



Cox's Bazar GBV Sub-Sector

GBV Sub-Sector (GBVSS) Monthly Meeting Minutes - December 2025

Date	17 December, 2025	Venue: ISCG Conference Room, Cox's Bazar Office
Meeting Modality	In-Person	Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Chair	Annie Waweru, GBVSS Coordinator	Preparation of Minutes: GBVSS Coordination Team
Partner's present	Number of Participants: The total number of participants is 28 (Male: 07, Female: 21) . Representative Organizations: UNO Women, Mukti Cox's Bazar, BNPS, Nari Maitree, Oxfam, DRC, SCI, AAB, Coast Foundation, JNUS, CARE, GIZ, WFP, BRAC, YPSA, UNCHR, Bandhu, ISCG, Protection Sector, GBVSS, AiD- Comilla, BRAC, RTM International, IRC	
Agenda & Discussion	<p>Welcome & Greetings: Annie Waweru, GBVSS Coordinator, started the meeting by welcoming all attendees to the last meeting of the year and inviting them for a round of introduction.</p> <p>GBVSS Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Field Observation Updates2. JRP 20263. Logframe 20264. GBV Safety Audit Findings5. 16 Days of Activism 20256. Way Forward7. <u>Operational Updates:</u> CMWG/Prevention WG/CPSS/PS/GiHA/PSEA Network8. AoB <p>Discussion and Follow-up Actions:</p> <p>1. GBVSS Updates:</p> <p>A. Field Observation:</p> <p>The GBVSS National Field Coordinator (NFC) presented the field observations synthesized from GBV actors, CFP, and multi-sectoral stakeholders as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Survivors and legal assistance issue: Case workers reported a significant legal issues for survivors particularly those of sexual violence, are declining legal assistance. This reluctance stems from a pervasive fear of reprisals and further harm. These concerns are heightened by allegations that the perpetrators are affiliated with organized groups, leading survivors to prioritize immediate safety over legal recourse.- Extortion from women headed household: Women-headed households-particularly those with relatives living abroad-face disproportionate risk of targeted extortion. Organized groups identify them and issue threats for demanding money from those women/households. This specific form of victimization creates a climate of constant fear and systematic panic to the women and girls.- Physical assault & emotional violence: Case workers and community people report that the staggering increasing trend on physical assault and emotional violence by husbands for demanding money and selling valuable items as they are addicted to online gambling. <p>Open discussion and feedback:</p>	



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- Rajib from the PSEA Network, inquired about the possibility of conducting a joint safety audit involving protection and legal sectors. The request follows the reports of legal actors mediating rape cases, a practice that raises significant protection concerns.
- Annie called on NFC'S of GBVSS/partners to share emerging trends from the field and provide updates on security issues, particularly in light of the recent volunteer fatality.

2. JRP 2026:

Annie Waweru, the GBVSS Coordinator briefed the Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2026 referring that there were 24 project submissions along with Protection and Child Protection. As per the review process, there were six GBV proposals finalized in the JRP 2026 where UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and World Vision are selected. The total GBVSS budget amounted to \$21.7 million.

Annie Waweru also delivered to the JRP timeline, referring to the probable launch of the Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2026 is scheduled for the third week of December 2025.

Feedback and Follow-up Actions:

- The GBVSS-Coordinator emphasized that all actors must adhere to the GBVSS logframe, specially prioritizing (P1) activities. She also clarified that partners are required to implement intervention packages rather than isolated components of GBV programming. e of intervention not any components of GBV programming.

3. Logframe 2026:

The GBV Sub-Sector Coordinator delivered a very brief on Logframe 2026 to the participants while urging all actors to review it thoroughly as it will serve as the basis for the next evaluation. She emphasized the need for strict sectoral alignment, noting that complementary activities should be integrated into their respective sectors rather than standalone GBV programming. Specially, Family Planning and Midwifery should be managed under the (SRH) Health Sector, Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) under Health, Mental Health issues under MHPSS, and livelihood activities under LSDS Sector.

Finally, she concluded by stressing that partners must be highly categorical in ensuring these activities are correctly mapped to their appropriate sectors.

Open discussion and Feedback:

- Shamim presenting Mukti Cox's Bazar, clarified the sectorial division for psychosocial services where MHPSS will be categorized under the health sector while only PSS/PFA will remain under the GBV Sub-Sector (GBVSS).
- Annie reiterated that, PSS and PFA would remain under the GBVSS, any activities involving Mental Health (MH) must be managed under the MHPSS/Health Sector. She also urged partners to adhere strictly to the GBVSS mandar and avoid overlapping with other sectoral responsibilities.
- Bilkish, representing CARE BD, recommended that specialized services be delegated to the respective actors. She specified that P1 and P2 activities should remain under GBV SSS, whereas P3 and P4 specialized services, including all clinical and psychiatric issues, must be



managed by the health sector.

4. GBV Safety Audit Findings:

Annie presented the conducted GBV safety audits on 2025 GBV-SCCCM and GBV-WASH safety audits. She also discussed the GBV service audit 2025 mentioning that the final report to share with partners by January 2026.

5. 16 Days of Activism 2025:

- Annie thanks all actors and sector members for their involvements and contribution. She mentioned that it was a nice programme where Actors, ISCG, Head of NGOs and Head of Subs attended the programmes at field and Cox's Bazar level. Thanks to Organizing committee for completing a lots of activities and engagement,

6. Way Forward: Annie Waweru discussed the way forward of 2026 covering the below points.

Partner Appealing under both CP and GBV: To optimize impact across all camps, actors to explore and operationalize in-house integration to bridge both Areas of Responsibility in order to allow for more efficient resource allocation and ensures that specialized protection services for children and survivors of GBV are seamlessly linked and accessible at the camp level.

Partner Appealing under one AoR: The discussion emphasized to the coordination with the approved JRP partners to finalize operational details-including co-location, service areas, and package alignment-with full support from the CP/GBV coordination team Coordinate with corresponding CP/GBV Partner ([see HERE list of approved JRP partners](#)).

Open discussion:

- The discussion highlighted to the CP-GBV integration at field as pilot base in coordination between CP-GBV SS/actors,
- Annie also emphasized and to the Co-Chairs of GBVSS referring to ISCG's perforation.

7. Operational Updates:

a. Protection Sector:

Jose' presented the activities and operational updates on behalf of the Protection Sector covering the finalization of the 2026 Joint Response Plan (JRP) where the plan features streamlined partners from 13 to 10 in line with prioritization and rationalization efforts. The consolidated budget stands at 29.6m focusing on essential services such as legal aid, case management, protection monitoring and system strengthening for disability and APP. A significant portion of the update addressed rising security concerns; the reactivated Volunteer Risk Mapping recorded 41 incidents from 16 Nov'25 to 03 Dec'25 highlights protection risk/scenarios where volunteers face attempted abductions, intimidations by organized criminal groups, targeted harassments, robberies, and pressure on volunteers or their families to pay money under threat of violence. The Sector continues to refine its operational efficiency through cost-comparability discussions with ECHO as to quantifying protection activities and how much activities cost vis a vis NGO or refugee being able to implement and protect cohesion with other sectors. The



updates also included the finalization of Q3 ATWG dashboard and analysis as evidenced by the 89 trafficking cases documented in the latest ATWG Q3 analysis. Furthermore, the discussion noted that the HLP Working Group conducted a field visit to Camp 24 to follow up on relocations with over 100 families due to heightened insecurity from criminal groups operating in Teknaf. The team strengthened coordination with CiCs, APBn, police and CCCM partners including safety measures such as restoring and strengthening solar street lighting, fencing and higher advocacy to ensure safety, security in the camps.

Open discussion and Feedback:

- Annie Waweru, the GBVSS Coordinator, asks participants to visit the Rohingya Refugee website for further disaggregated findings and trends which are very information worthy. She also added that these sorts of data and analysis can be used for project developments in upcoming years.

b. Child Protection Sub-Sector (CPSS):

On behalf of CPSS, Annie Waweru shared the update that the Child Monitoring Protection System has been gathering invaluable qualitative information from the community where 222 community members participated in dialogues across 33 camps and 11 host community unions in November 2025. All these insights are now available in [CPSM Dashboard](#) while FDGs discussion for quarter 4 will commence in December 2025. Capacity -building efforts included a workshop on November 4-5 to equip the case workers with the specialized skills and confidence needed to support children associated with armed forces and groups and growing concern around the recruitment and use of children. Additionally, The CPSS has streamlined its 2026 JRP planning by selecting four appealing partners to ensure well-coordination and implementation across the Sub-Sector through Peer Review Team meeting held on 17-18 November, 2025.

c. Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA):

Mehbuba presented the updates on behalf of the GiHA WG, highlighting the successful completion of the GiHA camp level launch which included comprehensive survey data collection from members in the RRRC to map needs, challenges. During the 16 Days of Activism, the WG co-led a high -profile launch event at Camp 4 Extension focusing against digital violence engaging the community, people, government and humanitarian actors while a consolidated report was shared at the closing event of 16 Days of Activism Campaign. Additionally, the GiHA WG coordinated the Gender with Age Marker (GAM) process for the JRP 2026. The presentation also included the GiHA WG ISNA findings, need, priorities and recommendations for 2026 to RRRC and ROCT.

d. Case Management Working Group (CMWG):

Falguni Das shared the updates on behalf of the CMWG referring to the WG meeting hosted at UNFPA on November 3, 2025, highlighting the planning and sharing of the 16 Days of Activism 2025 celebration as the primary priority. Additionally, it also mentioned that the Persons With Disability Task Team provided an update of the module on Case Management for Person with Disabilities and proposed a meeting with the ADG Working Group on December 11, 2025 with the next CMWG meeting scheduled



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for December 9, 2025.

e. Prevention Working Group (PWG):

On behalf of the Prevention Working Group (PWG), Shirin-UNHCR reported that the last meeting of the 2025 was conducted on December 9. She also shared that key messages on TF-GBV have been finalized by WG which will be shared for wide use in awareness training sessions after getting feedback from GBVSS Coordinator. She also discusses focal points and service mapping and the workplan of 2026 with the announcement that the first meeting of the new year is scheduled for the second week of January 2026.

Open discussion and Feedback:

- Annie informed the house that, Case Management and Prevention Working Group would be continued as it is already approved by **ISCG/UNRC**.

f. PSEA Network:

Rajib Rahaman presented the updates on behalf of the PSEA Network. In November, the PSEA Network conducted several key initiatives, beginning with the Annual Country PSEA action plan workshop on 5 November, with the resulting draft currently undergoing member review. Strengthening institutional capacity, the Network partnered with UNRCO, UNICEF, and UNHCR on 24-25 November to host a UN Victim Assistant protocol ToT, led by Ivana Chapckova (UNICEF Global PSEA lead), the session equipped 22 participants from UN agencies and NGOs to lead cascade training in 2026. Simultaneously, a massive community volunteer ToT is underway from 23 November to 18 December in collaboration with the RRRC and vigorous sectors, reaching 1370 volunteers across all 33 camps. These efforts are complemented by the “Together We Say No. 2.0” community awareness campaign, which has seen IOM and WFP performing Forum Theatre in 10 camps since 25 November, with the performances scheduled to continue through mid-December 2025.

8. AoB

The Chair adjourned the meeting as all agenda items, including AoB have been concluded.

The detailed presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Action Points

SL	Action Points	Responsible person	Progress
1	GBVSS circulate a Transitional template facilities closure,	GBVSS	
2	GBVSS to send expression of interest for SAG Membership	GBVSS	



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GBVSS to share Terms of Reference (ToR) of
SAG with partners

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