



CPSS Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 2025

Venue: Hotel Long Beach, Cox's Bazaar

Participants			
Child Protection Sub-sector	Agrajjatra	Protection Sector	Breaking The Silence
GBV Sub-sector	Coast Foundation	UNHCR	IOM
Caritas Bangladesh	EDUCO	Save the Children	
IRC	World Vision	YPSA	
FIVDB	Plan International	CODEC	
UNICEF	BRAC	Terre des Hommes	
ASD	GUK	SKUS	

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and registration
- Updates:
 - Protection Sector
 - GBV Sub-sector
 - PSEA Network
 - CMTWG
- CP service disruption and suspension
- CP-GBV guidance note
- AoB

Action points from the previous meeting	Status	Responsible
CRMM session will be provided to the CPSS partners	Next Month	UNICEF
IRC will help to translate in Bangla the CCS guideline	On Progress	IRC
CMTWG will inform the CP agencies when the new CP Case management forms can be used	On Progress	CPSS-CMTWG
The CCS (CP & GBV-Case Management) guideline will be shared	Completed	CPSS
The initiative to form the task team will commence soon (simplifying Child Protection services and reshaping the CP program)	On Progress	CPSS



DISCUSSION			
AGENDA ITEMS	Main Points and Discussions	Action Points	Responsible
Protection Sector Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sector initiated a comprehensive prioritization exercise in coordination with the Gender Based Violence Sub-Sector (GBVSS) and the Child Protection Sub-Sector (CPSS) to adapt to the funding constraints, align protection priorities, and enhance the efficiency of interventions by integrating protection services. The Sector underwent a 60% decrease in the requested budget while allocating activities to a 1st, 2nd and 3rd priority. The first priority activities where: registration, case management for refugees facing security threats and constraints in access to services, protection monitoring to prevent refoulement and ensure access to territory, legal aid, community consultations, support to people with disabilities and capacity building only for LAE (Security Pilar). The Protection Sector completed an operational update outlining the response to the estimated 150,000 new Rohingya arrivals. The update highlights key protection interventions and the required budget to support 100,000 individuals since 50,000 was covered in the initial JRP ask for 2025. Core priorities include biometric exercise, legal assistance, case management, protection monitoring, psychosocial support, and community-based protection. The Sector briefed Dr. Comfort Ero, President & CEO of the International Crisis Group, on the current protection landscape and space for Rohingya refugees. The discussion highlighted protection gaps, advocacy needs, and the shrinking operational environment for humanitarian actors. The Protection Sector finalized and published the Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Year-End Factsheet for 2024, providing camp-level data and key trends across all camps. The Anti-Trafficking Working Group (ATWG) finalized its 2024 End-Year Report, summarizing trends, achievements, and statistical data on human trafficking risks in the camps. Protection partners raised the concern that women were pushed to accept long term family planning methods as the condition to receive birth certificate for their newborn babies. Complaints were received across many camps including 1E, 1W, 2W, 3, 8W, 9, 11, 13, 19, 20Ext, 24, 25. UNHCR sent a letter on 31 October 2024 and later had a meeting with the RRRC who gave assurances that birth registration is unconditional and committed to look into the matter. Despite the letter and the meeting, new complaints about coercion have been received in 2025. A new letter on behalf of UNHCR, IOM, UNFPA and WHO was sent to the RRRC on 7 April flagging specific camps where incidents have continued to be recorded and asking for action by RRRC. The SRH WG is strengthening IEC materials for health workers and health partners to remind ethical practices of informing women about the voluntary nature of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Joint Protection Monitoring Report of Quarter 1 will be shared soon after finalization 	Protection Sector



	deciding not to take family planning methods. Key messages are being revised and will be shared with women during consultation to ensure they fully understand their choices.		
GBV Sector Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting (March 4, 2025): GBVSS held an ad-hoc meeting to create a contingency plan for prioritizing GBV case management, risk mitigation, social norms, and behavior change activities, culminating in a prioritization proposal for the Joint Sector Prioritization Meeting on March 5, 2025, in response to the funding pause by the U.S. Government. • Monthly Meeting with GBV CFPs (March 17, 2025): Focused on improving field-level coordination, discussing sexual violence threats, barriers in CMR service access, reviewing IWD 2025 camp-level learnings, and emphasizing GBV risk monitoring via quarterly FGDs. • GBVSS Workshop on GBVIMS ISP combined with GBVIMS Task Team (March 25, 2025): 24 participants from Data Gathering Organizations reviewed and updated the GBVIMS Information Sharing Protocol (ISP), focusing on revising the ISP to align with current data-sharing needs, enhance coordination, and strengthen GBV programming. • CP-GBV Case Management Guideline Review: The guidelines were reviewed by the SAG and both sub-sectors are to plan for dissemination to the case workers. • Updated GBVSS Member List: The 2025 GBVSS member list is now available on the Rohingya Refugee Response website. • Capacity Needs Assessments: GBVSS is conducting a capacity assessment for partners to better understand the needs and gaps of the GBVSS. 		
PSEA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation of the CHS Alliance SEAH Investigation Guideline, in collaboration with BRAC, and published on CHS Alliance website. The guideline aims to enhance the SEAH investigation capacity of National and Local NGOs. • The Interagency SEA Risk Assessment is ongoing, with two validation workshops completed on April 15 and 16 with the PSEA Focal Point and Sector/Cluster Coordinators (Protection, GBVSS, and CP). The SEA Risk Assessment report will be finalized following the validation workshops with UN and NGO Senior Leadership on April 28 and 29, at both the Dhaka and Cox's Bazar levels. 		



CMTWG Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAAFAG reporting system has transitioned to KOBO. • The CAAFAG case worker list has been updated. • The "Guidance Note on Working with Child Survivors in the Rohingya Response" has been endorsed and released. • Incorporation of the revised form into CPIMS+ is ongoing. The task team is currently mapping the changes, after which the Information Management (IM) colleague will proceed with updating the system. • Work is underway on developing a Guideline for Emergency Case Management Support. 	<p>- A town hall on the 'Guidance Note on Working with Child Survivors in the Rohingya Response' will be arranged on 6th May. With the participation of selected CP & GBV Caseworkers</p> <p>- To share the emergency case fund guideline once it's finalized.</p>	<p>CMTWG</p> <p>CPSS</p>
CP service disruption and suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reporting tool is designed to strengthen coordination, advocacy, and strategic planning during program disruptions, ensuring continuity of critical child protection services. • It captures key data in three sections: general information (including basic demographics), nature of disruption (temporary or permanent), and impact assessment (including affected activities, number of beneficiaries impacted, and elaboration based on the JRP). • Disruptions are categorized as either a scale-down or suspension of one or more activities, with reasons such as staffing issues, funding shortfalls, or program phase-out. • This data enables SAG to identify critical gaps, guide funding scenario planning, and advocate to donors by highlighting needs. • Only four agencies have submitted reports via this link. Any agency anticipating disruptions in the second half may also report using the same link. Additionally, agencies have the option to bridge the gap independently or through alternative funding sources. • It is a vital accountability and planning mechanism that, when used consistently, enhances coordination and ensures service delivery for vulnerable children is not compromised. • The sub-sector SAG may decide not to resume services if a needs assessment post-disruption finds no further requirement. Additionally, if another existing partner has the capacity to expand, that option will be considered to fill the gap. 	<p>- CPSS will consolidate data and share monthly updates with stakeholders, including SAG and donors to support ongoing response planning and funding alignment</p> <p>- All partners must report activity disruptions. - Partners are requested to read the guidance note on service disruption shared by CPSS.</p>	<p>CPSS</p> <p>CPSS Partners</p>



CP-GBV guidance note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CCS: CP-GBV Guidance note is mostly focused on aligning or following the same principles since CP and GBV have different principles on dealing with cases.• Guidance note shared with partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CPSS, GBVSS, and Protection Partners (Technical staff) must join the Townhall on this guidance note scheduled on 6 May 2025.	CPSS and GBVSS
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