



GBV Sub-Sector Monthly Meeting Minutes - June 2024

Date	30 June 2024, Sunday	Venue: UNFPA CXB Office
Meeting Modality	Hybrid (in person and online)	Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Chair	Sachchi Karki, Coordinator, GBV Sub Sector a.i.	Preparation of Minutes: GBV SS Coordination Team
Partner's present	<p>GBVSS participants attended from the following organizations (as reported in attendance sheet):</p> <p>In Person: IRC, UFPA, BRAC, CARE, YPSA, PIB, GNB, BANDHU, UN Women, MSF, Caritas, MSF-OCA, Unicef, DRC, Mukti CXB, ASD, GUK, Educo, ICRC, IPAS Bangladesh, IOM, WHO, SKUS, ISCG, WFP,</p> <p>Online: UNHCR, Protection Sector, IMO-GBVSS</p>	
Agenda	<p>1. Welcome, opening remarks and introduction</p> <p>Sachchi Karki, GBVSS Coordinator A.I welcomed all the participants of the agencies to the June 2024 GBV SS Monthly Meeting and briefed about GBVSS priorities in the months ahead:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. GBVSS Strategy b. Revisiting/reinvigorating the SAG c. GBVSS Contribution in joint work plan of the protection sector d. GBVSS contribution to the joint protection sector strategy <p>GBVSS Coordinator A.I shared about the proposed meeting of the three SAGs corresponding to the Protection Sector, GBVSS and Child Protection Sub Sector on the 11th of July and the meeting with the SEG co-chairs proposed for the 14th of July.</p> <p>UNHCR colleagues highlighted that there is a working GBVSS SAG and proposed to review SAG TOR and GBV SOP. The team agreed that a meeting of the existing SAG will be invited by 10 July 2024 to revisit the ToR and agree on way forward.</p> <p>The GBV SS Coordinator A.I presented the June 2024 draft agenda, circulated prior to the meeting for feedback.</p> <p>2. Documents for endorsement (by the GBV SS Coordinator A.I)</p> <p>Minutes of the April 2024 GBV SS Monthly Meeting, circulated prior to the meeting was endorsed</p>	
3. GBVSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming GBVSS hosted Training: GBVSS NFC updated about the upcoming GBVSS <i>Training on "Suicide Prevention, Response and PFA for First Responders"</i> in collaboration with MHPSS WG. <p><u>Details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midwives: 08-10 July 2024 (preferably trained on CMR) - GBV Case Workers: 14-16 July 2024, 21-23 July 2024 (Must have completed full GBV CM training and be practicing) <p>GBVSS Q3-Q4 capacity building efforts In Q3-Q4, 2024,</p> <p>GBVSS will continue supporting capacity building through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training for APBn engagement -Training for Community volunteers -Training for Non-Protection actors -Joint GBV/CP/Protection risk assessment training -PERU GBV Staff orientation: GBV core concept, safe ethical referral 	



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-GBVSS capacity building strategy in Q3-Q4: Consultation with SAG/ members

Action Point: Select the members for the **capacity building initiatives in line with the agreement in the GBVSS meeting in April 2024**, documented in the minutes thereof.

Prepare to collaborate on **training of government actors and advocacy efforts** with the **protection sector, GBV SS and CP SS** in the third and the fourth quarter of the year.

- **Member implementation/ activity survey update**

- GBVSS IMO provided analysis of member activity implementation from 47 members who shared their plans with SS, disaggregated by JRP activity and sub-activities

Activity Sub-activity (By JRP activity groups) Original link to implementation survey	A. GBV case management				B. Awareness raising & risk mitigation					
	GBV Case Management	GBV Referral services	GBVIMS Legacy	GBVIMS+ Primero	Facility level	Community level (CIC, Mahjis, etc)	Disseminating GBV/PSEAH, Adolescent services messaging	IEC materials (posters, radio programs, QR codes, etc)	Community risk identification, mitigation at the community level (e.g. volunteers, women groups, youth groups)	
Total organizations surveyed	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	
# or members Implementing in Q1 already	28 (60%)	38 (80%)	18 (38.2)	4 (9%)	37	39	39	37	32	
# of members Implementing in Q2 onwards	31 (66%)	39 (83%)	23 (49%)	4 (9%)	42	42	42	41	37	
# of members Not implementing in 2024	16	8	24	43	5	5	5	6	10	
% of members NOT implementing in 2024	34%	17%	51%	91%	11%	11%	11%	13%	21%	

Activity Sub-activity (By JRP activity groups) Original link to implementation survey	C. Social behavioral change				D. Capacity building									
	SASAI	EMAP	Male Role Model project	GEMS	Core principles	Case management following IASC guideline, including child survivor	MHPSS	GBV mainstreaming with other sectors	Training on prevention activities	CMR	Focus on Adolescent	Focus on Persons with Disabilities	PSEA	SOGI
Total organizations surveyed	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)	47 (100%)
# or members Implementing in Q1 already	8	11	6	5	28	12	18	14	16	9	26	13	26	12
# of members Implementing in Q2 onwards	13	15	9	10	36	23	27	26	25	15	27	25	41	21
# of members Not implementing in 2024	34	32	38	37	11	24	17	21	22	32	20	22	6	26
% of members NOT implementing in 2024	72%	68%	81%	79%	23%	51%	36%	45%	47%	68%	43%	47%	13%	55%

- GBVSS has mapped out the gaps, and cross-checked with the GBVSS-led and member trainings to collectively deliver on the areas of gap

- **IEC Materials and IEC Development**

GBVSS-NFC, briefed the participants about the present status of IEC materials collection highlighting that only Mukti CXB had shared modules on PSS, Men and Boys Engagement, Women Empowerment and Leadership so far.

Action Point: The GBVSS members agreed to **form a Task team for IEC materials collection and review in alignment with the guidelines**. IRC, BRAC, CARE, Caritas Bangladesh and UNFPA agreed to be the members of the task team. The task team members shall meet and work on the compilation of the IEC materials in line with the IEC materials guidelines and present the updates on the exercise during the GBVSS meeting in July.

- **Empty/paused/decommissioned GBV Facilities** - IMO-GBVSS briefed the team on the survey of the



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facilities and highlighted the need for member input to potential service facility gaps in Q3 to Q4 for SS coordination of service provision.

- **GBV SS shared updates regarding the recruitment of the two consultants -GBV Service Audit consultant and GBV SS National IMO.** The first round of advertisement for the GBV Service Audit consultancy did not yield good candidates and therefore, the GBVSS team is currently headhunting candidates. In response to whether or not the SAG can be involved in the selection process, GBVSS Coordinator A./ responded that if the SAG meeting happens on the 4th of July, for this case, it may be likely, however, it will not be possible to reach out to the SAG for recruitments on a regular basis.

Action Point: The GBVSS members are requested to share the CV of the potential candidates to GBVSS IMO by the 4th July 2024.

4. Field Coordination Update:

All **GBV CFP** are in place. [link on Rohingya Response webpage \(live update\)](#)

- **Camp level GBV orientation/ training to CiC staff/sector focal points** in Collaboration with PS & CPSS and Ongoing field orientation for new CiC/CiC staff.

GBVSS plan to conduct orientation and training to CiC/CiC staff along with sector focal points in collaboration and consultation with PS & CPSS for the upcoming next two quarters.

- **Security and recruitment Issues**

Action Point: GBVSS members continue providing inputs to the ongoing field risk monitoring to ensure that the impact of the insecurity on women and girls receives adequate attention and support.

5. Operational updates

Case Management Working Group, Prevention Working Group, GiHA working Group, PSEA Network, Child Protection Sub Sector and Protection Sector provided operational updates during the meeting.

a) Case Management Working Group

- May and June's monthly meetings were hosted - 17 Organizations represented.
- Created 3 different task teams; Developing CM guideline for gender diverse population, Supervisory tool review and developing CM guideline for person with disabilities task team .
- Developing CM guideline for GDP TT meeting was held on 16th May 2024 (Online) and person with disabilities TT Meeting on 29th May 2024.
- A Learning & Sharing Meeting with GBV Case Worker was held on 30 May 2024 on CM for GDP Module development. A Learning & Sharing Meeting with GBV Case Worker was held on 13 June 2024 on CM for PWD Module development.
- Developed kobo format of Bi-yearly report template and finalized it by July 2024.
- Next meeting – 1 July 2024 at IRC Cox's office.

b) Prevention Working Group:

- June monthly meeting took place.
- GBV prevention WG launched a survey related to 2024 priority where only 9 organizations responded.



- Based on the survey's results, the workplan will be reviewed.
 - Organizations reported in the meeting that fewer people are attending outreach sessions as a result of the security situation, which is impeding their preventive programs. Organizations also exchanged recommendations or strategies for resolving this issue.
- c) **GiHA Working Group:**
- National GiHA conducted an RGA on cyclone Remel to focus on other impacted areas of Bangladesh, to make this process Coxsbazar GiHA members (CARE) were actively engaged to provide technical support and tools development for RGA Remel.
(The RHA report will be found in GiHA's webpage.)
- UN women called an invitation to NGO/actors to participate in a discussion meeting with external consultants to share the insights and experiences working with local WROs/WLOs and contribute to shaping future strategies for supporting these organizations. GBVSS, UNFPA, UNHCR and CARE participated in that discussion and shared their thoughts about WRO/WLO agencies involvement in the Rohingya Response.
- d) **PSEA Network:**
- Bora completed his mission at Cox's bazar and Benedetta Coco joined as the PSEA coordinator. Benedetta shall be based at the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Dhaka.
- The CHS Alliance and the PSEA network held two workshops focused on the Victim/Survivor Centered Approach to PSEA in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar, dated June 6 and June 9, 2024. These workshops brought together 85 participants from National and International NGOs and UN agencies. Their primary goal was to enhance accountability, trust and protection by reinforcing victim-centered practices and robust SEAH prevention measures.
 - The PSEA network Co-Charai TDh, in collaboration with the PSEA Network, organized a lesson learning workshop on SEAH Investigation and Navigating Legal Compliance. Held on June 10, 2024, the workshop brought together 35 participants from National and International NGOs and UN agencies. The primary objective was to deepen understanding of SEAH investigation practices, address challenges, and align legal frameworks with organizational processes.
 - The updated PSEA Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) was presented during the ROCT meeting on June 2, 2024.
 - On 29 May, 24 PSEA focal points participated in a "Saying No to Sexual Misconduct" training of Trainers (ToT) session organized by the PSEA Network.
- e) **Child Protection Sub Sector**
- The Child Associated with Armed Group Task Team finalized the child recruitment response referral pathway and completed a risk assessment for response, prevention, and recruitment dynamics. They also developed an advocacy and communication framework for the "No Child Recruitment" message, part of the "Peace and Security" campaign led by the protection sector and sub-sectors.
 - CPSS and CMTWG task team jointly organized a workshop on 11th June for child protection case workers dealing with child associated armed group cases, facilitated by the CAAFAG Global Co-chair.



This initial initiative focused on capacity building and orientation for case workers.

- Following the fire on 1st June, the CP Sub-sector responded and coordinated with CP actors to provide immediate support on the ground.

f) Protection Sector:

- Monthly SAG meeting held on 12 June. The following documents were endorsed:
- Five point-Approach Responding to Security Concerns in Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh.
- Guidance notes were developed to protect and guide volunteers who are at higher risk of being targeted by criminal groups.
- Protection Sector Guidance to respond on Recruitment-related cases.
- Working groups:
 - i) Messaging: activities are ongoing
 - ii) PM tool: The protection monitoring guidance was updated to include recruitment as a serious protection incident and additional guidance was provided from UNICEF on how to report cases of child recruitment.
 - iii) Terminology: The note on terminology is on hold until discussions at the Dhaka level are completed and guidance is received from Dhaka
 - iv) Peace and Security Campaign: P&S Campaign group continues to meet.
- **Weekly Cross Border & Security Meetings:**
 - v) PS continues to hold weekly border meetings to inform actors of the evolving security situation in the camps and prepare for an appropriate response.
 - vi) Bi-weekly flash reports are issued to provide up-to-date information to all partners, ensuring they are aware of the latest security developments and any immediate concerns and enable quick decision-making and immediate action by sharing critical information.
- **Joint-Protection Monitoring**
 - vii) Q1: The protection Monitoring Report is published.
 - viii) Q2: Collection of information started.

Feedback from participants:

IRC raised the issue of CP-GBV guidelines finalization.

Action Point: GBVSS to facilitate a meeting among the Case Management Working Group and Child Protection Case Management Working Group for Caring for Child Survivors (CCS) to agree on the way forward.

6. AoB

- Nothing discussed under AoB.

Closure of the meeting: Finally, GBVSS Coordinator A./ thanked all participants for their active participation and closed the meeting while wishing to collaborate onward.



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Action Points

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1	GBVSS Secretariat to share the guidance note on IEC materials with GBVSS members	Fahomida -GBVSS	Done, ad-hoc meeting conducted on 8 July with key actors
2	The IEC materials task team to meet in the intervening weeks and the agreements to be presented in the GBVSS meeting in July.	Fahomida-GBVSS	Done, ad-hoc meeting conducted on 8 July with key actors
3	GBVSS members provide updates to the ongoing member input to field risk monitoring template.	Jay, GBVSS IMO	Analysis to be conducted on a bi-weekly basis but information can be continually added to the template.
4	A SAG meeting with the existing SAG members to take place by the 10th of July.	Sachchi-GBVSS	Done
5	GBVSS members to populate the template on the decommissioned facilities enabling improved planning.	GBVSS Network Members	Ongoing
6	Select the members for the capacity building initiatives in line with the agreement in the GBVSS meeting in April 2024 , documented in the minutes thereof.	GBVSS Network Members	Done
7	Prepare to collaborate on training of government actors and advocacy efforts with the protection sector, GBV SS and CP SS in the third and the fourth quarter of the year.	GBVSS Network Members	Ongoing liaison with PS/CPSS.