

Participants: Care Bangladesh, FAO, HELVETAS, IOM, IRC, NGO Platform, Plan International, Save the Children, UN Women, UNDP CARU, UNHCR, UNICEF & WFP. The ISCG External Relations Coordinator chaired the meeting.

The meeting started with the introduction of the new ISCG Principal Coordinator, David Bugden. He shared his views on coordination and importance of a concerted effort on ER, Comms, Advocacy for the RRR. The ISCG External Relations Coordinator chaired the meeting.

1. Update on humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar:

- **Key Messages:** ISCG Sr Comms and ER Coordinator shared the latest joint message statement for the Rohingya Refugee Response operation.
- **JRP Process and Funding:** ISCG Policy Unit shared the current status of JRP 2024 planning and gave a funding update. (PPT attached)
- **Security Update:** UNDP Cox's Bazar Analysis and Research Unit gave an update on the security trends in CXB ahead of the elections.

2. Update on External Missions:

- In October, there were 20 high-level visits reported to ISCG [External Mission Tracking Sheet](#), of which were ISCG-led. Till 31 October 2023, 140 visits had been recorded to the ISCG, which is already double the total number in 2022.
- Number of all HL visits reported to ISCG is around 150 including the planned ones by end November.

3. Update on HL visit guidance:

- Comms and ER group members are encouraged to refer existing HL visit guidance. The updated version is subject to review and approval.
- Only essential high-level missions are encouraged before the upcoming elections.
- WG members are agreed to inform the planned visits to ISCG in advance to ensure consistency in messaging to the donors and external audiences.

4. Key UN and Special days:

- The upcoming special days were discussed with members of the WG. UN Women gave update on their plans for 16 Days of Activism.
- Days that can be marked on social media:
 - 8 NOV ORPHANS DAY
 - 10 NOV Science Day for Peace and Dev
 - 11 NOV Energy Saving Day
 - 14 NOV Diabetes Day
 - 16 NOV International Day for Tolerance
 - 16 NOV GIS Day
 - 17 NOV Students Day
 - 18 NOV World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence
 - 19 NOV World Toilet Day
 - 20 NOV Universal Children's Rights Day
 - 25 NOV - 10 DEC 16 Days of Activism
 - 25 NOV International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

5. AOB:

- ISCG sent contributions of UN and partners for the upcoming GHO to be released in 2024.
- WG members are invited to share their relevant guidelines with their respective agencies ahead of the elections and remind the importance of neutrality.
- This meeting was the last WG meeting headed by Faik Uyanik, Sr Comms and ER Coordinator.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 4 December 2023, 14:00 pm, in a hybrid format.