

GENDER DIVERSE POPULATION WORKING GROUP (GDPWG) MEETING MINUTES- COX'S BAZAR

27th March 2023

GDPWG meeting						
Meeting No	25					
Modalities	In person and Virtual meeting					
Date and Time	27 th March 2023, Time – 02.00pm to 03.30pm,					
Venue	UNHCR Conference Room-01, UNHCR Sub Office, Cox's Bazar					
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction Review and endorsement of the 24-meeting notes Action point update of GDPWG A research update of LAW Partners update (DRC, Bandhu and others) Review and Finalization Member of GDPWG Co-Chair position of GDPWG AOB/Date of next meeting 					
Chair	Shale Ahmed, Executive Director, Bandhu Social Welfare Society					
Co-Chair						
Coordinator	Nazmul Haque, Training cum Program Specialist, Bandhu and Coordinator - GDPWG					
	#	Name	Organization, Sector,WG		Name	Organization, Sector,WG
	01.	Afruza Sharmin	GBV Associate, UNHCR	11.	Md. Nazmul Hoque	Program Specialist of Bandhu and Coordinator-GDPWG
	02.	Johanna Reina	Protection Officer (Coordination), UNHCR	12.	Md. Jashim Uddin	Service Center Manager, Bandhu
	03.	Omar Faruk	Child Protection Officer, CPSS/UNICEF	13.	Towfiqul Islam	Support Staff, Bandhu
	04.	Afroza Bulbul Tump	Project Officer, Legal Action Worldwide (LAW)	14.	Saida Marzia (Online)	
	05.	Yuvraj Rathore	Program Coordinator, Legal Action Worldworld (LAW)	15.	Fouzia (Online)	Mukti Cox's Bazar

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	06.	Irene Kouame	Protection Sector Coordinator, UNHCR	16.	AKM Mahbubul Islam Tanvir (online)	TL-USAID's Shomota Activity, Bandhu
	07.	Sara Sediya Israt	Counter Trafficking Field Coordinator, IOM	17.	Md. Aminur Rahman (Online)	Service Center Manager, Whykong, Teknaf
	08.	Shanta Dey	GBV Coordinator, IOM	18.	Md. Rabiul Islam (Online)	NHRC, Cox's Bazar
	09.	Hamim As Sazat	Service Center Manager, Bandhu	19.	Mostarin Shamanta Rahman (Online)	Protection Associate, UNHCR
	10.	Shohel Rana	Team Leader-Bandhu, UNHCR project	20.	Md. Moshiur Rahman (Online)	Sr. Project Manager, USAID's Shomota Activity, Bandhu
Attendees						
Agenda Item	Discussion					Agreement/Action Points/Remarks
Welcome Remarks and Introducion	Mr. Shohel Rana facilitated the meeting On behalf of Chair of GDPWG. At first he thanked to all the participants for attending the 25th GDPWG meeting and requested to all members to give a brief self-introduction, and each participants was introduced by themselves.					
Review and endorsement of the 24 meeting notes	Mr. Nazmul shared the last meeting notes and requested participants for giving input if any query. As there was no query from the members finally the meeting minutes were endorsed.					- Endorshed the 24th meeting minutes
Action point update of GDPWG	<p>Mr. Nazmul shared the GDPWG action update through power point presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GDPWG Action Plan-2023 is in final and accordingly shared with group members. - GDPWG took part in a Rapid Protection Assessment (RPA) assisted by Bandhu at Camp 11, where a fire event occurred on March 5, 2023, and a total of three Key Informant Interviews (KII) were performed among the camp's Gender Diverse Population. 					<p>Update:</p> <p>The KII of RPA reported to PWG through RPA team leader</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A basic orientation (one and half an hour) provided on GDP issues in on security mainstreaming training where 45 participants were from IFRC, GRC, TRC and BDRC. The training organized by IFRC. - Participated in various sector and working group meetings and shared update of GDPWG. 	
<p>A research update of Legal Action Worldwide (LAW)</p>	<p>On behalf of Legal Action Worldwide, Mr. Yuvraj Rathore shared a research work titled “ They Took Me To A Dark Place” (The Experiences and Needs of Rohingya Hijra and Male Survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence).</p> <p>Mr. Yuvraj Rathore said that the study was completed last year and we have shared the update of the study findings and recommendations with GDPWG and other sectors and working groups last year. Now we are sharing it again as it will help everyone to understand how much we have been able to do for GDP as per the recommendations of the study.</p> <p>The study has six recommendations and they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish and adequately fund integrated services for male and hijra survivors of SGBV, including emergency protection services. - Partner with Rohingya to create effective services for male and hijra survivors, utilizing community-led and peer-to-peer approaches for better outreach. - Advocate for review and reform of restrictions on movement within the Rohingya camps which limit access to services for survivors of SGBV - Review Rohingya access to domestic justice mechanisms to identify areas for reform. - Review the national legal framework to ensure SGBV against men, boys and hijra is effectively criminalized - Increase delivery of legal information on international justice mechanisms to all Rohingya, including the hijra community 	<p>Member recommended, it’s a good research work done by LAW particularly GDP and requested to share this document to GBV SS and others working group. LAW will take initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to discusse more regarding GDP assessment in the camp.

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	<p>participants raised some question : Is there any update about the recommendation?</p> <p>Mr. Nazmul said a small update is that GDP issue has been included as cross cutting in JRP 2023.</p> <p>Johanna Reina, the UNHCR's recently appointed Protection Sector Coordinator, asked, "Is there any survey report on how many GDP people are living in the camps?"</p> <p>According to Mr. Moshir Rahman-Bandhu, Senior Project Manager, there is still a gap in the number of GDPs living in camps, and knowing this is important for taking efforts and establishing programs. He said that the subject had been discussed multiple times at the GDP working meeting, but that we were unable to take any action. He suggested that the partner groups take the initiative to estimate the GDP size of the camp area.</p> <p>Mr. Nazmul also stated that NASP/NIPSON will undertake a mini survey for important HIV groups. However, this survey cannot provide the entire landscape of the camp.</p>	
<p>Partners update (DRC, Bandhu and others)</p>	<p>Mr. Nazmul shared the Bandhu intervention update.</p> <p>Bandhu has three GDP Friendly Service Centers supported by UNHCR, UNFPA and USAID located alongside the refugee camps. Dedicated service centers provide SRHR, Mental health and GBV services to GDPs in the host and refugee communities and these are regular activities of the Bandhu intervention.</p> <p>Supported to GDPWG to conduct Rapid Protection Assessment (RPA) after fire incident of March 2023.</p> <p>In addition, Bandhu supported conducting some of the research activities being conducted by Legal Action Worldwide (LAW) and the UN's "Independent Investigation Mechanism for Myanmar" (IIMM).</p> <p>Two research are.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAW will share research update after final report - Referral for case management support to IOM facilities in camp 7, 9,17,18,19 20 Ext, 24 and Ratnapalong union

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	<p>a) Research work on the long-term consequences of SGBV and the link to genocide in Myanmar on lives of survivors now conducted by LAW.</p> <p>b) Research work - to speaking Rohingya members of the gender diverse / LGBTQI community who fled Myanmar in 2016/2017, particularly any whom may have suffered sexual or gender based violence, or were targeted on the basis of their gender identity or sexual orientation, while in Myanmar conducted - United Nations "Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar" (IIMM),</p> <p>IOM shared some update...</p> <p>Miss Shanta Dey said that IOM provided case management support including Hijra population in camp 7, 9,17,18,19 20 Ext, 24 and Ratnapalong union, so who work with GDP, they can refer to IOM for case management support.</p> <p>Due to not available DRC representative, the partner update of DRC will share in next meeting.</p>	
<p>Review and Finalization Member of GDPWG</p>	<p>Many colleagues of GDPWG are not active due to job and sector changes. So needs to be updated of GDPWG participants list. The current participant list will be shared through a Google sheet as per the partner's decision so that helpful to update the participant list organization wise.</p>	<p>- Will share current participants list through a Google Sheet.</p>
<p>Co-Chair position of GDPWG</p>	<p>The GDPWG has another position of Co-Chair by design and this position was supported by the IRC on a voluntary basis until December 2022.</p> <p>Currently the Co-chair position of GDPWG is vacant. So this position should be on board soon. For filling this position, develop a ToR and Protection Sector will support to develop the ToR.</p>	<p>Develop a ToR for the position of Co-chair and share with PWG for comments. After that GDPWG will share a circular of Co-Chair Position.</p>
<p>AOB/Date of next meeting</p>	<p>As discussed among the participated members, the next meeting will be held on 26th April 2023.</p>	<p>- Next GDPWG meeting (26th Meeting) will be held on 26th April 2023.</p>
<p>Vote of Thanks/Closing</p>	<p>As there were no more agenda, the meeting adjourned with Mr. Nazmul coordinator of GDPWG and expressing his appreciation for participating in the meeting.</p>	

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