



THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON ENGAGING WITH NON-STATE ARMED GROUPS FOR HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION

**Bangkok, Thailand
23-24 January 2020**

The prevalence of armed conflicts involving armed non-State actors carries important legal, policy, and operational implications for humanitarian professionals. Focusing on their application to non-State armed actors, this workshop provides a review of the relevant bodies of international law, in particular international humanitarian law and international human rights law. It also offers an analysis of frameworks and methods for engagement with non-State actors on specific issues such as negotiating humanitarian access or developing humanitarian protection strategies. This workshop, organized in partnership with Geneva Call, aims at strengthening participants' capacity to use international law to engage with non-State armed actors when appropriate in those challenging contexts and promote their respect of international norms in conflict situations.

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee & registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, introduction and overview of the agenda
9:30 – 10:45	The basis for humanitarian engagement with non-State armed groups (NSAGs)
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15	The obligations of NSAGs under international law
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:00	Engagement actors and approaches
14:00 – 15:00	In Focus: The approach of the ICRC
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:30	Methods of engagement with NSAGs for humanitarian protection
16:30 – 17:30	Group exercise
19:30	Group dinner

FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Review of previous day
9:15 – 10:15	The challenge of counter-terrorism
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:30	Other challenges and dilemmas
11:30 – 12:30	In Focus: Engaging with armed gangs
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Lessons learned and case studies
14:30 – 15:30	Group exercise
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	Role play
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap-up and Thematic Workshop closing