



GBV Sub-Sector (GBVSS) Monthly Meeting Minutes - June 2026

Date	9 June, 2026	Venue: RCP Conference Room, Cox's Bazar Office
Meeting Modality	In-Person	Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Chair	Alona Bermejo, GBVSS Coordinator	Preparation of Minutes: GBVSS Coordination Team
Partner's present	Number of Participants: The total number of participants is 44 (Male: 13 , Female: 31). Representative Organizations/Sector/Sub-Sector/WGs/Network: UNFPA, UN Women, EDUCO, World Vision, Good Neighbors Bangladesh, Save the Children, UNHCR, IOM, JNUS, AID Comilla, SKUS, YAPSA, PSEA Network, DRC, CARE, Caritas Bangladesh, ECHO, GBVSS, CPSS, BRAC, Protection Sector, Breaking the Silence, Mukti Cox's Bazar, IRC, RTMI, GIZ, CODEC, WFP, GUK, Nari Maitree, AAB, Pulse Bangladesh.	
Agenda & Discussion	Welcome & Greetings: Alona Bermejo, the GBV Sub-Sector Coordinator, started the meeting by welcoming all attendees and inviting them for a round of introduction. The GBVSS-Coordinator presented the agenda for endorsement with the partners. Agenda: 1) GBVSS Updates: • Updates on Action Points-May 2026 • GBV Safety Audit for Food Security Sector • GBV Risk Monitoring • Field Observation Updates • GBVSS Annual Work plan 2026 2) Partner Presentation: Presentation on Common Service Management Structure initiatives by SCCCM 3. Operational Updates: Case Management WG/Prevention WG/Bhasan Char/ Protection Sector/CPSS/PSEA Network/GiHA Chapter 4. AoB Discussion and Follow-up Actions: GBVSS Updates: 1. Updates on Action Points-May 2026: The GBVSS Coordinator presented updates on the action points from the May 2026 monthly coordination meeting, noting the following: a. Joint Guidance Note (CP and GBV integration): Currently awaiting final inputs; expected to be shared with partners within 1-2 weeks. b. Joint CP and GBV SAG: The call for expressions of interest was issued on June 2, with a submission deadline of June 12. The group is expected to be functional this month. c. GBV Risk Monitoring: Submission of GBV risks by the GBVSS partners via the established tool is ongoing. 2. GBV Safety Audit for Food Security Sector (FSS): The GBVSS-Coordinator introduced an upcoming GBV Safety Audit in collaboration with the Food Security Sector (FSS). The audit aims to identify GBV risks and implement feasible recommendations. Current efforts are focused on finalizing tools, sampling strategies, and coordination with FSS partners. The audit will utilize	



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multiple methodologies, including facility observations, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs). Data collection will pair GBV case workers with FSS staff to ensure a gender-sensitive approach. **The sub-sector plans to recruit a consultant to guide reporting and will request partner representatives to participate as enumerators following an orientation process.**

Feedback and Follow-up Actions: Participants discussed the impact of the WFP Targeting and Prioritization Exercise (TPE). It was recommended that the safety audit incorporate questions regarding negative coping mechanisms resulting from this exercise to gather evidence for future advocacy and programmatic adjustments.

3. **GBV Risk Monitoring:** The GBVSS-Coordinator presented the GBV risk monitoring guidelines, which utilize both quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection. This approach includes Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with diverse community groups conducted by National Field Coordinators, and monthly surveys conducted by GBVSS partners and quarterly perception surveys conducted by GBV Camp Focal Points. Data collection is facilitated through the Kobo toolbox to streamline analysis, with the objective of capturing community perspectives to enhance advocacy products and intervention scaling and programming.

Feedback and Follow-up Actions:

Field Coordinators will communicate FGD and KII plans to partners in advance, allowing for schedule coordination and ensuring that normal case management activities remain uninterrupted.

The GBVSS team clarified that data collected through these exercises will inform key advocacy documents, including quarterly GBVIMS fact sheets, GBVSS bulletin, and joint protection monitoring reports. These efforts aim to provide deeper narrative context to support information triangulation and strengthen advocacy for donors and decision-makers.

4. **Field Observation Updates:** The GBVSS-NFC shared the field level observations that were collected from camp level meetings e.g. protection coordination meeting, camp coordination meeting, GBV actors meeting, and direct statements from GBV Camp Focal Points, case workers etc. in May 2026. The observations are provided below:
 - **Shelter & Land Disputes:** Lack of shelter for new arrivals increases vulnerability to GBV and land ownership disputes, exacerbated by shelter selling by middlemen. Requires immediate notification to CiC and community awareness.
 - **Facility Management:** Empty facility handover to CiC office, or notify service gaps to avoid illegal use by armed groups.
 - **Protection & Harassment:** Issues regarding relationships between host community males and adolescent Rohingya girls leaving camp; sexual harassment incidents followed by denial by host community males.
 - **Security Monitoring:** Reduced night patrolling leading to increased theft and security risks before Eid in some of the camps.

Feedback and Follow-up Actions: Johanna from Protection Sector emphasized the



relevance of field level observations for the upcoming flash update on new arrivals, particularly regarding risks for women and girls entering the camps. Save the Children expressed the situation of camp due to excessive heat which is impacting the household dynamics. The male member couldn't go out for daily work which resulted in the low income and eventually intimate partner violence.

The team encouraged the sharing of real-time, critical information rather than waiting for monthly reporting cycles to ensure timely action, while also reminding attendees to utilize the incident tracker.

- 5. GBVSS Annual Workplan 2026:** The GBVSS-Coordinator presented the GBVSS 2026 Annual Work Plan, outlining priority activities for July to December 2026. Key focus areas included the submission of monthly 5Ws. She noted that capacity building remains constrained by limited financial resources and requested that partners share training slots and resources to support ongoing development. It was also highlighted that Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) training is currently ongoing for staff and camp focal points, with women accounting for a significant portion of HLP cases.

Partner Presentation: Common Service Management Structure Initiatives (SCCCM): Robert from the SCCCMM sector briefed the meeting on the Common Service Management Structure initiatives, outlining a three-step process:

1. Feasibility study in selected camps.
2. Roll-out in all camps.
3. Piloting.

The initial feasibility study will be conducted in camps 14, 15, and 16 to evaluate if consolidating facility repair and maintenance can generate cost efficiencies. The GBVSS has already shared the relevant facility list with the SCCCMM. Partners were requested to provide technical documentation, repair schedules, and cost data for semi-permanent facilities to assist in this assessment. The study findings will be discussed at the inter-sector meeting to determine if the pilot proceeds.

Operational Updates:

Prevention WG: Shirin from UNHCR shared that the next prevention WG meeting will be held on 30 June.

Case Management Working Group (CMWG): In favor of CMWG, Eumna provided updates. The CMWG meeting was held at UNHCR on 4 June 2026. Key discussion points included: Final review and endorsement of the Person With Disability training module for frontline case workers; Collection of mid-year review feedback from members; and Planning for the second half of 2026, focusing on remote case management, self-care, and the finalization of male engagement strategies. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 July 2026, to be hosted by IOM.

Bhasan Char Updates: In favor of Bhasan Char, Fahomida provided updates. UNHCR facilitated Gender inclusion training on Working with LGBTIQ+ individuals and Protection Mainstreaming for protection staff members. Upcoming training on GBVIMS will be facilitated by Mukti-UNFPA for the case workers.

Child Protection Sub-Sector-CPSS: Taslima presented the update which covered as following:



- The CPSM Power BI Dashboard was published in April 2026 and is accessible through the Child Protection Situation Monitoring Dashboard and the Child Protection page of the Rohingya Response website.
- A five-day Case Management Training, organized by Save the Children, is scheduled from 14th June for 30 Child Protection Focal Points.
- An Expression of Interest (EOI) call for the joint Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) has been launched.
- Two new members have joined the CPSS Coordination Team.
- CPSS participated in several field visits and observed that Child Protection (CP) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) integration efforts are ongoing. The integrated guidance note is currently being finalized and will be submitted to the SAG for endorsement.
- IRC arranged a one day orientation on CRMM and GBV happening today.

Protection Sector: Johanna presented the update which covered as following:

- The Protection Sector convened the first meeting of the Protection Advocacy Working Group, co-led by the Sector and the INGO Protection Consortium.
- The PSEA trainings for protection volunteers were completed across all 33 camps, reaching a total of 1,013 volunteers (590 male and 422 female).
- On 4 May, the Sector briefed donors on JRP achievements and gaps for 2025 and provided an update on the funding for 2026.
- The Protection Sector finalized and disseminated the Q1 2026 ATWG dashboard, identifying **119 victims of trafficking; 76% were male and 24% female**, with adult men representing the largest affected group, followed by boys, women, and girls. For more information, visit this [LINK](#).
- The HLP Working Group finalized a **multi-year HLP** dashboard to track monthly trends on eviction, relocation, land access constraints, and service access challenges, supporting coordination and advocacy. Following the Protection Monitoring workshop, the Sector and sub sectors, finalized the **JPM methodology note**, explaining the use and read-out of data. For more information, visit this [LINK](#).

GiHA Chapter:

In favor of GiHA Chapter, Ashraf from UN Women provided the updates which covered the following:

- The GiHA Chapter ToR has been revised. A task team will be formed for the workplan development. ISNA 2026:
- There is a meeting today to discuss the ISNA 2026 indicators for the GiHA chapter.
- Working with NGO Platform to contextualize definition of Women led organizations based on global IASC guideline.
- The next GiHA Chapter meeting will be scheduled in early July.

PSEA Network: Rajib from PSEA Network shared the PSEA network's update as following:

- Victim Assistance Protocol Trainings completed in Cox's Bazar (6 batches) and Dhaka (2 batches) during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of May. National Consultation by RSH conducted on 12 May in Dhaka on survivor-centred PSEAH mechanisms in Bangladesh.
- Registered civil society organisations (CSOs) in Bangladesh are invited to apply for the Safeguarding in Practice mentorship programme which will be delivered by the Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH) Bangladesh.



- A structured 8-month mentorship phase with tailored technical support. Learn More and apply before 15 June.
- SEAH Prevention Knowledge Platform Co-Design Workshop (UNFPA organized the workshop in coordination with the PSEAH Network) held in Dhaka in May; Cox's Bazar session planned for June. Partners encouraged to integrate safe programming approaches, with emphasis on frontline controls, reduced concentration of decision-making power, and systematic SEAH risk mitigation. Safe programming focuses not on what we do, but how we do it.
- Network developed a Safe Recruitment Tipsheet for Volunteers, all partners are requested to adopt and apply.

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- **Staff Safety Concerns:** Johanna flagged concerns regarding staff safety in camps following requests from ECHO, reminding partners to report incidents to the access working group so they can be tracked and addressed.
- **GBV Safety Audit Recommendation:** Care Bangladesh is interested to share the recommendations of GBV Safety Audit recommendations related to WASH and SCCCM conducted by Care Bangladesh with the GBVSS.
- **Challenges in Referral Communication:** Adiba from AAB raised concerns regarding persistent communication difficulties between field staff and the safe shelter or One-Stop Crisis Center. It was noted that while previous orientations were conducted, they were limited to management and supervisory levels, which has not effectively addressed the operational gaps for front-line staff. Adiba requested that the sub-sector organize comprehensive training for all partners to ensure that all staff have access to the necessary information for safe and efficient survivor referrals.

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

Action Points

SL	Action Points	Responsible person	Progress
1.	Continue submission of GBV risks via the established tool.	All Partners	Ongoing
2.	Establish the joint CP and GBV SAG.	GBVSS Coordinator	Expressions of interest due June 12; expected functional this month.
3.	The GBVSS will share the GBVSS 2026 Work plan with partners to provide their input.	GBVSS	Done
4.	The GBVSS-Coordinator will hold a bilateral discussion to analyze the referral related issues and develop an appropriate	GBVSS and AAB	Held a meeting on 9 June 2026.



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	intervention strategy, ensuring that survivors receive timely, quality, and dignified services.		
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