

GiHA WG Meeting Notes

01.03.2023; 14:00 – 15:30 (2nd meeting in 2023)
UN Women Conference Room (Pekua) and Online
Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

No	Participants	Organisation	Location
01	Silja Rajander — HoSo	UN Women	In person
02	Rewa El Qubari	ISCG	
03	Liz Pick	UN Women	
04	Rumpa Dey	IOM	
05	Shanta Dey	IOM	
06	Nasrin Akhter Monika	RTMI International	
07	Saima Yesmin	BRAC	
08	Kaniz Zinath	RI	
09	Nadira Islam	UN Women	
10	Nujulee Begum	AAB	
11	Saida Marwa	IFRC	
12	Rebecca Nakaweesi	UNFPA	
13	Bas Uzbek	ISCG	
14	Moury Rahman	UN Women	
15	Shahida Parvin	BNPS	
16	Halima Akter	RWW	
17	Janis Ridsdel	UNHCR	
18	Ankhi Akter	Agrajattra	
19	Amitabh Chakma	FAO	
20	Mostarin Shamanta	UNHCR	
21	Tasmia Ankhi	Global Network of Women Peacebuilder	
22	Umma Aliya Mokta	Safeguarding focal from NONGOG	
23	Fahmida Jabeen	Plan International	
24	Samrawit Assefa	Health Sector (WHO)	
25	Shamsul Arafin	CDD	
26	Fahim Farzana	JNUS	
27	Naim Ahmed	Start Fund Bangladesh	
28	Akissi Irene Kouame	UNHCR	
29	Samiha Salam	Safeguarding and PSEA Focal, Protyashi	

30	Papiya Dey,	General secretary. Upoma Nari Kolyan Sangstha.	
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Agenda

- **Welcome and introductions.**
- **Discussion:**
 - Updates and discussion on the Rohingya refugee context and the role and priorities of the GiHA WG in 2023
 - IWD 2023

Agenda and Key Discussion	Action Points
<p>Welcoming remarks and introductions</p> <p>In her introductory remarks, the Head of UN Women Sub-office, Silja Rajander (as GiHA WG co-chair a.i.), thanked members for the active contributions to the GiHA WG, and noted the important role of the GiHA WG in spearheading and ensuring accountability to gender equality across the Rohingya refugee response. Noting the protracted nature of the crisis and the recently revised coordination structure of the response, she emphasized the need to ensure that the GiHA WG is equipped to play its key functions, sharing that UN Women is in the final stages of recruiting a full-time coordinator to support the GiHA WG, as well as support to GiHA WG knowledge and information management.</p> <p>Following the welcoming remarks, all in-person and online participants introduced themselves and their organizations.</p>	
<p>Key Discussions</p> <p>Updates and discussion on the Rohingya refugee context:</p> <p>A presentation on Streamlining and Rationalization was presented by Rewa El Qubari (representative from ISCG) (Ref: Annex 1: PPT). In her presentation, Rewa highlighted the key elements of a coordinated approach among the sectors and their individual accountabilities in the upstreaming approach. JRP 2023 new elements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GiHA WG TOR to be revisited through a participatory process, to ensure alignment with current context (protracted crisis, new coordination structure, rationalization efforts against backdrop of decreases in funding). - GiHA WG 2023 Workplan to be developed through a participatory process, ensuring:

<p>including i) multi-year, ii) rationalization, iii) funding analysis, and iv) integration of cross-cutting issues have been explained following by indicating the way forward with two actions – i) sector transitional action plans, and ii) periodic review of coordination structure.</p> <p>Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need to revisit the GiHA WG TOR, developed in 2019; - The need to develop a GiHA WG workplan for 2023, ensuring reflection of the core functions and cross-sectoral nature of the GiHA WG; - Need to revisit and update GiHA WG membership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) finalization of 2022 knowledge products; 2) action points from aforementioned and from key analyses are acted upon; 3) cross-sectoral nature of the GiHA WG is clearly reflected (e.g. inputs to cross-sectoral knowledge products and processes). - Sectoral Gender Inclusion Action Plans to be revisited, noting the new sectoral structure and development of sector transitional action plans.
<p>International Women’s Day (IWD) 2023</p> <p>IWD celebration is planned for 12 March 2023 to be celebrated in the fields. A plan has been shared by Liz Pick, Communication Specialist from UN Women where the theme, token of appreciation to the women, and messages have been discussed with the meeting participants. This year, the theme is <i>DigitALL- Innovation and technology for gender equality</i>.</p> <p>Campaign key messages include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gender equality is a necessary foundation for a safety and progress; -Women are playing a key role in refugee response and host community; -Recognize and appreciate women’s contributions; -Ensuring that resources are reaching women. <p>For camp level dialogue sessions, in the presence of camp in charges in all the camps, women leaders will be engaged and recognized with token of recognition. One focal point in each camp will be responsible to coordinate invitation and participation.</p> <p>During distribution of the token of recognition, the following actions to be considered:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camp level dialogue session on 12 March 2023 - For proper record keeping, partners events and activities to be recorded in the joint calendar of activities and distributions in the camps and host communities

<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Ensuring resources go to the women-Items include a torch, ornaments, and umbrella-Distributing through own channels-Registering plans to help coordinate across camps-Sharing campaign messages with the participants	
Meeting Closed: 3:30 PM	Meeting length: 1.5 hours