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...."



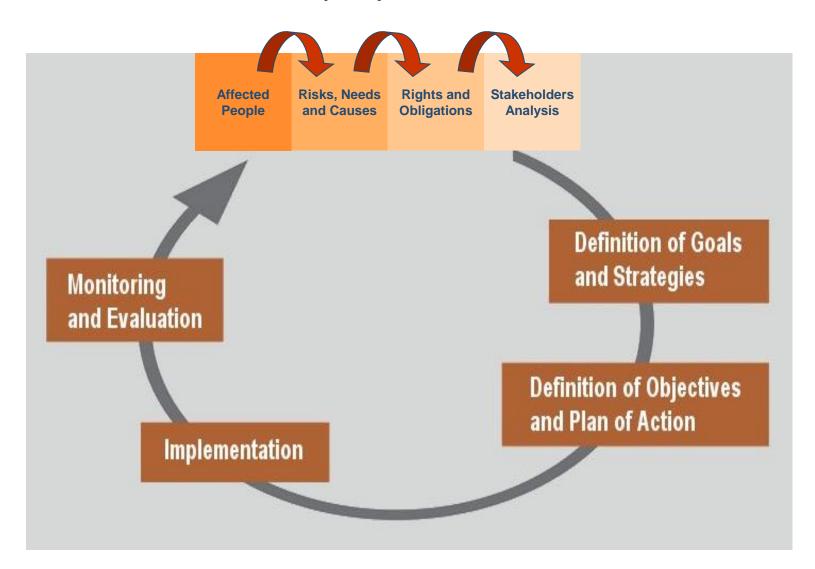
PROTECTION BY THE ICRC: TEREE BRANCHES

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





Need to distinguish:

- 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

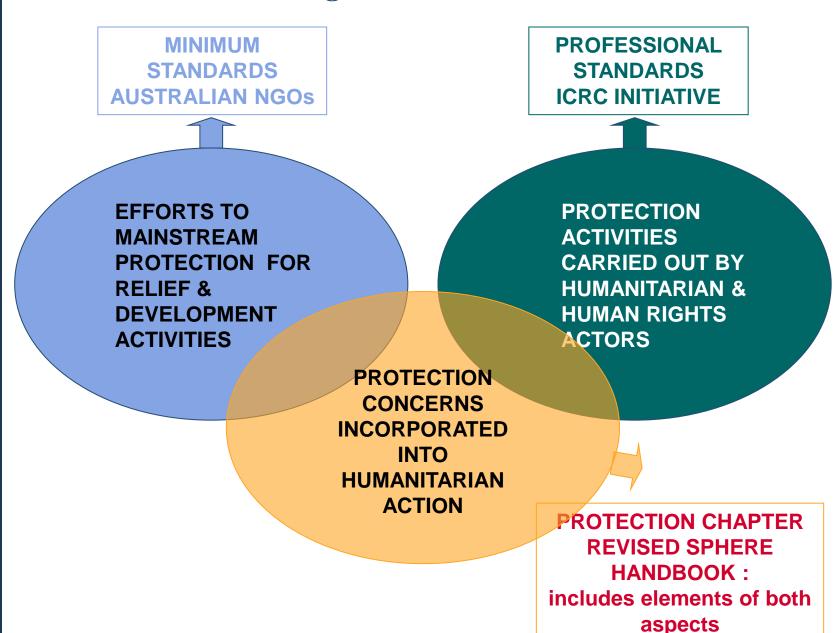


PCP Activities

Activities		Objectives	Target
DOCUMENTATION OF PROBLEMS	BILATERAL AND CONFIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIONS	_	
	Discreet representations to third parties	Engage Responsibility	<u>ک</u>
	Public representations		Authorities
	Development of the law		ritie:
	Recalling and promoting the knowledge of the law		G
	Structural support for the implementation of the law	Support	
	Neutral intermediary activities	Jupport	
	Registration/Follow-up of individuals		
	Presence and accompaniment	-	Pe
	Empowerment/Self-protection capacity building	R Vuln	rsor
	Risk education/Awareness	Reduce Vulnerability	ls at
	Assistance aiming to reduce risk exposure	» Sility	Persons at risk
	Specially protected areas		
	Evacuation		



Coherence with existing standards for humanitarian work





STANDARD SETTING AND DISSEMINATION



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION WORK

CARRIED OUT BY HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTORS IN ARMED CONFLICT AND OTHER SITUATIONS OF VIOLENCE



- ▶ 50 standards and guidelines
 - Professional standards indispensable
 - Guidelines as useful reference
- Explanatory notes capturing the main challenges and dilemmas





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
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