

Bangladesh and Cox's Bazar Network on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Terms of Reference for the Cluster/Sector PSEA Focal Point January 2025

Background

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Bangladesh maintains two different Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) networks (i.e. Dhaka and Cox's Bazar). These networks operate under the auspices of the Resident Coordinator (RC) to implement global commitments on PSEA, including the Secretary-General's Bulletin (2003). The UN Resident Coordinator's responsibilities regarding PSEA are operationalized through the PSEA Network Coordinators, who lead efforts to eradicate Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Bangladesh. To support mainstreaming of PSEA and provide technical PSEA support to the cluster/sector, the PSEA Networks will designate Focal Points at the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and at the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) levels. This will help in strategic PSEA preparedness and response, and operationalization of survivor centered approach in the different areas of interventions, at Cox's Bazar and at Dhaka level.

Objective

The objective of this ToR is to outline the roles, responsibilities, and nomination process for Cluster/Sector PSEA Focal Points to ensure effective implementation and coordination of PSEA activities within their respective clusters/sectors.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Cluster/Sector Focal Point will:

- Represent the PSEA network in the specific network/cluster
- Provide feedback from cluster/sector to the PSEA coordinator and the network
- Provide technical PSEA support at the cluster/sector
- Ensure PSEA is mainstreamed among the cluster/sector
- Ensure the cluster/sectors are always addressing SEA risks while planning activities.
- Ensure coordination with respective sectors.

To ensure all responsibilities are covered, the FPs will continuously engage with the PSEA coordinator of their respective PSEA network (Dhaka or Cox's Bazar level) to seek technical support and agree on better approaches. A quarterly meeting will be held with all cluster/sectors FPs to discuss challenges, best practices and way forward. Every six months, the cluster/sector FP will update the respective PSEA network. Additional ad-hoc meetings and updates can be provided on an ad hoc basis. If the cluster/sector is not available to attend a cluster/sector meeting, he/she will timely inform the respective PSEA coordinator who will function as alternate.

The full responsibility for mainstreaming PSEA in sector/cluster operations will remain with the sector/cluster coordinators. Normally, the sector/cluster coordinators will be the PSEA Focal Point. However, if the sector/cluster coordinator does not have sufficient time or PSEA expertise to implement the role themselves, a sector member with the required level of expertise will be appointed as the Sector/Cluster PSEA Focal Point.

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Nomination

To be selected as a cluster/sector PSEA focal point, it is mandatory to:

- be an expert & trained in the respective cluster/sector and
- have a strong knowledge of PSEA

Any of the PSEA network members can volunteer to be a cluster/sector PSEA focal point for the respective PSEA Network until he/she can meet the FPs requirements. The focal point will represent the respective PSEA network and the specific sector or cluster and not the organization. The FPs will be replaced upon request of the FP itself or on a need basis. To nominate a new FP, nominations will be requested to the respective PSEA network. The specific PSEA Network, in collaboration with the concerned clusters/sectors, will have final approval on the new Focal Point.

These Terms of Reference were endorsed by ROCT and UNCT in January 2025 and shall be reviewed and revised as appropriate.
