



Cox's Bazar GBV Sub-Sector

GBV Sub-Sector Monthly Meeting Minutes - August 2023

Date	14 August 2023, Monday	Venue: ISCG Conference Room							
Meeting Modality	In person meeting	Time: 11.00 am to 1:00pm							
Chair	Rebecca Nakaweesi Acting Coordinator Gender Based Violence-Sub Sector UNFPA, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	Preparation of Minutes: GBV SS Coordination Team							
Partner's present	<p>GBV Sub-Sector (GBV SS) participants attended from the following organizations (<i>as reported in the chat box</i>):</p> <p>Online: RWWS, SHED, AAB, Upoma Nari Kalyan Sangstha, UNFPA, WFP, GDP WG (Bandhu Social Welfare Society), UN Women</p> <p>In person: Good Neighbours Bangladesh, GUK, CPSS, Nari Maitree, Mukti Cox's Bazar, RTMI, Muslim Hands, IRC, RI, World Vision, UN women, UNDP, UNFPA, Bandhu Social Welfare Society, PHD, DSK, BRAC, IOM, Unicef, DCA, ISCG, BNPS, Plan International</p>								
Agenda	<p>Welcome, opening remarks and introduction (by Rebecca Nakaweesi, GBV Sub Sector Coordinator) Rebecca Nakaweesi, welcomed all the participants of the agencies to the July 2023 GBV SS Monthly Meeting.</p> <p>1. Documents for endorsement (by the GBV SS Coordinator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final agenda (draft circulated for comments) The GBV SS Coordinator presented the July 2023 draft agenda, circulated prior to the meeting for feedback. The agenda was adopted as final by consensus and endorsed by the GBV SS members. July GBV SS Monthly Meeting Minutes Members also endorsed the minutes of the July 2023 GBV SS Monthly Meeting. <p>2. Review of the action points: The GBV SS Coordinator shared the progress of the July 2023 action points.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1498 1506 1982"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action Points</th> <th>Follow up needed</th> <th>Updates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. GBV Prevention Working Group and GBVSS Will harmonize prevention activities</td> <td>Prevention Working Group</td> <td> <p>Shirin and Mohita, UNHCR & UNFPA</p> <p>Activity mapping exercise has been continuing and will be shared by the next meeting of prevention WG by Shirin Apa.</p> <p>An orientation workshop is proposed on overall GBV programming that includes GBV prevention, response, risk</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Action Points	Follow up needed	Updates	1. GBV Prevention Working Group and GBVSS Will harmonize prevention activities	Prevention Working Group	<p>Shirin and Mohita, UNHCR & UNFPA</p> <p>Activity mapping exercise has been continuing and will be shared by the next meeting of prevention WG by Shirin Apa.</p> <p>An orientation workshop is proposed on overall GBV programming that includes GBV prevention, response, risk</p>
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		mitigation, referral pathways and minimum standard
2. Final ToR of GBV Case Management Task Team would be shared next GBVSS monthly meeting,	Case Management Working Group	IRC The ToR has been finalized and to be shared by 14 August
3. GBVSS will share one pager with RRR/CiC concerning WGSS visit by GoB and others actors	Draft copy, IRC	Zahid from IRC will provide updates on it later.

3. Operational updates-protection sector

- All PERU teams have been mobilized and they sensitized the community on emergency situations. A total of 368 awareness raising sessions have been completed.
- Anti trafficking WG Co-Chair has left and OiC is Leena.
- CWC WG is no longer functional, AAP WG is active instead

Attention to Protection Sector:

- Fahomida shared that some CiCs are referring cases to GBV actors for case verification (marriage, divorce etc) and GBV actors in some camps are doing it and some are facing challenges when they are not doing it. But as per decision from protection sector GBV actors will not do case verification and in that case if any GVB actor faces any challenges then request to inform GBVSS through NFC-GBVSS.
- Ipshita from IRC, on behalf of GBV CM WG, shared that Protection focal points are forcing the GBV actors to take GBV cases by going to the survivors

4. Operational updates-Child Protection Sub Sector (Farook)

- CP-GBV guideline is in process to revise. Contextualization will be done by end of August
- A training on case management is going to organized jointly by CPSS and World Vision, to be held in Ukhiya where GBVSS partners providing GBV case management for the child can attend
- Monthly situation monitoring will be introduced covering 5 key child protection concerns.

5. Update from the PSEA Network (Rajib)

- Completed 2 batches of ToT on “No to Sexual Misconduct” with 22 PSEA focal from 19 organizations. Another ToT to be conducted on 29-30 Aug, 2023. The organizations having no trained personnel will get priority for the next batches.
- Working with IOM, WFP and Translator Without Borders on “Together We Say No” webpage having all the PSEA IEC materials, to be launched in September 2023 at IOM office.
- Safe recruitment policy to be launched by October 2023.

6. Safe Shelter: Kaniz from Relief International presented the safe shelter modality and components of RI safe shelter. The presentation can be found [here](#)

7. Update from other Sectors / Working Groups / Task Teams - 30 min

- a. GBV Case Management WG (Zahid, IRC)



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Ipshita looking after Case Management Working Group issues as Clionad and Habiba left IRC

b. GBV Prevention WG-

c. GDPWG: (Shohel Rana, Bandhu Social Welfare Society)

- Bandhu Social Welfare Society leads the GDP WG.
- Through voting procedure from all the partners UNHCR has been elected as the co-chair of GDPWG.
- In Shahporir dwip, 30-40 GDP have faced challenges in accessing the Cyclone Shelter during the flood due to its non-inclusive modality. Bandhu assessed their risks & vulnerability and ensured safe referrals to relevant services as well as their temporary shelter through the community based organizations in Teknaf.
- Bandhu has also started their case management services with the support of UNHCR and RTMI.

8. Closure of the meeting

Finally, Rebecca Nakaweesi thanked all participants for their active participation and closed the meeting.

SL	Action Points	Follow up needed	Responsible Person
1	Next GBV SS monthly meeting will be focusing on a workshop on GBV prevention, response and mitigation (½ day).	To be done in October 2023	
2	CP-GBV case management guidelines will be finalized by the end of August 2023.	CPSS	GBVSS-Rebecca
3	Collect harmonized IEC materials/messages on monsoon preparedness from AAP WG	GBVSS	Rebecca