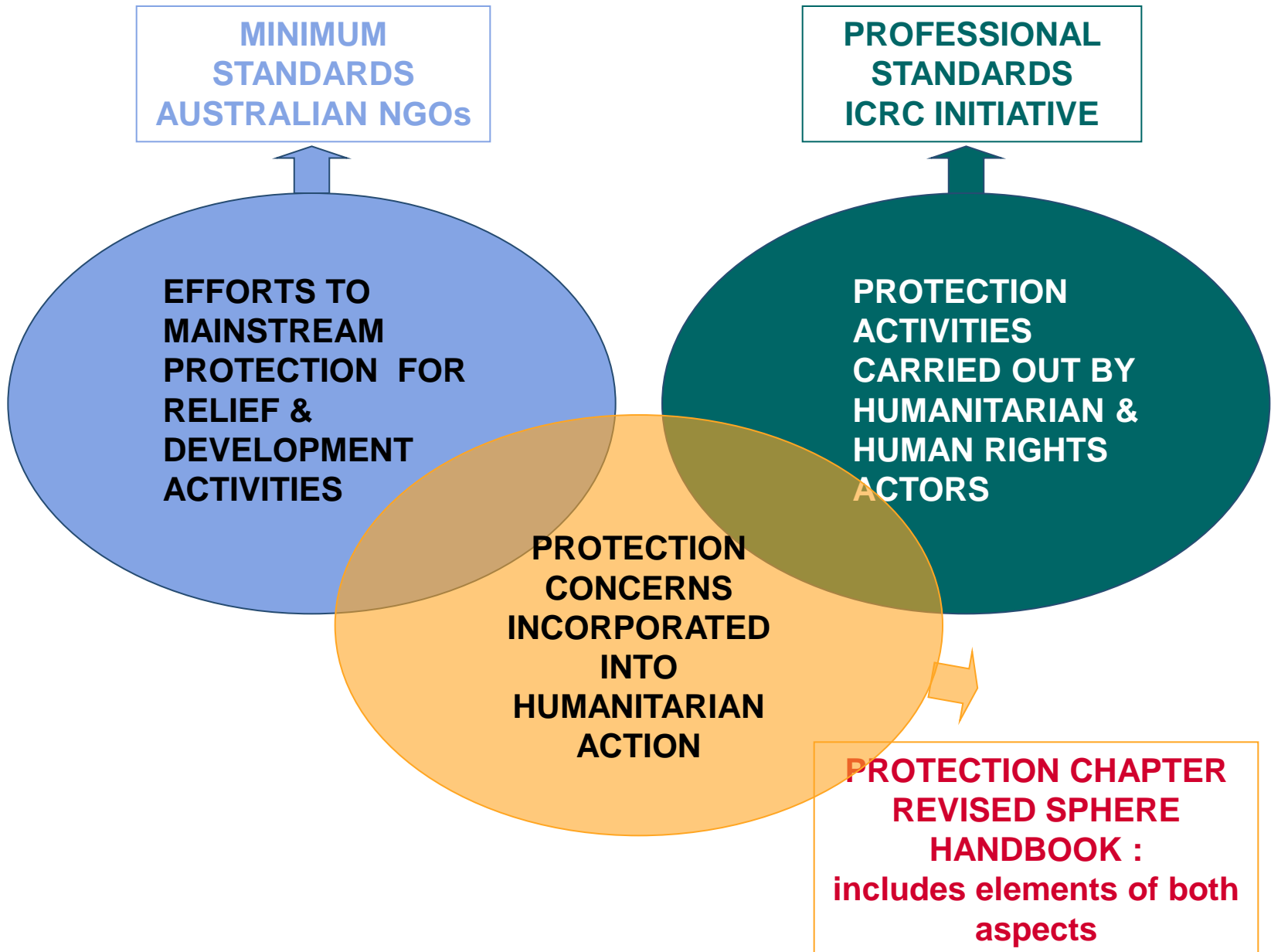
1. Integrating protection concerns into other humanitarian activities ("do no harm", "mainstreaming protection", "good Programming")
2. Protection activities aiming to reduce occurrence of abuses and violations



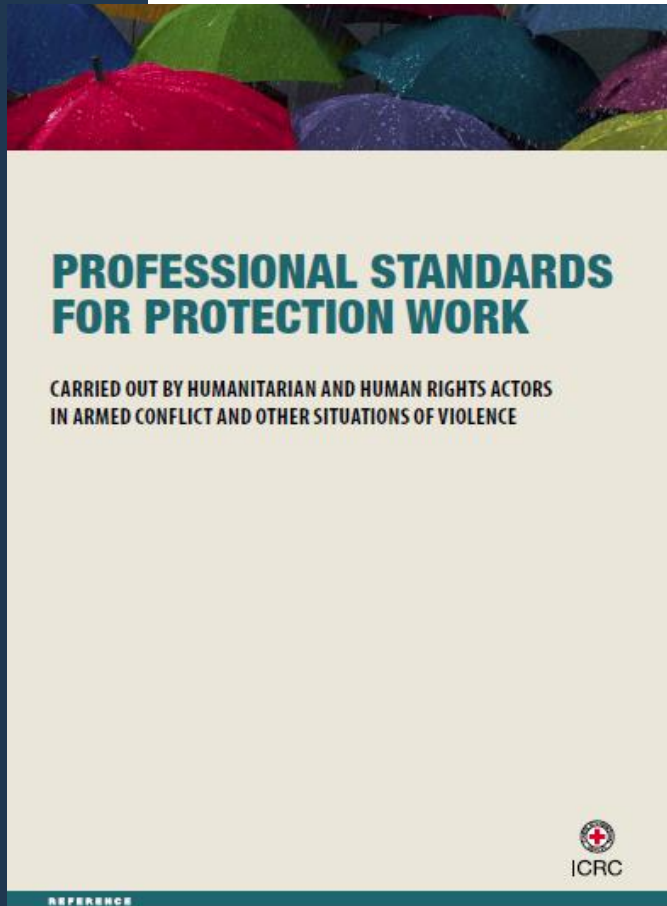
PCP Activities



Coherence with existing standards for humanitarian work



STANDARD SETTING AND DISSEMINATION



- ▶ 50 standards and guidelines
 - ▶▶ Professional standards indispensable
 - ▶▶ Guidelines as useful reference

- ▶ Explanatory notes capturing the main challenges and dilemmas





RATIONALE OF THE PROJECT

An effective protection response
demands adequate professional competence



- Protection work is extremely sensitive
- Minimizing potential negative effects
- Encouraging professionalism
- Ensuring maximum positive impact
- Not limiting the range and diversity of actors

Renewed Advisory Group

- ▶ **Amnesty International**
- ▶ **Danish Refugee Council**
- ▶ **Handicap International**
- ▶ **ICVA**
- ▶ **Interacion US**
- ▶ **OCHA**
- ▶ **ODI**
- ▶ **OXFAM GB**
- ▶ **UNHCR**
- ▶ **MSF Holland**
- ▶ **Jesuit Refugee Service**



Issues for update

- ▶ crowd sourcing & standard on managing sensitive protection information
- ▶ Civ-Mil interaction on protection issues
- ▶ Monitoring (guidance from practice)
- ▶ Engaging armed groups
- ▶ varia

