Bangladesh: Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis

PSEA network for the Refugee Response in Cox's Bazar, August 2025



The Cox's Bazar PSEA (Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) Network operates under the leadership and coordination of the Country PSEA Network, serving as an inter-agency body dedicated to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) within the Rohingya humanitarian response. Established in November 2017 under the leadership of the UNRC and operationalized through ISCG, the network brings together humanitarian actors to uphold the highest standards of conduct and accountability. Guided by the UN Secretary-General's Bulletin and the UN Victim Assistance Protocol, the network promotes a survivor-centered, rights-based, and contextually appropriate approach to SEA prevention and response. It ensures that all actors are equipped to prevent SEA, support victims with dignity and respect, and foster a safe, trusted, and accountable humanitarian environment.



≅ Situation analysis

Awareness*



26% of HHs reported participating in PSEA awareness-raising

72% of HHs preferred face-to-face communication for receiving information about PSEA, reporting mechanisms, and available support

Reporting*



96% HHs said they are confident to report SEA -----

59% HHs reported of being aware of PSEA reporting mechanisms ----

Capacity and compliance**



87% of staff and volunteers received mandatory PSEA training 90% PSEA network members have a PSEA Policy in place

49% members (NGOs) have trained SEAH investigators

SEA trends**



1 in 5 victims is under 18

1 in 2 alleged perpetrators is a Rohingya Volunteer

*Source: ISNA 2024

**Source: PSEA network end of year report 2024

Among 4% of HHs who are not confident to report:

57% HHs don't know WHAT to report

29% HHs don't know WHERE to report

18% are concerned about their information

4% feel no need of reporting

3% don't trust the system

3% have other reasons to not report

The most preferred reporting channels:

CiC (Camp-in-Charge) - 72%

Women Safe Spaces/Women Led/Multipurpose Women's Centers – 71%

Majhi (Community Leaders) - 38%

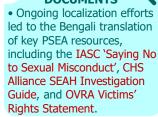
Complaint Boxes - 23%

Volunteers - 16%

Legal Aid Service Providers – 5%

Strategic advisory initiatives by PSEA network for Rohingya response

POLICY **DOCUMENTS**



INTER-AGENCY SEA **RISK ASSESSMENT**

· Cox's Bazar PSEA Network, with the National PSEA Network, conducted Interagency SEA Risk Assessment in 2025, which will contribute through the mitigation measures mapped and outlined by it.

GLOBAL POLICY ENGAGEMENT & COORDINATION

 Contributed to key initiatives including 'Call for Inputs' on the UN Secretary-General's Bulletin, the IASC PSEA Mapping Exercise, and other global consultations to align local efforts with international standards.



ADVANCING STRATEGIC PLANNING

· Co-developed the Bangladesh Interagency PSEA Action Plan 2025 with the National PSEA Network and is actively engaging members to support its implementation

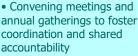


COMMUNITY **OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT**



- 3 animation videos and 2 volunteer training packages developed.
- Launched IASC 'Together We Say No' IEC materials.
- Mainstreamed PSEA messaging across sectors and Conduct annual consultations

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



· Ongoing delivery of workshops, ToTs, and specialized trainings on PSEA

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- Mainstreaming PSEA in the sectors
- Introduction of Sector/Cluster PSEA Focal Point system in Rohingya

ADVANCING NATIONAL LEGAL **REFORM**

 Provided recommendations on the draft SH Act-2024, with ongoing coordination with the National PSEA Network to advocate for a victim-centered approach in government policy and legal reform.

ENHANCING ACCOUNTABILITY F & ENGAGEMENT

• Developed Network Members' Participation Tracker (Live), complemented by ongoing field visits, End-of-Year reporting, and Annual Action Plan collection and follow-up.

10 **IMPLEMENTING PARTNER** SUPPORT & CAPACITY **STRENGTHENING**

- · Coordination with the UN for IPs' PSEA Capacity Assessment.
- · Providing ongoing technical guidance to UN agencies.
- Developing a harmonized tool to assess the PSEA capacity of non-UN IPs to strengthening the structures.

Upcoming activities planned by PSEA Network



Multi Year PSEA Strategy

Resident Coordinator



Local Background Check System



Capacity Building



Standardization of implementing partner PSEA Assessment



Investigators



Rolling out of Staff and Volunteer Training Plan

response plan



Key achievements of PSEA network since the beginning of the Rohingya response

cross-cutting unit for

Rohingya response



Visit Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) | Rohingya Response for more.

In case if you have any concern or suspicions regarding sexual abuse or exploitation or you are a victim, please report that to: pseabangladesh@un.org

(Razia's Story)

launched

assessment, and IASC PSEA

mapping exercise

network meeting

with 12 members