



### GBV Sub-Sector (GBVSS) Monthly Meeting Minutes - February 2026

<b>Date</b>	19 February, 2026 <b>Venue:</b> N/A (On-line Platform)
<b>Meeting Modality</b>	Online <b>Time:</b> 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
<b>Chair</b>	Mohammad Alamgir Quaderi, National Field Coordinator <b>Preparation of Minutes:</b> GBVSS Coordination Team
<b>Partner's present</b>	<b>Number of Participants:</b> The total number of participants is <b>52 (Male: 18 , Female:34 )</b> . <b>Representative Organizations:</b> CODEC, BRAC, FIVDB, Protection Sector, Caritas Bangladesh. World Vision, UNHCR, JNUS, Oxfam, Handicap International, Action Aid Bangladesh, CARE Bangladesh, Nari Maitree, ECHO, Bandhu Social Welfare Society, RTMI, UNFPA, DRC, Mukti Cox's Bazar, Good Neighbors Bangladesh, BDRCS, GIZ, UNICEF, IRC, Coast Foundation, UN Women, PSEAH Network, Save the Children, WHO, Pulse Bangladesh, IOM, Breaking the Silence, AID Comilla, GUK, GBVSS.

**Agenda & Discussion**

**Welcome & Greetings:** Mohammad Alamgir Quaderi - National Field Coordinator started the meeting by welcoming all attendees and inviting them for an introduction.

**Agenda:**

**1. GBVSS Updates:**

- A. Field Observation Updates
- B. Update on last Jan'26 meeting action points
- C. Update on Fire Response
- D. 5W Template 2026
- E. Incident Tracker 2026

**2. Operational Updates:** CMWG/Prevention WG/CPSS/PS/GiHA/PSEA Network

**3. AoB**

- a. PSEA Volunteer Training at Camps
- b. Photo Capture/Social Media
- c. IWD Celebration

**Discussion and Follow-up Actions:**

**1. GBVSS Updates:**

**A. Field Observation Updates:** The GBVSS shared the field level observations that were collected from camp level meetings e.g. protection coordination meeting, GBV actors meeting, and direct statements from GBV Camp Focal Points, case workers etc. in January - February 2026. The observations are provided below:

- **Security concern:** The camps community has raised security concerns over the activities of organized crime groups, especially the financial extortion of families with relatives living abroad. These groups also threatened parents to allow their adolescents boys to join with those groups Additionally, there has been a notable increase in reported theft cases,
- **GBV Trends:** Recent reports highlight a concerning rise in nighttime harassment targeting vulnerable households, especially single women/widows and adolescent-headed families, who are experiencing disturbances by unidentified individuals. Additionally, there is an increase in IPVs linked to the forced sale of family rations and valuables; the community attributes this trend to the growing prevalence of online gambling among male members.
- **CFP/ACFP Nomination:** A number of GBV Camp Focal Points (CFPs) and Alternative Camp Focal Points (ACFPs) have been nominated following a staff member reshuffle and the conclusion of previous contracts.
- **Fire Incidents and Trauma:** Trauma and insecurity are prevalent among community members—particularly women



and girls—due to the near-daily occurrence of reported fire incidents within the camp settings

**B. Review on January 2026 meeting action points:**

The GBVSS shared the January 2026 meeting action points where five points were done and the rest of three under process. **C. Fire Response - Camp 16,11,05:** The GBVSS provided an update on fire response occurred in Camp 16,11 and 05. - **Camp 16:** Respective actors and funding agencies like Mukti-UNFPA, Care BD, IRC, BNPS & NRC responded immediately to the affected population. The services included the provision of Psychological First Aid (PFA) to 1,082 individuals, psychosocial support to 230 individuals, and facilitation of 259 referrals to safe, multi-sectoral services, including health, food, child protection, site management, shelter, and LPG support. The acting partners also provided emergency shelter support to 34 women and girls within the WFS. DKITS packages were provided to 900 women and girls, while additional beneficiaries have access to Women and Girls' Safe Spaces for psychosocial support and essential services.

- **Camp 11:** Actors like Mukti-UNFPA, Care BD, IRC, BNPS & NRC responded to the affected communities. The services included the provision of PFA to 93 individuals, PSS to 117 individuals, and facilitation of 43 referrals to safe, multi-sectoral services. DKITS packages were also provided to eligible 62 women and girls.

- **Camp 05:** In collaboration with UNHCR, Bandhu Social Welfare Society, Nari Maitree, BRAC, IRC, Caritas Bangladesh, immediately supported that included PFA to 152 individuals and 17 referrals to multi-sectoral services. The DKITS needs assessment identified 19 women and girls in need.

**Open discussions & action points:**

- It was emphasized for disseminating common awareness messages to the beneficiaries by respective actors/partners to their camp level activities,
- CiC/CiC offices asked GBV actors to disseminate key messages regarding the use of fire, gas stoves, and LPGs during their sessions to staff members.

**D. 5W Template 2026:** The GBVSS briefly introduced the 5W template for 2026, highlighting that its indicators are aligned with the logframe activities and track achievements through specialized services, prevention initiatives, capacity-building, and social norms transformation.

A dedicated workshop will be held in March-April 2026 to streamline reporting and resolve data entry challenges faced by partners. This session will provide to the partners with a comprehensive walkthrough of the 5W template covering data collection, especially concerning unique identifiers and duplication.

**Feedback from the participant:**

- UNHCR requested clarification on the timeline for the planned 5W workshop, emphasizing the urgent need for its prompt scheduling to address partner's requirement for further clarification on it.

**E. Incident Tracker 2026:** The GBVSS shared/showed the template with the participants and encouraged to record non-GBV incidents information such as fires, landslides, cyclones, accidents, security issues, and murders. It also highlighted that the template is a valuable real-time tracker for facilitating immediate response and feeding data into advocacy products and other systems. The GBVSS noted that it is facing challenges with input from partners.

**2. Operational Updates**

**Case Management Working Groups (CMWG):** Gladys Muiga, the chair of the case management working group presented the update. The key areas included advancing male engagement initiatives, finalizing the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) guidelines, developing remote case management guidelines, strengthening referral pathways, and enhancing the integration between Child Protection (CP) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services. To move these objectives forward members were tasked with two action points: populating the Kobo tool regarding male engagement and referrals to inform the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR), and to ensure that GBVSS case management actors represented in CMWG monthly meetings are consistent. The group is scheduled to reconvene for its next meeting on 2nd March at the UN



IOM Office.

**Prevention Working Group (PWG):** During the Prevention Working Group (PWG) update, the Chair Shirin Akter from UNHCR highlighted on-going current efforts to the service mapping and focal point updates while announcing a shift toward a more realistic, flexible work plan that allows for emerging activities. To bolster the CP-GBV integration and field level synergy, the group proposed a joint CP-GBV integration workshop to address both technical and operational aspects and emphasize the need for harmonized prevention messaging- specially regarding the child marriage, polygamy, and dowry, to ensure a unified approach across the interventions. Furthermore, members prioritise strengthening coordination to avoid overlapping and duplication by proposing to update last year's facility mapping to include new GBV and CP integration columns capturing facilities, activities, and implementing partners.

**Protection Sector:** Johana Renin Picalua from Protection Sector shared the update. The key update included the Joint Protection Monitoring Report-Q4 2025 which highlighted that ARSA, Islamic Mahaz, RSO, RCP, and UCR continued gatherings and meetings in at least 15 camps to mobilize refugees to fight the Arakan Army and to discuss repatriation. The presence of criminal groups in Teknaf remained a significant concern: *Saleh* and *Safi* groups were reportedly patrolling Camp 26 while carrying firearms during the month of December. Incidents of abductions and kidnappings were the most frequently reported protection concern, while reports of killings decreased to two cases. Refugees continued to express concerns regarding the newly appointed committees inside the camps: [https://rohingyaresponse.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Joint-Protection-Monitoring-Report-Quarter-4\\_2025.pdf](https://rohingyaresponse.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Joint-Protection-Monitoring-Report-Quarter-4_2025.pdf). She also reported that the HLP Situation on newly Arrived Refugees in Cox's Bazar January 2026 published which shows the newly arrived faces significant challenges, eviction risks, rent pressure and tenure insecurity while 40% living with relatives and 35% in own rented/hosted shelters and 17% outside camps in host communities. The update also included the initiation of the standardization of protection case management across all services which covered harmonizing case types and definitions used by different organizations to ensure consistent standards among UN agencies, INGOs, and NGOs. The initiative aligns with Global Protection guidelines and will enable a unified approach that supports future sharing of standardized data among all protection partners. And the final update on the renewal of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) and update of its Terms of Reference (TOR) where the new SAG consists of seven members (3 UN, 2 INGO, and 2 NGO), representing a streamlined structure aligned with the RCP's revised lighter coordination guidelines. The CP and GBV Sub-Sector Coordinators, as well as the HLP Technical Advisor, will continue to serve as standing members of the Protection SAG.

**Child protection Sub-Sector (CPSS):** In favor of Child Protection Sub Sector Eumna Rahamna read out the CPSS operational update. The key update included 5W Reporting Orientation to the 12 partners on the updated 5W process, focusing on reporting requirements, indicator clarity, and accurate matrix completion to improve data quality and consistency while holding their CP focal points coordination meeting with 26 camp focal points addressing key challenges and priorities. The focal and backup focal point list was updated to strengthen coordination and information flow. The update also included fire response issues that covered immediate support to over 1000 affected children, parents, and caregivers during the Camp 16 fire, including PFA, PSS, family tracing, reunification, and referrals. Additionally, the DPIP draft was completed and shared for final review, and a workshop on the revised Primero case management forms is scheduled for February 19th.

**PSEAH Network:** Rajib Rahman from the PSEAH Network shared the update in the meeting. The key highlights included the completion of PSEAH network's membership update exercise where 114 members participated in the survey and 52 did not respond. Non-participating organizations are being follow-up with to finalize the membership list by February; those to be removed who will not be responded and the updated list will be shared with all sectors, including the GVB Sub-Sector. It was also updated to a webinar on the PSEA SOP which will be held on 4 March 2026 for all PSEA Focal Points. Furthermore, the update also included the HLP survey findings concerning new arrivals mentioning that the Network is coordinating closely with UNHCR to strengthen PSEA messaging at registration points and will also work with partners in host communities to enhance awareness of key PSEA messages, reporting mechanisms, and available support services.



**GiHA Working Group:** The representative of GiHA Working Group briefed the recent updates including as of now functioning the Cox's Bazar GiHA Working Group as a local chapter of the national GiHA Working Group, requiring revisions to its Terms of Reference (ToR) and the development of a 2026 workplan to reflect the change in coordination architecture. CARE has completed data collection for a Rapid Gender Analysis in Camp 16 following the fire incident, and the report is currently being drafted. For IWD 2026 under the global theme "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls," a taskforce has been formed and agreed to hold the event on 8 March from 10:00–12:00 at the Women's Market in Camp 5, pending confirmation. The next GiHA Working Group meeting will take place on 24 February from 2:00–3:00 pm at the RCP Extension meeting room, where these points will be discussed in depth. The update also included CARE's rapid gender analysis in collaboration with the GiHA Working Group following the Camp 16 fire incident, and the draft report is being prepared. Additionally, an update on International Women's Day Commemoration (IWD 2026) preparation was shared by mentioning the formation of a task force that agreed to hold the inauguration ceremony in camp 18 while the next task team meeting will be held on 24th February 2026 at RCP extension meeting room.

#### **AoB**

- **PSEA Volunteer Training at Camps:** GBVSS has announced the official rollout of field-level training for all remaining volunteers who have not yet been trained. The initiative follows a successful Training of Trainers (ToT) program conducted between November and December 2025 which equipped 121 volunteers from various GBV actors across the 33 camps. The PSEA Network/Sectors has set a clear target to complete all volunteer training by April 2026 with the cooperation of respective Sectors in the field.  
PSEAH Network underscored the inter-agency/sector objective of ensuring that 100 percent of Rohingya volunteers complete the mandatory PSEA training. The initiative was prioritized following accountability data analysis from 2024 and 2025. By implementing this comprehensive training as a strategic preventive measure, the network/sectors aims to directly mitigate the identified risks and strengthen the integrity of humanitarian efforts.
- **Photo Capture/Social Media:** GBVSS highlighted the need for adherence to guidelines on photo capture and social media use, noting that most staff and volunteers have mobile phones with cameras. The discussion emphasized protecting the safety, dignity, and confidentiality of all beneficiaries, particularly during activities like dignity kit distributions, and cautioned against sharing such images on personal social media. GBVSS also stressed that volunteers must also refrain from posting distribution photos without consent - ensuring ethical and respectful representation of beneficiaries.  
Mr Mohammad Amriul Islam from Oxfam reiterated the critical importance of obtaining a consent form before using any photo in reports or other information.
- **Standardizing Case Management and Strategies:** Johanna Reina Picalua appraised the house that efforts are underway to standardize case management across all camps with protection partners to ensure consistency and facilitate future data sharing and trend analysis. They gave a heads-up that the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will undergo changes to reduce the number of meetings and integrate child protection and GBV concerns into a single main strategic advisory group.
- **WFP Prioritization and Communication Plan:** Shomoita Barua from WFP announced that the World Food Programme (WFP) is planning to implement food ration prioritization starting in April 2026. WFP will begin communicating this messaging at the community level in March and plans to conduct orientation sessions for all protection and GBV focal points, noting that formal communication will follow.
- **CODEC Invitation Issue for GBVSS monthly meeting:** Mosthari Shultana from CODEC noted that they are not currently receiving invitations for the monthly coordination meetings. As they officially began implementing GBV activities, they would like to be added to the distribution list.



*The powerpoint presentation can be found here for more details.*

**Action Points**

<b>SL</b>	<b>Action Points Responsible person</b>	<b>Progress</b>
1	Reshare the 5W template GBVSS	Shared
2	Invitation to partners for upcoming 5W training GBVSS	Sent
3	Information sharing in the incident tracker GBVSS members	