

National Protection Working Group Poland

Gender-based violence (GBV)

&

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)



Regional Refugee Response
for the Ukraine Situation

Gender-based violence Sectoral Updates

- **UNHCR Partnership Opportunity on GBV with a Women led Organization (WLO) – Call for Expression of Interest (CfEI):**
 - **Expected outcome:** Development of a toolkit on WLO partnerships, trainings, global webinar launch
 - **Indicative budget:** 50,000 USD
 - **Guidance disseminated through WG mailing list:** 15 September
 - **Deadline for application:** 30 September
 - **Implementation period:** October-December 2023
 - **Applications via:** UN Partner Portal with CfEI ID: CFEI/HCR/CHE/2023/002
 - **If interested: reach out to:** Gosia: suraj@unhcr.org / Asli: veliece@unhcr.org
- **IRC/WHO: Clinical Management of Rape / Intimate Partner Violence Task Force**



Gender-based violence

Sectoral Updates (CMR/IPV TF)

Activities

- Cross Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) in Tunis, Tunisia.- WHO key representatives from four health facilities in Poland: October 2023
- National Training of Trainers (ToT) for health facilities on Clinical management of rape: in Warsaw November 22nd – 25th
- Baseline survey- implementation of a national survey on the preparedness and readiness of hospitals to provide care to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.
- Field visit to Polish hospitals for Preparations for the pilot implementation of WHO CMR/IPV Guidelines in Polish hospitals.
- GBV community level messaging testing and co- design GBV messages with refugees in Poland.
- Foundation for Victims Rights working on Legal and financial framework of health facilities for survivors of rape.

Next Steps

- Finalize the baseline survey on health facilities in Poland
- Continue to work on updating GBV/SRH services mapping
- Plan meetings and collaborations with new partners
- Launching of the women and girls center in Katowice by IRC
- Continuing Clinical, Legal, and social direct support to survivors of violence
- Gynecologist support to the Feminoteka One-Stop Center for rape survivors
- 16 days of activism against GBV



Gender-based Violence RRP Strategy 2023 Recap

For GBV survivors and those at risk:

- **SO1 & Prot. Sect. Priority 1:** Benefit from **rights** (i.e. via registration: status & documentation), overall access to services and assistance
- **SO2:** Expand **solutions & socio-economic opportunities** (i.e. livelihoods, education, social protection/assistance, childcare support)
- **SO3 & Prot. Sect. Priority 2:** Access to **targeted support and assistance** for PSN (i.e. PSS, legal, safety, security, health) & **community-based approach** (i.e. participation, feedback, comms)
- **SO4 & Prot. Sect. Priority 3:** Promote **social cohesion & collaboration with local governance structures**

Layers of Interventions

I. GBV Prevention

- **Awareness** on rights, services (i.e. mapping / comms)
- **Empowerment** programs

II. GBV Risk Mitigation

- **Mainstream** identified sectoral GBV risks in sector strategies & programming

III. GBV Response

- **Strengthen government capacity** / referral pathways on **quality specialized services**
- Provision of **complementary services** (local)
- **PSN** (i.e. persons with disabilities, SOGIESC, FHH, minorities)



Gender-based Violence Reporting 2023

GBV indicator	Target	Reached	% Reached
% of individuals accessed GBV response services	8,640	0	0%
# of trained participants who increased their GBV knowledge on prevention/response	26,794	2,577	10%
# of individuals reached by GBV prevention and empowerment activities	681,698	196,616	30%



Gender-based Violence

Key Findings and Learning 2023

- 84% women and children
- 64% women and girls
- 52% of HHs with children
- 42% of HH has one adult with dependents,
- 20% of HH with difficulties (i.e. disabilities)
- 8% of HHs report increased vulnerability to sexual violence against girls
- 13% of HH report increased vulnerability to abuse for boys
- 13% and 16% of HHs report psychological violence in community for girls and boys respectively
- 16% not aware where to report violence against children
- 37% are unemployed or outside labor force
- 11 % youth (16-24) not in education, employment or training
- 8% used degrading sources of income, illegal work, or high risk jobs
- Unmet needs: 32% employment, 27% healthcare, 23% accommodation, 20% language, 15% food

Elevated GBV Risks



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Priority interventions 2024

Prevention

- Implement **integrated empowerment programmes** for those at risk of / survivors of GBV (i.e. livelihoods/education, childcare support, language)
- **Services mapping – Referral pathways**
- **Information dissemination / awareness raising** – community preferred methods
- **Standardized operating procedural** guidelines: safe disclosures and referrals for frontliners

Risk Mitigation

- GBV risk mitigation **across sectors** (shelter/accommodation, livelihoods-economic inclusion, education +)
- Development of **joint action plans** with other sectors
- **AGD** analysis, strengthen gender lens
- Collaboration with **cross-cutting** responsibilities (PSEA, AAP)

Response

- **Strengthening coordination linkages with national system** (law enforcement, health actors, legal aid/bar associations, MFSP and municipal)
- **Capacity-building for service providers** (i.e. trainings, HR support, infrastructure)
- **Legal representation**, targeted **MHPSS support** for survivors, **expand shelter capacity**
- **Prioritized programming for PSN at elevated risk of GBV**: FHH, LGBTIQ+, persons with disabilities, minority groups
- Safe and ethical **data and info management**



Mental health and psycho-social support

Sectoral Updates

- **Legislative updates**
- **Nostrification**
- **Services mapping**
- **Manual on Community-based MHPSS translated to Polish**
- **World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10**
- **Community-based projects - Artolution**

