

# Protection Mainstreaming Training





#### Who are we?





### **Objectives:**

- Demonstrate the relevance and importance of Protection Mainstreaming
- Introduce the concept of Protection Mainstreaming and its 4 key elements
- Express language as the pivot to ensuring meaningful access to humanitarian services



## **Why Mainstreaming Protection?**

What is protection Mainstreaming and why does it matter?



## What do you see?





## **Protection Mainstreaming**

The process of incorporating protection principles by promoting meaningful access, safety and dignity in humanitarian aid throughout the program cycle



#### At the centre of humanitarian action

#### Fundamental reason for humanitarian action

- Humanitarian imperative
  - Ethical
  - Normative
  - Functional
- All responsible



## **Objectives and Applicability**

- Improve the quality of programs
- Maximize impact
- Focused on "how"
- All humanitarian sectors
- Always and everywhere
- Throughout the humanitarian cycle



## **Key Elements**

## Key elements of Protection Mainstreaming



## **4 Key Elements**

- Prioritize safety and dignity and avoid causing harm
- 2. Ensure meaningful access
- 3. Accountability
- 4. Participation and empowerment



# 1. Prioritize safety and dignity and avoid causing harm

#### Safety

- Physical integrity
- Threats to physical integrity:
  - Violence
  - Coercion
  - Deliberate deprivation
  - Environment

#### **Dignity**

- Psychological and spiritual integrity
- Threats to dignity:
  - Lack of respect or consideration
  - Humiliations/stigmatisation
  - Dependence/absence of choice
  - Threats to physical integrity
- Liberty (of choice), respect and selfworth or self-esteem are central to human dignity



## Key messages

- Always avoid causing harm and prioritize safety and dignity
- Importance of context analysis and Risk Analysis of Activities
- Think and analyse critically our programs
- Sometimes, not providing assistance is the right thing to do

# IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE OUR ACTIVITIES AND PLANS!



## 2. Ensure meaningful access

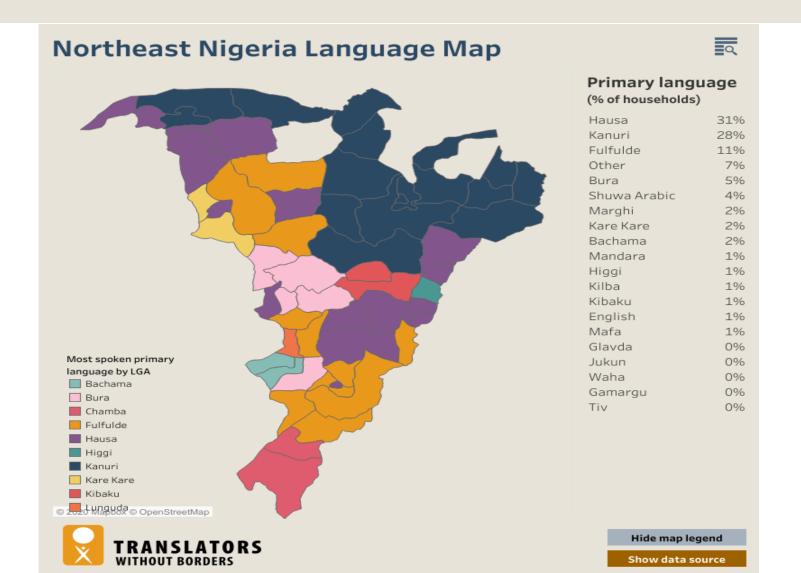
#### Key messages

#### **3 Dimensions of access**

- Assistance based on needs (not status)
- Identify all the groups within the population and their specific needs (AGD)
- Without barriers (e.g. Physical and non-physical, discriminations, language exclusion...)



## TWB language map by IDP camp





## 3. Accountability

#### Key messages

- Responsibility
  - quality of our programs/services
  - quality of our behaviour
- Transparency
- Competence & Code of conduct
- Set-up appropriate feedback and complaints mechanisms
- Respond to expressed concerns



## 4. Participation and empowerment

#### Key messages

- Allow affected populations to play an active role in the decision-making process on issues that affect them
- Together with accountability, it is a key means to ensure both the safety & dignity and meaningful access of affected population
- Ensure that most vulnerable and marginalised populations are represented



## Participation scale

- Ownership
- Partnership
- Functional
- Material motivation
- Consultation
- Information transfer
- Passive





## Summary

#### 4 key elements

- Interdependent and mutually reinforcing
- Essential to quality programming
- Requires proactive steps to support safe and dignified programs
- Changing perspective on what is and how to conduct humanitarian work



## **How TWB supports**

TWB offers lots of helpful resources and services including:

- Translation, interpretation and transcription of written, audio and pictorial documents.
- Training and capacity building sessions on language related issues
- Language glossaries <a href="https://glossaries.translatorswb.org/nigeria">https://glossaries.translatorswb.org/nigeria</a>
- Thematic language development in specific areas
- Simplification and plain-language support



## Questions





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## From all of us at TWB:

# Thank you