



Cox's Bazar GBV Sub-Sector

GBV Sub-Sector Monthly Meeting Minutes - December 2024

Date	9 December 2024, Monday	Venue: Conference Room-1, UNFPA CXB Office
Meeting Modality	In-Person	Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm
Chair	Annie Waweru; GBVSS Coordinator	Preparation of Minutes: GBVSS Coordination Team
Partner's present	<p>In person: (41 People : 30 Female , 11 Male).</p> <p>HLP Advisor- Protection, GBVSS, UNHCR, UNFPA, Aid Comilla, Nari Maitree, ASD, WVB, COAST Foundation, Legal Action Worldwide, Mukti Cox's Bazar, MHPSS WG, Unicef, Pulse BD, IRC, WHO, UN Women, WFP, UNKS, Protection Sector, Friendship, Bandhu Social Welfare, GNB, PHD, SCI, DRC, BNPS, GUK, Care Bangladesh, Shushilon, BRAC, ISCG, YPSA, JNUS.</p>	
Agenda	<p><u>Welcome, Greetings and Introduction:</u> Annie Waweru, GBVSS Coordinator welcomed all participants and invited them for a round of introduction.</p> <p><u>Meeting Agenda:</u> Annie, GBVSS Coordinator, shared the agenda of the December 2024 meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GBVSS updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field level coordination updates 2. Referral pathway 3. Update of GBVSS mailing list 4. Key discussions: GBVSS Work Plan for 2025 (Gaps in 2024 and recommendations for 2025) ● Operational updates ● AoB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HLP (Housing, Land and Property) ○ Advocacy brief <p><u>Agenda-wise discussion and updates:</u></p> <p><u>GBVSS updates</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field level coordination updates: Fahomida, GBVSS-NFC, briefed on the field level coordination mainly focusing on the 16 days of Activism 2024 campaign. Firstly, she gave a highlight of the camp level activities during the 16 DoA and thanked partners for their continuous support and collaboration throughout the campaign. Secondly, partners were requested to coordinate with GBV Camp Focal Points of the respective camps for new project implementation and block demarcation to avoid duplication of services. Additionally, she provided updates about the half-day workshop with CiCs on GBV issues and challenges held on 26 November 2024 and non-GBV actors training for sectoral focal points on GBV core principles, risk mitigation and services with 20 camp level focal points. GBVSS-Coordinator also shared about the workshop with CiCs and highlighted the workshop discussions were mainly focused on field level issues and raise awareness on GBV. <p><u>Feedback from Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subarna Shaha, UNFPA, raised a concern on male CiC accessing the WFS and the GBVSS Coordinator briefed the participants on the global guidelines and highlighted that she had shared 	



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it with the CiCs/ACiCs during a recently held workshop.

2. **Referral pathway:** Eumna, GBVSS-NFC, gave participants a refresher of the GBV Referral Pathway for GBV and non-GBV- Actors. Also, she shared the list of GBV Camp Focal Points (CFPs) of 33 Rohingya refugee camps.
 - The GBVSS Coordinator shared feedback from a recently conducted workshop on the Referral Pathway that was held with the CFP and ACFP. The participants discussed challenges such as lack of accountability from partners and the need to strengthen capacity on GBV and Non- GBV. In response the GBVSS and CPSS are planning to conduct a training for GBV CFPs in Q-1 and Q2 of 2025.
3. **Update of GBVSS mailing list:** Abir, GBVSS, shared that GBVSS is going to update the Focal Points' list of GBVSS as well as GBVSS mailing list. GBVSS will send out an email to partners to update their focal and alternate focal point's information so that in January 2025 GBVSS get the updated information of GBVSS focal points along with an updated GBVSS email list.
4. **Key discussions:**
 - **GBVSS Work Plan for 2025 (Gaps in 2024 and recommendations for 2025):** Alamgir, GBVSS-NFC invited participants for a group work on gaps in 2024 and recommendations for 2025 that will help develop the GBVSS work plan for 2025. The 2025 workplan will be shared with the partners in Q1 2025.
 - The GBVSS completed the JRP 2025 process and selected 9 appealing partners: UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNWomen, IOM, IRC, DRC, CARE, World Vision. Key GBV messages were shared earlier on email for use by partners in raising awareness for new arrivals. Reports indicate that new arrivals are afraid of seeking services due to lack of registration. The messages are available on the [GBVSS website](#).

Operational updates:

- **Case Management WG:** Gladys from IRC, shared that IRC hosted the Case management WG meeting on 2nd December 2024 wrapped activities per the workplan. Partners reviewed the pending activities and decided that the remaining activities will be shifted to 2025. The next CMWG meeting will be held on 6th January 2024. She also highlighted that the 2025 CMWG work plan is underway.
 - Annie shared that GBVSS will be reaching out to CMWG for g training of GBV CFPs in Q1 2025.
- **Prevention WG:** Shirin, UNHCR, shared the prevention WG November monthly meeting was not conducted as it coincided with the 16 Days of Activism 2024. The next meeting will be held in January 2025 and invites will be shared accordingly.
- **PSEA Network:** Rajib from the PSEA Network, briefed about a 3 days workshop on SEAH Investigations that was conducted with the UN and NGO PSEA focal points, with BRAC Also, of an online workshop with PSEA focal points on the PSEA SOPs and the support accorded to the GBVSS



reviewing the JRP 2025 project proposals. He also highlighted the collaboration between PSEA Network and the GBVSS regarding a training on the Basics of GBV training for PSEA focal points on 17-18 December 2024. GBVSS will facilitate the training.

- Annie mentioned that the GBVSS will reach the PSEA Network for training for GBV CFPs in Q1 2025.
 - Ruma, Unicef, shared that the PSEA training is not effective at the field level and the IEC materials and messages need to be contextualized and translated to the local language to make the training and awareness raising sessions more effective.
 - Rajib responded that the PSEA Network is working with IOM and UNHCR on community level PSEA materials contextualization and the materials will be translated into Bangla, Burmese and English languages.
 - The GBV SS requested PSEA Network to share any training link on PSEA that can be further shared by GBVSS with partners.
- **Protection Sector:** Irene, Protection Sector Coordinator, shared the below updates:
 - The Protection Sector published protection flash update #8 highlighting the ceasefire between organized groups that has shown an initial decrease in violent incidents within the Rohingya camps.
 - Conducted a comprehensive workshop with the Protection Focal Point (PFP) and back-up PFPs to enhance coordination to enhance coordination.
 - The Protection Sector, together with the Child Protection and GBV sub-sectors, organized a Referral Pathways Workshop with GBV and Child Protection Camp Focal Points to agree on harmonized standards for the referral of protection cases across partners, while simultaneously identifying and addressing key challenges, such as gaps in coordination, communication, and follow-up mechanisms.
 - Facilitated a two-day Peer Review process to assess the project proposals for the JRP 2025.
 - The PRT selected 13 out of the 20 proposals presented with 4 of these partners only targeting Objective 6 (Peace and Security).The Sector presented the priorities outlined in the narrative and objectives for the JRP 2025 including protection needs and gap analysis in the ISCG meeting with RRRC and Camp-in-Charge Officers highlighting the need to work jointly in peace and security initiatives and in the inclusion of young people in prevention activities.
 - The Anti-Trafficking Working Group organized a brainstorming workshop to identify challenges and gaps in the ongoing anti-trafficking activities and review its strategy for next year.
 - **GiHA:** Mehbuba, the GiHA Coordinator, shared that the GiHA monthly meeting was held on the 10 November 2024 and focused on the GAM review template and the 16 Days of Activism 2024 celebration. She thanked partners for their support and collaboration during the campaign. She mentioned a video message on GBV that will be shared during the campaign GiHA WG will finalize sectorwise gender tip sheets by January 2025.
 - **CPSS:** No updates shared by CPSS.



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AoB:

- **HLP (Housing, Land and Property):** Annie, GBVSS Coordinator, introduced Mr. Raji, the Housing, Land and Property (HLP) coordinator to the meeting and welcomed issues related to HLP to discuss. Raji, the HLP Advisor, protection sector briefed about HLP (Housing, Land and Property) mentioning women are the most affected with HLP issues. He provided some of the facts related with HLP as per below:
 - HLP Cases and Gender Impact: The number of HLP cases registered in the name of women is increasing, with around 50% directly affecting women or involving them as the first point of contact. Additionally, half of the HLP beneficiaries face potential GBV risks, highlighting the need for collaborative efforts to address these challenges.
 - Vulnerability of New Arrivals: Newly arrived individuals, often without financial stability or secure housing, face heightened risks related to HLP, such as exploitation, eviction, or unmet payment demands. These vulnerabilities underscore the importance of integrating gender perspectives into HLP programming and responses.
 - Planned Interventions for 2025: The HLP Coordinator shared plans for a January 2025 factsheet to provide insights into HLP issues, including gender composition. The release will address ownership complexities in Bangladesh, particularly in Teknaf, where overlapping land claims create legal disputes between host communities and refugees. Advocacy and short training programs are also planned to improve awareness and clarify property rights.

- **Advocacy Brief:** Reem from UN Women sought some clarity on the recently produced advocacy brief. The GBVSS clarified all the raised issues related to advocacy briefs and shared that it will be uploaded soon and partners will be notified. Partners requested to have such and other products from the GBVSS as they are key in their work. Members also proposed to form a technical working group to work on technical issues and other key documents and they went ahead to propose their names. The GBV SS advised to put the matter on hold until the next monthly meeting. Gladys from IRC, shared IRC has completed a safety audit that will be soon shared with the GBVSS.

Action Points

SL	Action Points	Responsible person	Progress
1	GBVSS to share the ToR of GBV CFP with GBVSS members.	GBVSS	To be shared with next monthly meeting invitation
2	GBVSS to share word versions of GBV messages for new arrivals.	GBVSS	Shared
3	GBVSS requested HLP to give a presentation on HLP in January 2024 to showcase the correlation with GBV	HLP Focal, ISCG	Confirmed



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4	GBVSS Technical Working Group formation	GBVSS	To be discussed.
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