2025 Template for Country Level UNCT/HCT Action Plan to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

All activities in the below Action Plan will be implemented across Bangladesh, including within the camps in Cox Bazaar unless otherwise indicated.

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Leadership Accountability	and Compliance: Leade	ers at all levels foster a respectful and	safe working environr	ment and are account	table for PSEA implementation.
Outcome 1.1 The Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) and UN leadership/NGO leadership, including	UNCT, ROCT, Senior management and other relevant stakeholders are aware of PSEA efforts and challenges in the Country	PSEA is a standing agenda in UNCT/ROCT and in other relevant meetings, including NGO Platform Organize quarterly meetings with	Ongoing Quarterly	PSEA coordinador PSEA coordinador	N/A
managers at all levels, fulfil their accountability on PSEA by promoting and enforcing PSEA policies with the UNCT/HCT, ensuring the rights and	in the Gountry	Donors to provide PSEA Network updates Develop One Video Message engaging UNRC/Senior Management to strengthen staff engagement on	Q3	UNRC/ PSEA coordinador	N/A
dignity of SEA victims are prioritized, promoting timely and transparent reporting		PSEA. RC/HC submits annual	Q4	UNRC/ PSEA coordinator	N/A
and investigation of allegations, maintaining an active PSEA Network, and consistently advocating for		Management Letter and Action Plan to OSCSEA. UNCT and HCT appoint PSEA	Ongoing	Senior Leadership	N/A
awareness and transparency on PSEA issues within the UN and the communities they	Senior Management is accountable to ensure	Focal Points Develop a checklist for the senior management on PSEA accountability.	Q2	PSEA coordinator	N/A
serve.	PSEA is integrated in the entity response				

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	PSEA awareness is led by URCO and senior management	Organize one Town Hall meeting, led by UNRC on PSEA with UNCT and ROCT	Q1	UNRC/ PSEA coordinator	N/A
		Organize one Town hall meeting on PSEA, led by Dhaka PSEA Network	Q1	PSEA coordinator	N/A
		Coordinator with Head of NGOs Organize one Town hall meeting on	Q1-Q2	Senior Management	N/A
		PSEA replicated at internal level (UN, NGO)			
Outcome 1.2 Representatives of the UNCT/HCT understand and fulfil their individual and collective PSEA obligations to report all SEA allegations promptly, ensure completion of mandatory PSEA training, fully address victims' rights to assistance and support, and support the RC/HC to deliver on PSEA at the country level.	The senior management is aware and using the Practical Toolkit for United Nations Senior	Two Orientations on the 'Practical Toolkit for United Nations Senior Leaders in-Country' for UNCT and ROCT.	Q1-Q2	PSEA coordinator	N/A
	Leaders in-Country	Two Orientation on the tailored 'Practical Toolkit for United Nations Senior Leaders in-Country' for NGO senior management.	Q3	PSEA coordinator	1,000
	The engagement and coordination on PSEA with the government	Develop a strategic plan to engage with the government	Ongoing	PSEA coordinator / UNRC/ Senior Management	N/A
	increased	Develop an advocacy paper for the UNRC to engage with the government on PSEA.	Q1	PSEA coordinator	N/A
		Training to build the capacity of the relevant government staff to handle	Q3-Q4	PSEA coordinator	5,000

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		SEA allegations (including victim centered approach) Continue advocacy with Bangladesh Government with regards to Sexual harassment act 2024	Ongoing	PSEA coordinator	N/A	
		Identify Entry points within the Government to engage and build capacity	Q1-Q2	PSEA coordinator	N/A	
		Establish PSEA focal points within the government	Q3	PSEA coordinator	N/A	
Outcome 1.3 Monitoring, Compliance, and Evaluation: Progress on key activities in the Action Plan is regularly monitored, reviewed for effectiveness, and adjusted as necessary to	Network activities and efficiency are monitored and reported to senior management	The networks produce mid-year and end of the year Report on PSEA network activities PSEA FPs Quarterly update the Senior Management on the implementation of the action plan	Q2- Q4 Quarterly	PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA coordinators/ PSEA FPs	N/A	
ensure ongoing progress and the achievement of the Required Outcomes.		Monitoring participation and engagement from the Network members	Monthly	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
The Action Plan and the achievement of the Required Outcomes can be monitored by embedding standardized indicators such as the		Collect monthly conducted and planned activities from the network	Monthly	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A	

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IASC PSEA Core Indicators. PSEA Policy, Oversight, as guidance and oversight of		members to avoid duplication of efforts icated resources and PSEA structures	s are in place to facilita	ite coordination and	support the developme	nt of local PSEA
Outcome 2.1 An inter-agency PSEA Network, comprised of all UNCT/HCT members,	PSEA network coordination and coordination with members is ensured	Conduct regular PSEA Network monthly meetings (in English and Bangla)	Monthly	PSEA coordinators PSEA coordinators/	N/A	
national actors, international and national NGOs, led by the Resident Coordinator or the RC/HC		Conduct regular Joint Field Visit with network members	Monthly	Network members PSEA coordinators/	N/A	
is in place, with the resources and expertise necessary to deliver PSEA outcomes.		Develop a check list for the field visit	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		The PSEA Network includes all UNCT/HCT Focal Points, including national actors and representation from international and national NGOs	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A	
		Creation of a shared drive for the network members	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Organize PSEA ToTs for the PSEA Focal Points	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	5,000	

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		2 active Co-chairs are nominated for Bangladesh Network and 2 for Cox's Bazar	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Strengthening coordination with RSH and CHS Alliance and other relevant PSEA forums	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Support the network members to develop organizational PSEA Annual Action Plan	Q1	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A	
		Develop PSEA network yearly workplan	Q4	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Review of the PSEA Focal Point ToR including both their institutional responsibilities and their expected engagement with the PSEA Network.	Q1		N/A	
		Facilitate training on basic PFA and GBV for PSEA Focal points	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators PSEA	5,000	
		Facilitate training for PSEA focal points on selfcare	Ongoings	coordinators	5,000	
	Establish the NGO PSEA Champions in Dhaka and Coxs 'Bazar in close coordination with NGO platform/INGO Network/CSO alliance	Ongoing	coordinators PSEA coordinators	N/A		
			Ongoing			

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		Increase the collaboration with the regional and global working groups and networks to share and replicate best practices as and when necessary	00.04	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Facilitate training for PSEA focal points on GBV and referral pathways	Q2-Q4		5,000	
	PSEA and AAP and other relevant working group (GDP and age	In coordination with the AAP WG, establish field level networks.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
	and disability) coordination is increased	Mainstream PSEA within AAP activities (engagement with the communities, AAP messages).	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Conduct quarterly meetings with other relevant working groups, including GiHA (Gender in Humanitarian Action), Youth, GDP (Gender Diverse Population) and age and disability, to	Q1-Q2-Q3-Q4	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		ensure PSEA is reflected and mainstreamed	Ongoing	PSEA and AAP coordinators	2,500	
		Conduct joint awareness raising activities	Q3	PSEA coordinators	2,000	
		Facilitate training on SEA disclosure and PSEA SOP to the AAP/CFM staff				
	PSEA 3-years strategy is in place	Development of 3 years' PSEA strategy	Q2	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
			Q2		1,500	

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		Organize One Workshop with Senior Management and PSEA FPs on PSEA Strategy		PSEA coordinators/ Network members/ senior management	
	PSEA is mainstreamed and coordinated with clusters and sectors and in the ISCG and	Organize two workshops (1 in CXB and 1 in DAC) with Sector/Custer Coordinators on PSEA Mainstreaming	Q3	PSEA coordinators	2,000
	ICCG system	Joint quarterly meeting with Protection sector/cluster, GBV SS and CP SS	Quarterly	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		Ensure all the sectors/clusters have PSEA Focal Points	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		Mainstream PSEA into preparedness plan	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		Two training (1 in CXB and 1 in DAC) for the sector/cluster PSEA Focal Points	Q1	PSEA coordinators	2,500
		PSEA mainstream training for cluster/sector partners	Q3-Q4	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		Inclusion of PSEA in the 5Ws	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		PSEA is clearly reflected in the JRP and HRP	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A

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Safe and Accessible Reporting Mechanisms and a Victim-Centered Approach: Every member of the communities we serve has access to confidential, safe, and gender-, child-, and culturally sensitive mechanisms and pathways to report SEA, and the rights and dignity of victims are prioritized and their needs addressed, following the United Nations Comprehensive Strategy on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.								
Outcome 3.1 Safe, accessible, confidential, and gender-, child-, and culturally	Joint reporting mechanism are in place and following standard procedures to	In coordination with the AAP WG, establish the inter-agency reporting mechanisms.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators PSEA coordinators/	N/A			
sensitive mechanisms and processes for reporting SEA ¹ are in place.	handle SEA allegations	Consultation with the community to tailor the awareness and communication materials.	Ongoing	Network members PSEA coordinators/	8,000			
		Consultation with the community on PSEA reporting channels	Ongoing	Network members PSEA	8,000			
		Mapping of SEA entry channels	Q1	coordinators/ Network members	N/A			
		Establish the generic PSEA email for the country	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A			
		Develop Key PSEA Messages and tools in local languages	Q3	PSEA coordinator	2,000			
	Communication and community engagement is ensured	Conduct PSEA awareness sessions in Schools.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/	8,000			

¹Type of mechanism and targeted locations to be determined by each UNCT/HCT based on context and pre-existing channels and mechanisms for reporting. These could include, for example, phone hotlines, SMS, PSEA Focal Points, service points, etc. This could involve broader complaint channels that are strengthened with the necessary safeguards for reporting sexual exploitation and abuse, or the training of PSEA Focal Points within protection-related services to support reporting and referrals, and/or other systems, and/or a combination of the above, as appropriate per the country context.

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		Organize Two Awareness Campaigns on PSEA both in Cox's Bazar and Dhaka for the community within the 16 days of activism Develop and disseminate "No Excuses" card	Q4 Ongoing	Network members PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA	5,000	
		Develop key PSEA messages for Radio Broadcasting.	Q2	coordinators	N/A	
		Engagement with Radio Networks and other telecoms and mobile phone to disseminate key PSEA messages.	Ongoing	coordinators/ Network members	N/A 6,000	
		Develop Awareness materials (posters, key messages, videos, audios) for different target group from the community people.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/ Network members		
		Develop Facilitation guide for training and awareness sessions.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/ Network	N/A N/A	
		Review the PSEA Communication strategy	Q3	members PSEA coordinators/		
		Develop Key messages and IEC materials for Children	Q3	Network members PSEA	N/A	
		Develop Training package for the Rohingya volunteers	Q4	coordinators PSEA coordinators	N/A	
Outcome 3.2 Victims of SEA receive timely and appropriate	Services providers are aware on how to handle SEA allegations	Training of Trainers for GBV, CP Case Workers and other relevant	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/	5,000	

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assistance through adequately resourced, coordinated, and sensitive mechanisms and are supported throughout the process by an appropriate victim support function and/or role.		stakeholders on SEA Case Management, SEA disclosure and Victim Assistance. Training of Trainers for the community leaders to handle SEA allegations (including victim centered approach and referrals). Support and guidance to victims is provided by the Victims' Rights Focal Point. Victims' Rights Focal Point to provide training and support on victim/survivor-centered	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	Network members PSEA coordinators/ Network members Victims' Rights Focal Point. Victims' Rights Focal Point.	6,000 N/A N/A			
		approaches to PSEA. Victims' Rights Focal Point is nominated.	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A			
	Referral pathways are in place	Conduct Service Mapping to strengthen country wide referral pathway (in Collaboration with GBV Cluster) Strengthen referral pathway for SEA allegations.	Q1 Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A N/A			
	Investigations and Accountability: Allegations of SEA are reported, assessed, and referred to investigations in a timely manner and all substantiated cases are addressed through a victim-centered approach and via established rules and regulations.							
Outcome 4.1	A pool of investigators	Mapping of existing investigators	Q1	PSEA	N/A			
The PSEA Network adopts and implements processes for the handling of	is available for Network members	Establish a Pool of trained Investigators in Bangladesh.	Q3	coordinators PSEA coordinators	N/A			

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complaints and referral of allegations to appropriate investigative bodies, including allegations		Training on SEAH Investigation for identified investigators.	Q2-Q3	PSEA coordinators	10,000	
related to implementing partners.		Mapping of the relevant national legal framework	Q2	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Develop a contextualized guideline for the members on SEAH investigation in line with national legal framework	Q3-Q4	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
	Investigations materials are tailored and in available in Bangla	Advocate for investigation trainings with CHS	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Develop a SEAH Investigation training Package	Q3	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Translate the CHS Alliance Investigation Guideline in Bangla.	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	

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Outcome 4.2 The senior-most UN official in-country is promptly informed of allegations of SEA, in compliance with the Management and Accountability Framework and the Updated Guidance Note on Sharing Information on Allegations.	All SEA allegations are reported and recorded	Roll out training for the key stakeholders on the revised SOP both in CXB and rest of Bangladesh Finalize and obtain endorsement of the PSEA SOP Creation of the secured database Develop the information sharing protocol One Workshop to develop common understanding on SEA data sharing with key stakeholders	Q1 Q1 Q1 Q3	PSEA coordinators/ PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA coordinators PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA coordinators/ Network members PSEA coordinators/	8,000 N/A N/A N/A 3,000	
		isk Management: Proactive preventions, and implementing robust risk mitigated Organize PSEA ToTs for the PSEA FPs. Establish a pool of trainers. Include PSEA messages in the UNDSS-debriefing documents. Develop volunteer training module				

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awareness-raising are conducted regularly.		Develop shorter versions of the PSEA training packages for consultants and third-party collaborators	PSEA coordinators	Q3	N/A
	HRs are aware and responsible for all PSEA related activities	Organize Two workshops with HR staff to clarify their PSEA role and responsibilities.	Q2	PSEA coordinators	5,000
		Develop one PSEA checklist for HR	Q2	PSEA coordinators	N/A
		Establish a Local Background Check system in collaboration with INTERPOL SOTERIA Project	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A
Outcome 5.2 Regular inter-agency PSEA risk assessments are conducted at country level including Cox's Bazar, with mitigation measures developed, resourced, and integrated into projects and programs as needed.	Inter-agency risk assessment is conducted at Country level	Organize One validation Workshop with Senior Management and PSEA FPs-Interagency SEA Risk Assessment.	Q2	PSEA coordinators	5,000
		Conduct 2 assessments in the camps in collaboration with NPM to assess the status and satisfaction level of the community on the reporting mechanisms.	Q2-Q4	PSEA coordinators/NPM	N/A
		Conduct Interagency SEA Risk Assessment	Q1	PSEA coordinators/ consultant	25,000
		Organize training or workshops for staff and PSEA FPs to ensure they understand the risks, the mitigation strategies, and their roles in implementing them.	Q3	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	5,000

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		Conduct evaluations at regular intervals to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and make adjustments as necessary	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A	

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Outcome 5.3 Adequate safeguards are in place when working with implementing partners, and appropriate assessments and actions related to SEA are taken, in line with the United Nations Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Involving Implementing Partners and the United Nations Implementing Partner PSEA Capacity Assessment.	All IPs are assessed and received the needed support to fulfil their PSEA responsibilities	Establish a working group on IP PSEA assessment.	Q1	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Organize one workshop to develop a strategy to strengthen the IP assessment and IP support.	Q3	PSEA coordinators	1.000	
		Develop a common approach to support strengthening the IP PSEA capacity.	Q3	PSEA coordinators/ Network members	N/A	
		Create a consolidated database on the assessed IPs.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	IV/A	
		Identify non-UN IP NGOs and establishment of a mentorship program for them in collaboration with CHS A.	Ongoing	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Create a list of vendors, third parties, service providers, consultants and establish a mentorship program.	Q2	PSEA coordinators	N/A	
		Develop a guideline and checklist for the mentorship program in collaboration with RSH and CHS A.	Q3	PSEA coordinators	N/A	

BUDGET: (Please provide the overall budget for all planned PSEA activities and victims' assistance activities. If preferable, the budget can be broken down by activity and included in the "Budget" column.)

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Additional Information and Resources

- Management and Accountability of the United Nations Development and Resident Coordinator System
- Knowledge Gateway
- United Nations Protocol on the Provision of Assistance to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Technical Note on the Implementation of the Protocol.
- Victims' Rights Statement
- Inter-Agency Standing Committee resources
 - o IASC Six Core Principles Relating to SEA (Revised 2019)
 - IASC Minimum Operating Standards PSEA
 - o Guideline Inter-Agency Community-Based Complaint Mechanisms Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
 - o IASC PSEA Core Indicators
 - o IASC PSEA Core Indicators Guidance Note
- UN System Policies and Protocols on PSEA
- UN System Tools on PSEA
- Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate