



Cox's Bazar GBV Sub-Sector

GBV Sub-Sector Monthly Meeting Minutes - November 2024

Date	11 November 2024, Monday	Venue: Conference Room-1, UNFPA CXB Office
Meeting Modality	In-Person	Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm
Chair	Annie Waweru; GBV SS Coordinator	Preparation of Minutes: GBVSS Coordination Team
Partner's present	<p>In person: UN IOM, UNHCR, UN Women, WFP, Nari Maitree, World Vision, Oxfam, GNB, UNICEF, GBVSS, AAB, UNFPA, CODEC, BANDHU, DRC, YPSA, BNPS, IRC, COAST Foundation, SCI, IPAS Bangladesh, CARE, GUK, Friendship, ISCG,</p> <p>Online: GBVSS Coordinator, Protection Sector, Child Protection Sector,</p>	
Agenda	<p>Welcome, opening remarks and introduction: Annie Waweru, GBVSS Interim Coordinator warmly welcomed all participants to the meeting.</p>	
	<p>❖ GBVSS updates and discussions:</p> <p>1. JRP Preparation and Progress update: Received JRP 2025 project proposals from 16 appealing partners. PRT workshop of GBVSS to be held on 19-21 November 2024. The townhall meeting on Humanitarian Project Cycle (HPC) was to be conducted on 28th November 2024. The selected project proposal will be submitted in HPC by partners on 1-3 December 2024.</p> <p>2. GBVSS Field Coordination Update: NFCs shared the field coordination update as of 11th November 2024 which highlighted on WFS visit request by CiC/CiC office staff under camp 1w, 25, 24, 1e, 11, 15, 16 and 20. Field challenges also included increasing continuous security concerns in certain camps particularly camp 11, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 20e. It is also shared that, women and girls are facing violence, sexual assault by Arm groups and organized group members. GBVSS field team also shared that CiC FAQ documents were already released and shared with CiC in the field.</p> <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annie, GBVSS Coordinator briefed about GBVSS plan to have a workshop with CiCs in November 2024 depending on the availability of RRRC Officials. - Newly arrived Rohingya refugees will receive GBV services (like old Rohingya) to be aligned with the principles of “No one left behind”. - Annie, GBVSS Coordinator, informed the participants that Protection Sector to be organizing a workshop next week on Referral Pathway (RP) where CP, GP and GBV Focal Point (CFP) will participate. <p>3. GBVSS Advocacy Products: GBVSS Q3 2024 Bulletin and GBVIMS Q3 2024 Factsheet are expected to be released by the end of November 2024.</p> <p>Key insights of GBVMIS Factsheet are provided below:</p> <p>Survivors statistics:</p>	



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- In **Q3 2024**, overall reported GBV incidents **decreased by 0.93%** compared to Q2 2024.
- **10.9%** of reported incidents are of Sexual Violence.
- **76.4%** of reported incidents are perpetrated by intimate partners; **7.1%** by family other than spouse or caregiver; **7.7%** by family friend / Neighbor; **2%** by primary caregiver/ parent.
- **85.6%** of the survivors are Married; **8.4%** are Single; **3.6%** are divorced and **2.3%** are widowed.
- **76.4%** of reported incidents are prior survivors.
- **40.3%** incidents reported at Evening/Night, **31.3%** in the Morning and **27.5%** in the afternoon.
- **80.05%** of the survivors are Refugees & **19.95%** are Host communities.
- Perpetrators Age: 26-40 years old – **64.5%**; 41-60 years old – **18.3%**; 18-25 years old – **15.1%**.

Types of GBV reported (by %) under GBVIMS in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh:

By case context, of all reported incidents in Q3 2024, **76.4% are of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) nature (compared to 73.8% in Q2 2024)**, regardless of the classification above. GBV CFPs reported that there's an observed increase in IPV in most of the camps, associated with all forms of violence, ranging from sustained physical assaults, marital rapes, and denial of resources. As aligned with the GBVIMS incident records, **85.6%** of the survivors are Married; **8.4%** are Single; **3.6%** are divorced and **2.3%** are widowed. Along with this by the case context, **Child sexual abuse** is **4%** while **Harmful traditional practices** is **2%** (compared to 4.2% & 1% respectively in Q2 2024).

Of all reported incidents, **refugees** comprised **80.05%** of the incidents, while **19.95%** of incidents are reported by the **host** community.

Feedback and response from participants:

- Annie, GBVSS Coordinator, raised the issue of online gambling mentioning husbands of many families are selling daily usable items such as cooking utensils.
- Gabriella mentioned there is rumor on safe shelter and re-settlements issues where it needs common stands and message dissemination to the beneficiaries.
- Mousumi from CARITAS said that there is rumor among the community related to the safe shelter. The community people have a perception that the beneficiaries of the safe shelter might be trafficked for selling different organs of the human body. She also shared that they received psychiatric cases while beneficiaries do not like to go to health centers due to the fair or confidentiality breaching as the community treats people negatively and even stigmatizes the people who visit Psychiatric for services.
- Swapna from BRAC suggested advocating more Psychiatric in health centers as there is a lack of sufficient number of psychiatrists in the response.
- Ruma from UNICEF shared the concern that 76.4% of reported incidents are prior survivors. They need to have an analysis on the causes of it, this may be due to security issues, natural disasters.
- IOM participants shared that women and girls may face abuses and violence at any time because of the nature of camp settlements.



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- IRC shared that they received a number of child marriage cases in the camps.
- GBVSS Coordinator shared that, few cases are reported regarding retaliation (from Arm group members) following complaints to the actors and authority of the incidents.

4. JRP 2025 Timeline: GBVSS shared the updated timeline of JRP 2025 with partners:

- Peer review of GBVSS: 19-21 November 2024
- Appealing Partner Selection Completion: 24 November 2024
- Final project adjustments: 25-28 November 2024
- Selected project submission in HPC: 1-3 December 2024

5. Peer Review Team: GBVSS received calls from individual organizations for Peer Review Team formation for GBVSS.

❖ **Key Discussion Points:**

1. **16 Days of Activism:** Fahomida, GBVSS shared the updates on the organization of 16 Days of Activism 2024 especially focused on the 2 days long launching events on 25-26 November 2024. The launching event consists of a Rally from DC Office to Laboni beach along with a launching ceremony at Laboni Beach on 25 November 2024. There will be a fair on the beach on 25-26 November 2024 and cultural ceremony on 26 November 2024 afternoon.

-Fahomida also shared the budget gap of the 16 Days of Activism launching event. GBVSS asked to get more fund support from GBVSS members.

6. Operational updates:

- **Case Management WG:** Case Management Working Groups conducted their monthly meeting on 4th November 2024. The CMWG developed a training plan on GDP for the whole GBV case management team. It also plans to conduct KII with case workers for persons with disabilities during their next meeting plan on 2nd December 2024.
- **Prevention Working Group:** Gabriella from UNHCR provided the below updates of the Prevention Working Group. PWG completed the October 2024 monthly meeting where the participants requested WG/GBVSS to facilitate the suggestions/solutions against ongoing challenges that they encountered in the field. They have shared the below challenges:
 - IRC refers to the challenges for having male participants for their program as a large number of refugees are going out of the camp for work, organizations are facing challenges to have male participants for their program. It also mentioned that adolescent girls from FHH in particular are the target of abuse.
 - Nari Moitree mentioned that their program is being hampered in implementation in block E of camp 14 due to security concerns.
 - Caritas shared men are being photographed by arm groups under their banner and threatened for blackmailing (images could become viral reaching male groups has become challenging) in failure to pay ransom.



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- CODEC refers to the forced child (boys) labor cases in the host community (Palongkhali).
- BRAC/UNICEF mentioned that program staff are facing difficulties to get men in the host community to participate in prevention activities as they are involved in income-generating activities. They also shared that, program at other camps is being impacted by the gifts and refreshments as many organizations are offering at Camp 20 to encourage participation. They also shared that participants of camp 8W distant are less interested to attend the WGSS session.
- **GiHA WG:** Mehbuba from GiHA WG shared the below updates:
 - GAM & JRP update: The monthly meeting was held on October 6, 2024, at the ISCG Office. GiHA WG conducted an orientation on GAM process to the GiHA members and sectoral focal points on October 27, 2024. It also discussed the GAM Review template on November 10, 2024. Finally, GiHA team to support to the PRT team for JRP during November 12-21, 2024 for GAM review purposes.
 - General Update: The GiHA WG conducted a monthly meeting on November 10, 2024. It completed ISNA 2024 gender data analysis. GiHA WG formed a technical working group with WLO/WRO leads.
 - GiHA WG is organizing a video campaign aimed to spotlight powerful messages from those dedicated to preventing and addressing gender-based violence and working for gender equality both in the Rohingya Refugee response and the Host Community in Cox's Bazar. These 30 second videos will be posted on ISCG social media platforms throughout the 16 Days of Activism.
- **PSEA Network:** Rajib from PSEA Network shared the below updates:
 - The PSEA Network facilitated three workshops on PSEA mainstreaming with WaSH SCCM and LSDS.
 - Bangla ToT with PSEA Focal Points (IASC 'Saying No to Sexual Misconduct') in collaboration with Tdh in collaboration with WHO and Tdh. It also conducted PSEA Training for UN Women IPs.
 - PSEA network also participated in UNHCR's Annual PSEA Workshop with IPs.
 - PSEA network updated BNGO Senior Management on PSEA activities at NGO Platform Meeting. It makes available IASC Minimum Operating Standards, MOS-PSEA (Revision August) 2024. It also ensures translated IASC 'Saying No to Sexual Misconduct' and Victims' Rights Statement on IASC and UN OVRA Website.
- **Protection Sector:** The Protection Sector shared that the Peace and Security Campaign has been launched officially on October 15 while the Campaign concept endorsed by the SAF. The Sector held a Joint Protection Monitoring Workshop with partners to enhance the quality of the data being collected and to address current reporting challenges. The PS conducted a JRP 2025 workshop with all partners. A revised log frame including strengthened objectives to enhance coherence of interventions and rationalization by focusing on key response elements given the increase in the refugee population and the deteriorating security situation was finalized. It also held a half-day workshop with the Protection Sector SAG (Strategic Advisory Group) to align the sector strategy for



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the JRP 2025. It is noted that, the Protection Sector SAG has endorsed the operational Note on Terminology to provide guidance on the terms used to refer to the groups engaged in criminal/illegal activities inside the camps.

- **CPSS:** CPSS conducted a JRP 2025 workshop with partners and shared relevant documents to support partners' preparation and JRP project submissions. It has already published the Child Protection Situation Analysis report 2024. CPSS also updated October 2024 data of the Child Protection Situation Monitoring Key Informant Dashboard along. It will conduct the JRP 2025 PRT workshop on 13th November 2024. CMTWG co-chairs and one CP member have been selected to attend the Training of Facilitators on Engaging Community Volunteers in Case Management in Bangkok, Thailand, from November 18–22. These colleagues will cascade the training to other CPSS partners next year.

More details on the meeting can be found in the [Powerpoint Presentation](#).

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- Annie asked partners to share training requests in advance so that GBVSS can support in time.
- Mukti Cox's bazar raised they do not have expertise for remote case management while referring to Case Management Working Groups.

Action Points

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1	GBVSS to share 16 Activities calendar, 2024	GBVSS	Already Shared
2	16 Days of Activism Concept Note Sharing	GBVSS	Already Shared
3.	Fahomida, GBVSS to share the funding gaps of 16 Days of Activism 2024 launching event with GBVSS partners by 11 November 2024	Fahomida-GBVSS	Shared on 11 November 2024