

# Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team

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## Protecting Civilians: Mission impossible? Humanitarian leadership in action



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# Centrality of Protection Iraq

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**During the impending military campaign to retake Mosul, nothing will be more important than the protection of civilians**

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**At its heart, the humanitarian crisis  
in Iraq is a protection crisis**

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## Steps taken by the HC/HCT in Iraq to strengthen protection:

- Protection is a standing item on the HCT agenda.
- Protection principles underpin the five strategic objectives of the HRP.
- The protection strategy provides a framework for addressing specific risks and preventing the recurrence of rights violations.
- Collective leadership ensures clear and streamlined integration of protection into statements and actions across humanitarian partners.
- The HC and HCT take on broader system and advocacy concerns, while cluster coordinators take on operational issues.




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## Mosul Concept of Operation

- Frequent interaction with Iraqi leaders and security forces during the preparatory phase with focus on PoC.
- Active media outreach. Proposing concrete measures in support of PoC for IDPs fleeing the city as well as civilian populations who remain in the city.
- Engaging different actors on evacuation routes and screening centres.
- Development of mechanisms to track conditions on the ground and channelling real time information through deep field staff to Humanitarian Operation Centre.





# Developing a principled framework for engagement to address humanitarian dilemmas in front line operations

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## The Principled Engagement Framework

- Objectives and components
- Development
- Application
- Next steps

	<b>Green</b> <i>Relevant full cluster responses are given as appropriate to the location</i>  <i>Relates to situations that might entail protection concerns but stakeholders agree that the nature and scope of those concerns do not warrant the provision of a limited humanitarian response.</i>	<b>Yellow</b> <i>Only limited first line responses are provided.</i>  <i>Relates to situations that entail serious protection concerns. This category has been included on the basis that some middle-ground, between a life-saving and a full response, is likely necessary in many contexts.</i>	<b>Orange</b> <i>Only life-saving assistance is provided.</i>  <i>Relates to situations that entail extremely serious humanitarian and protection concerns</i>	<b>Red</b> <i>No assistance is provided.</i>  <i>Relates only to the most extreme circumstances under which no aid can be provided due to the underlying concerns, which should be objective, clearly stated in writing, and made widely known if this category is evoked for denying the provision of aid.</i>
Checkpoints				
Screening facilities				
Transit Sites				
Other non-camp				
Camps				

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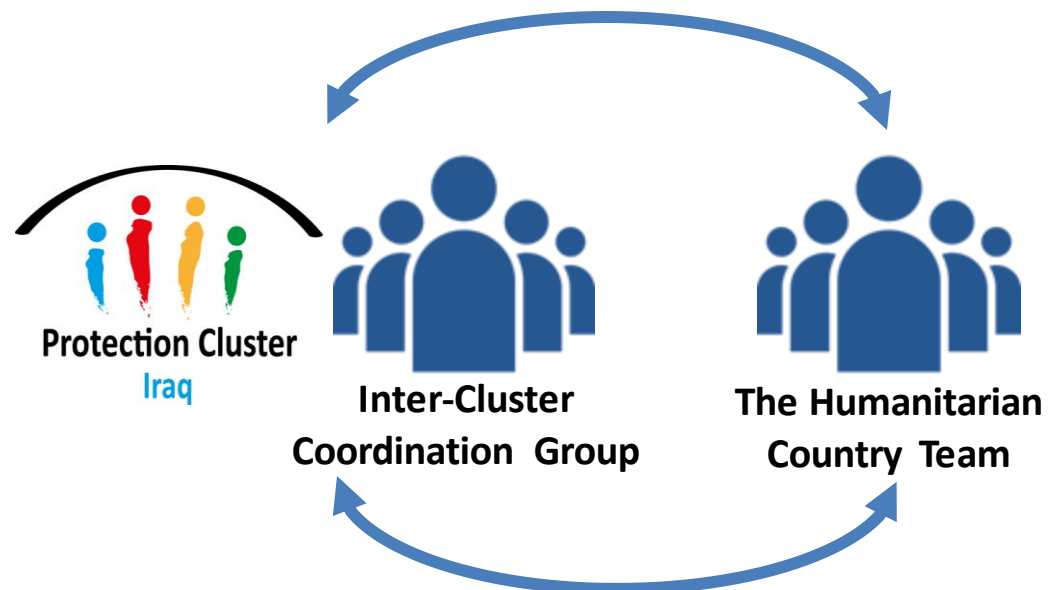


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## The Centrality of Protection

- The Iraq Protection Cluster
- The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group
- The Humanitarian Country Team





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## What is STAIT?

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The Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team (STAIT) was created by the Emergency Directors' Group (EDG) in December 2013.

Its purpose is to provide peer support to Humanitarian Coordinators (HCs) and Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs) to strengthen the effectiveness of humanitarian response in the field.

The team reports to the EDG, is hosted by OCHA, and supported administratively by UNDP.

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