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# An Integrated Approach to Protection

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# Overview

To reduce risks associated with climate change and disaster, there needs to be a paradigm shift. The future DRR framework should place gender and protection at its centre for sustainable, resilient development overall.

This applies to local, regional and global levels of the disaster management cycle



## 1. Snapshot of Pacific context

- Context of Pacific Island Countries (PIC)
- Cluster system & protection cluster role

## 2. Priority considerations for DRR in the Pacific

- May be relevant for wider audience

## 3. Recovery as an opportunity

- Practical suggestions for the “recovery” phase

## 4. Conclusion

- Also refer ProPa statement

# 1. Pacific Context

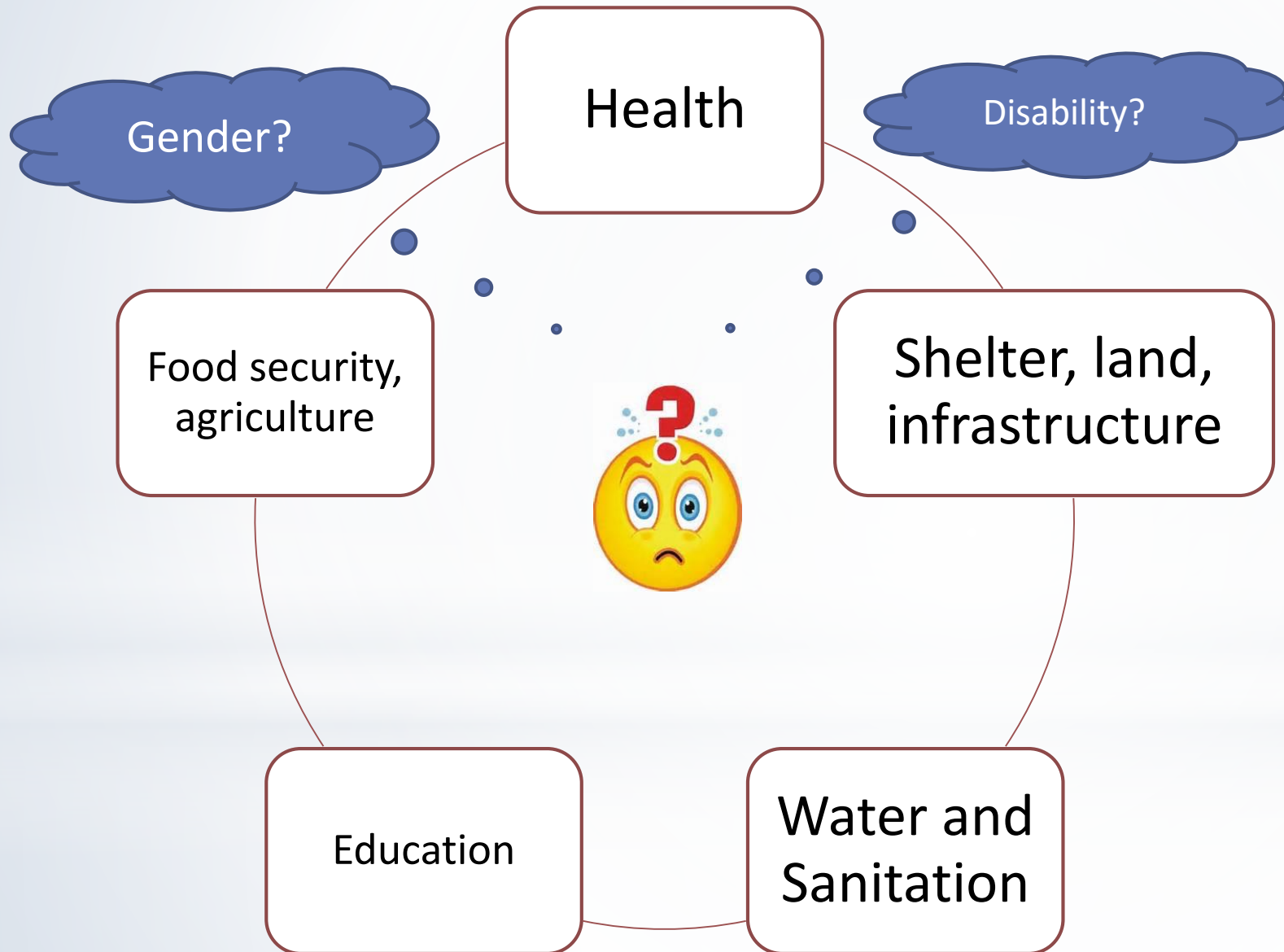
- Climate change
- Remote islands
- Lack of services

The cluster system

Centrality of Protection?



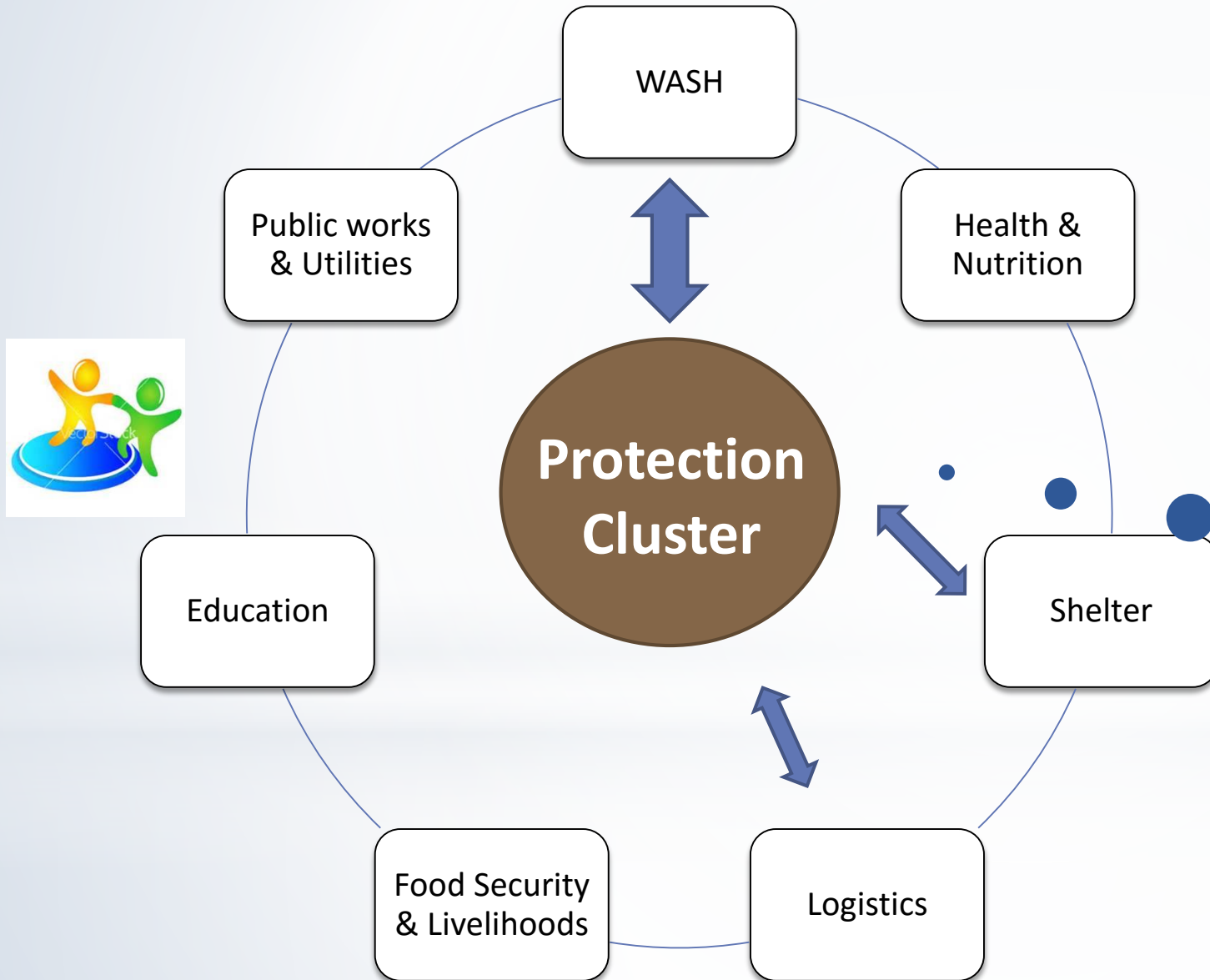
# In Preparedness...



- Preparedness activities undertaken by sectors
- “Mainstreaming” is ad hoc



# In Disaster Response...

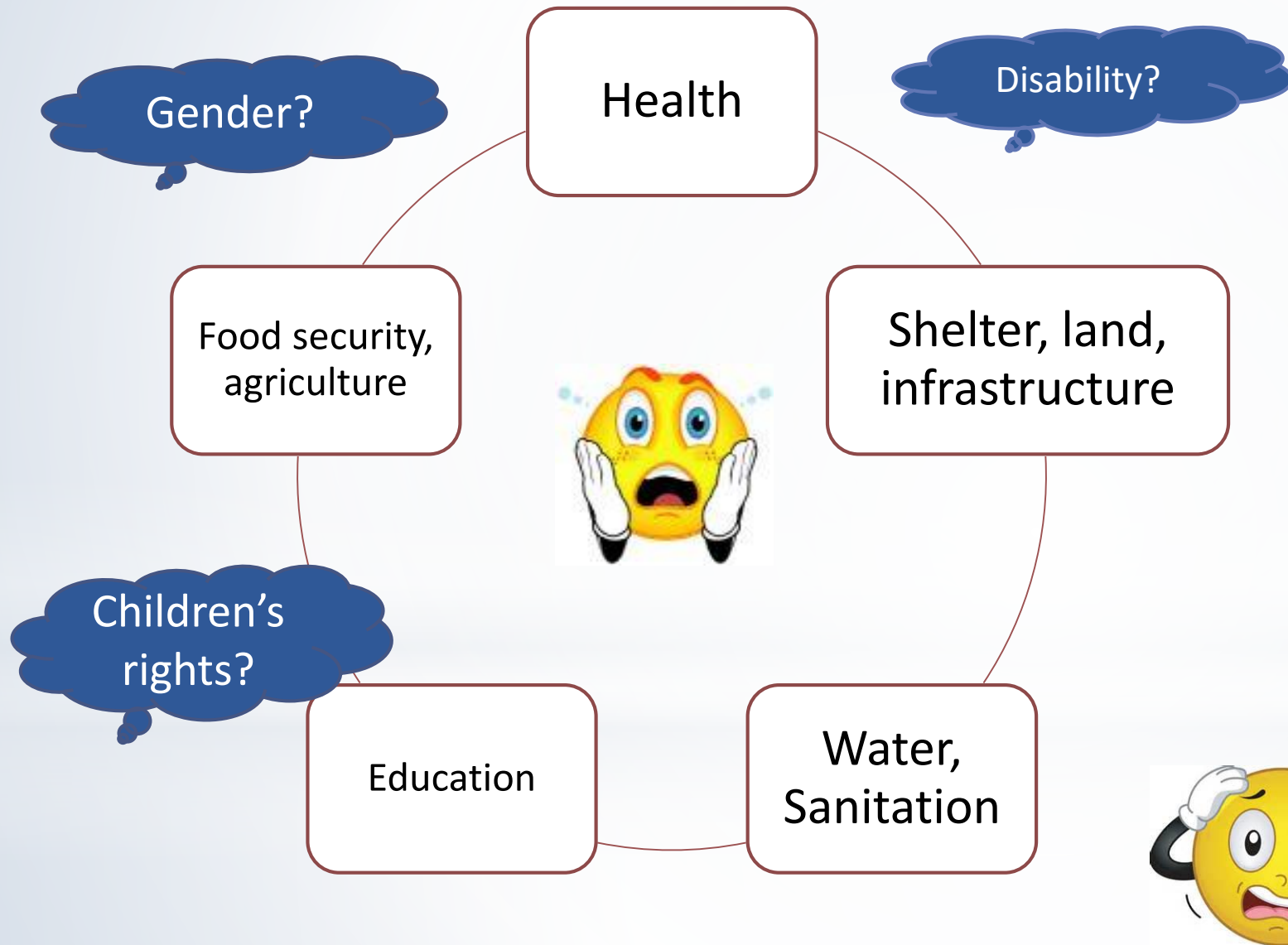


- Protection Cluster is central from the outset of humanitarian response
- All actors are **obliged** to mainstream protection

Protection clusters advise re:

- Children, Gender, PLWD, older persons, Land issues, Do no harm, Equal distribution, Etc.

# In Recovery...

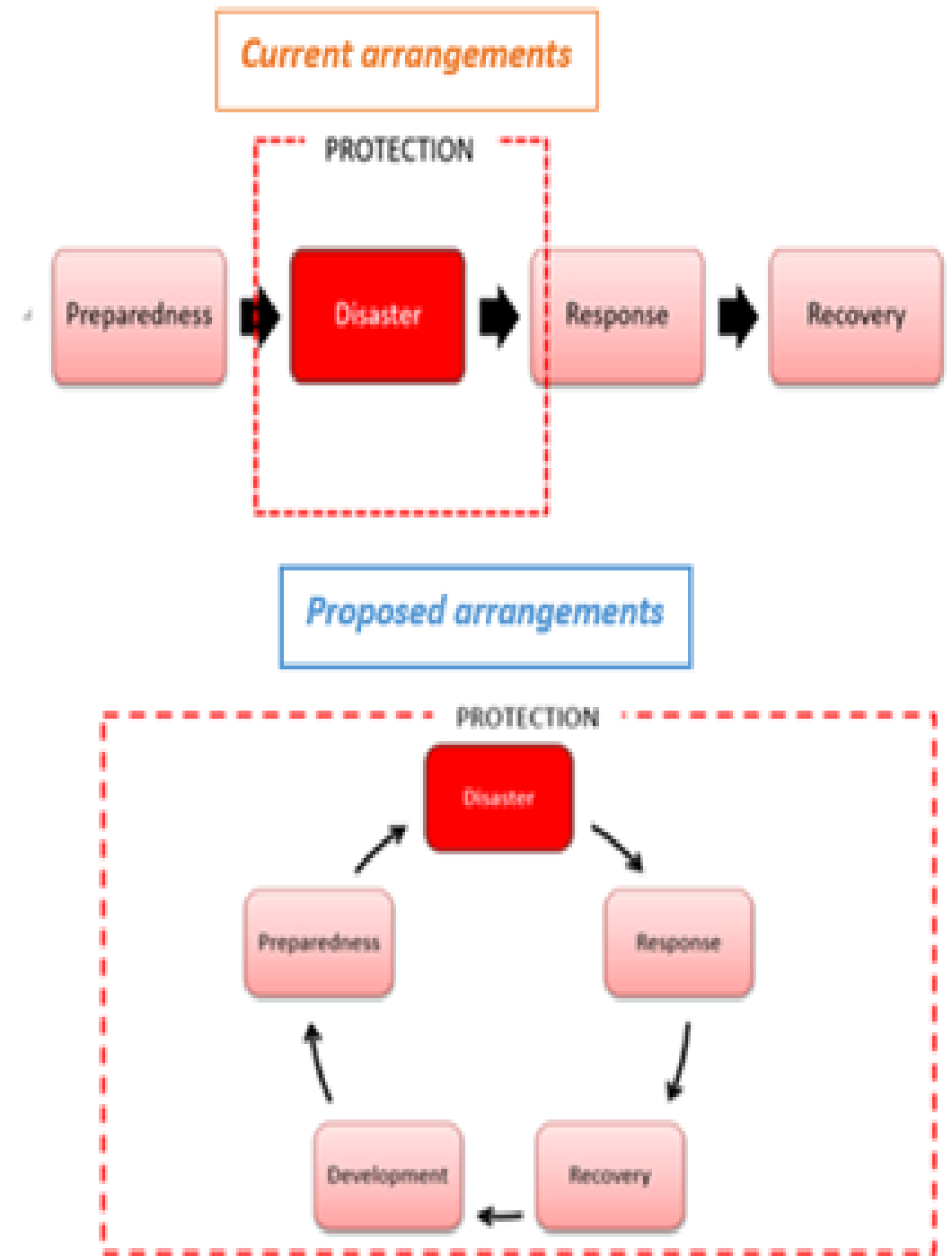


- Once again fragmented!
- No obligation to consider protection

Landless people?  
Indigenous?

# Proposed Approach

- \* ProPa – who we are?
- \* Centrality of protection at all phases



## Priority 4: preparedness for effective response & Build Back Better

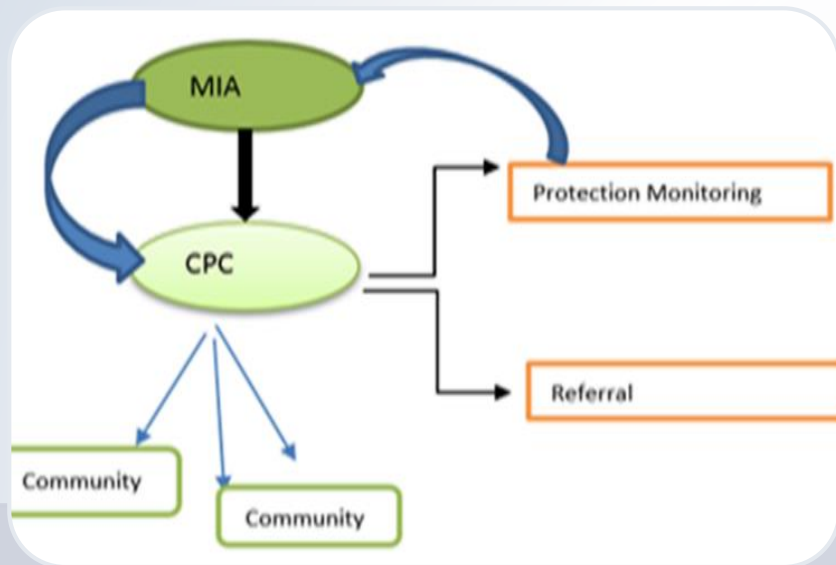
Key considerations for operationalising Sendai in the Pacific:

1. Fill information gaps!
2. Community driven (remote islands, poor accessibility)
3. Land tenure as a key risk factor
4. Human mobility: internal as well as cross-border

Recovery as an opportunity to address these issues







## Information

- Use recovery to embed systems for monitoring and collecting info related to gender and social inequalities
- *Tonga CPCs,*
- *SOI protection Monitoring*

## Land Issues

- Work closely with protection cluster to understand land issues before recovery plans are in place:
- *Tonga Ha'apai,*
- *SOI relocation issues*

## Human Mobility

- Protection implications of human mobility: use recovery to establish systems for monitoring informal and internal movements with a view to building back better

# Conclusion: an Integrated Approach to Protection



Protection should not only be central to preparedness and recovery efforts, but would be invaluable in resilient development overall.

An integrated approach to protection would help prevent new risks as well as reduce current disaster and climate change risks

The key recommendations and issues touched on today are explained in more depth in ProPa statement





Thank You! Questions?