



GBV Sub-Sector Monthly Meeting Minutes - July 2023

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| Date | 10 July 2023, Monday | Venue: UNFPA Office, Hotel Sea Palace |
| 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: Humanity & Inclusion, RWWS, Protection Sector, UN IOM, SKUS, DSK, Ipas BD, Street Child, Action Aid, Unicef, UNHCR, Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services-CRS, Legal Action WorldWide,</p> <p>In person: WFP, BRAC, World Vision, PHD, IRC, UNFPA, Oxfam, ISCG, WFP, PSEA Network, BNPS, MUKTI Cox's Bazar, DRC, Friendship, DSK, Plan International, GNB, DCA, UN IOM, PRANTIC, BNPS, BANDHU,</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 June 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. ● March GBV SS Monthly Meeting Minutes Members also endorsed the minutes of the June 2023 GBV SS Monthly Meeting. <p>2. Review of the action points: The GBV SS Coordinator shared the progress of the June 2023 action points.</p> | |
| | <p>3. Operational updates-protection sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly meeting of Anti-Trafficking Working Group was held – plans the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30 th July being finalized ● Discussion with the Cox's Bazar Analysis and Research Unit (CARU) of UNDP to address the increase in abductions and killings inside the camps, ● FGD and KII questionnaire for monitoring impacts of adjustment of assistance packages finalized, ● Discussion with Humanity & Inclusion's regional DRR focal on the constraints, capacity building and inclusivity of emergency response in Cox's Bazar, ● Meeting with SIDA on current funding towards protection activities, current priority plans and activities and enhanced coordination between the Sectors, partners and the donors ● Discussion with the UNHCR AAP Officer to ensure harmonized AAP response across all Sectors, <p>4. Operational updates-Child Protection Sub Sector (Tareq Akkad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Situation Monitoring- At the stage of finalization of tools which would be shared with respective concerts as for their views, ● Joint CP and GBV case management Guideline to be revised | |



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- Propose Rehema from UNICEF: Rationalization issues to be shared with the CiC offices for common understanding and information at field level. Also, stressed for streamlining the services handover to agencies following closure of activities/facilities along with preferring for integrated services CP, GBV and Protection. UNICEF is trying to manage case management from the same point/integration of CP and GBV, but participants stressed to assess or keep in mind the capacity of caseworkers/managers if they are to handle both CP & GBV cases.

5. Update from the PSEA Network (Bora)

- Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) of PSEA revised in coordination with UN RC and relevant actors while PSEA network share it in a presentation
- UNHCR Protection/AAP is conducting new survey where they will include PSEA issue which will bring inclusive data
- New ISCG website launched where PSEA issues are available
- Propose a training/orientation for GBVSS partners for PSEA focal or alternate.

6. Presentation "Exploring the integration of GBV services with Rohingya refugees and the Bangladeshi host community in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh". Bethan Paish.

- Bethann Pais is conducting research regarding the subject matter, she will conduct interviews and other activities in the field.

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

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

i. During the last monthly meeting of the case management working group, actors agreed that case management files should be maintained for a minimum of 2 years. Each organization would follow their own record keeping management policy. IRC has shared their record keeping policy with the members of the working group and will also share it to GBVSS.

ii. Mukti proposed to take on the co-chair position of the working group to support IRC in leading the Case Management WG.

iii. IRC will update the focal point list due to some changes in focal points,

iiii. The Case Management WG has been working on the yearly work plan which will be finalized in the next meeting,

v. The TOR (Terms of Reference) for the Case Management WG has been revised by the working members and will be endorsed soon.

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

b. **GBV Prevention WG-**

i. 22 agencies showed interest to be part of the GBV Prevention WG

ii. Roll out awareness activities in regard to rationalization

iii. Due to security concerns in fields many more prevention/awareness activities had to be postponed or rescheduled.

8. GBV IMS Update (Mohita, GBVSS)

GBVSS would implement in the field once HQ give feedback/approval

9. AOB

- Key highlights "Global Protection Conference and GBV AoR Annual Retreat 2023 8-12 May 2023" Rebecca- Rebecca Nakaweesi, a.i. GBVSS Coordinator, presented the synopsis of the conference



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(presentation [HERE](#))

- Navigating the new ISCG Rohingya Response Site- Mohita Joshi, GBV IMS Coordinator, showed the new ISCG Rohingya Response Site/Website. [HERE](#)
- Using Organization vest/ID cards by non-staff/volunteers- Alamgir Quaderi, Field Coordinator GBVSS, raised the issue following CiCs concern in the Camp Coordination Meeting. So, agencies would ask their volunteers not to give their vest and ID cards to others/ general refugees.

10. Closure of the meeting

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

| SL | Action Points | Follow up needed | Person Responsible |
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| 1 | GBV Prevention Working Group and GBVSS Will harmonize prevention activities | Prevention Working Group | Shirin and Mohita, UNHCR & UNFPA |
| 2 | Final ToR of GBV Case Management Task Team would be shared next GBVSS monthly meeting, | Case Management Working Group | Zahid, IRC |
| 3 | GBVSS will share one pager with RRRC/CiC concerning WGS visit by GoB and others actors | Draft copy, IRC | GBVSS |