

CPGBV SWG MoM – 27th of January 2026

Agencies present: UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, IRAP, NEF, Save the Children, JRF, Embassy of Switzerland, Medair, NRC, Vento di Terra, TDH, EU, AVSI, UPP, Caritas Jordan, Plan International, IFH-NHF, MSF Barcelona, War Child, TDHL, IOCC, TDH-Italy, CB Jordan, ICRC, LWF, IDOS, Rowad A Khair.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions.
- CPGBV Merger Survey: Visualization, rational behind the merger survey
- Presenting initial draft of the joint CPGBV ToR's
- Updating the new CPGBV contact list
- Results of the GBV Annual Performance Survey for 2025
- Next steps and way forward
- Any Other Business (AoB)

Agenda items		Action points
Welcome Remarks & Introductions	• The Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence Sub-Working Group (CPGBV-SWG) convened its first joint coordination meeting on 27 January 2026 at the UNHCR Regional Office, marking the official launch of the newly merged coordination structure. • During the meeting, the co-chairs for the newly merged CPGBV Sub-Working Group were formally introduced, including: ○ Diana Suleiman – Co-Chair, UNHCR ○ Yara Deir – Co-Chair, UNFPA ○ Seema Alzibdeh – Co-Chair, UNICEF.	

	● In addition, participants were introduced to Ms. Yamini Pande, the new UNHCR Senior Protection Officer, who will serve as Co-Chair of the Protection Working Group. ● This introduction was made to ensure all CP and GBV partners-many of whom previously engaged with only one of the former sub-working groups-were aligned on the leadership roles under the new merged structure. ● CP & GBV groups were originally one group at the onset of the Syria response; later separated for technical focus. ● Funding cuts, reduced staffing, and duplicated attendance prompted reconsideration of merging.	
CPGBV Merger Survey – Visualization & Rationale	● The survey was conducted in December 2025 to assess member perspectives on merging CP & GBV SWGs. ● 28 respondents, with 27 in favor of the merger; one respondent raised concerns about preserving technical focus. ● Key drivers behind the merger: ● Reduced duplication of meetings & better time management. ● Increasing overlap in participants and staffing (“double-hatting”). ● Resource constraints and the need for streamlined coordination. ● Integrated referrals and holistic protection approach. ● Member preferences for supporting transition: ● 89%: Technical tools/briefing notes ● 75%: Regular email updates ● 71%: Trainings/webinars ● 32%: Gradual rollout ● 7%: Clear TORs & defined leadership roles	Link to the CPGBV Merger Results Survey Presentation

Presenting initial draft of the joint CPGBV ToR's	• Draft ToRs introduce the unified coordination platform for CP/GBV prevention/response/protection- covering individuals of all ages, genders, nationalities, and abilities-with a focus on: • Strengthening survivor-centered, child-sensitive services. • Alignment with national law, SOPs, and international standards. • Integration of the Humanitarian-Development Nexus; alignment with Jordan's National Action Plan for CP & GBV 2026–2030. • Core functions include: • Service Delivery: Updated service mapping; harmonized SOPs; reduced duplication. • Informing Decision-Making: Safety audits, needs assessments, evidence-based prioritization. • Planning & Strategy: Joint annual workplan; harmonized inputs to JRP and HNO. • Monitoring & Evaluation: Tracking coverage, quality, and accountability. • Capacity Building: Joint CP/GBV trainings; development of tools & IEC materials. • Advocacy: Unified CPGBV messaging and government coordination (via NCFA & sector chairs). • Co-chair structure: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA. • Representation in Protection WG: The co-chairs will continue representing the CPGBV-SWG within the Protection Working Group, ensuring alignment with broader protection priorities and inter-sector coordination.	Link to the Initial Draft of the CPGBV merged TORs . (SWG members are required to enter their inputs in the form of comments to the online document by the 9th of February for final validation and distribution).
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	• Information Management Responsibilities: The group will maintain active 3Ws/4Ws/5Ws and related data systems to ensure updated service mapping, partner presence, and activity tracking. • Open Membership: Participation remains open to UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, CBOs, donors, and government counterparts, maintaining broad and inclusive engagement. • Alignment with National Frameworks: All CPGBV-SWG work will be aligned with the NCFA National Action Plan on Child Protection & GBV (2026–2030) and other relevant government strategies, ensuring harmonization with national systems. • Sub-National Coordination: Sub-national CP/GBV working groups will continue to participate in national meetings, ensuring consistent information flow and alignment across field and national levels. • Coordination with IMS Structures: Continued collaboration with GBV-IMS and CP-IMS mechanisms will ensure coherent data reporting, analysis, and system-level coordination.	
Updating the new CPGBV contact list	• A new consolidated CPGBV contact list is being prepared. • Members to confirm updated focal points via the link circulated through the Inter-Agency system. Feedback from partners: • Preference for emails to continue coming directly from co-chairs, as they are less likely to be overlooked. Next steps: • Co-chairs will circulate a new link and manage consolidation for CP & GBV focal points under the merged structure.	Updating the CPGBV SWG New Contact List (Link to be filled by focal points by the 9th February). <i><u>As of 9 February, invitations will be sent exclusively to contacts listed in the updated contact list.</u></i>

Results of the GBV Annual Performance Survey (2025)	• The annual performance survey (conducted at the end of 2025) assessed coordination effectiveness and collected partner feedback. Includes: • Reflections on strengths of 2025 GBV coordination. • Suggestions for the newly merged CPGBV group. • Highlights on service mapping, advocacy, joint planning, and capacity-building needs. • Results will be shared through the meeting minutes for partners to review.	Link to the CPGBV Merger Results Survey Presentation
Next Steps & Way Forward	• Finalization of CP/GBV ToRs following partner feedback • Development of the 2026 Joint CP/GBV Workplan (consultative process with all members). • Consolidation of contact list for CP/GBV focal points Technical merger of CP and GBV sections on the UNHCR data portal: • Preference is for one merged portal, with legacy CP/GBV archives maintained separately for clarity. • UNHCR Information Management (Nisreen) to advise on the technical approach and create a new logo for the merged CPGBV SWG. Meeting structure: • Meeting Modality & Schedule: Monthly meetings will continue to be held on the last Tuesday of each month, from 10:00–12:00, in a hybrid modality hosted by UNHCR Regional Office till further notification.	UNHCR Information Management will revert back on the portal merger by the next joint meeting and present it to the SWG in addition to creating a new logo for the merged CPGBV SWG.

	● Language Rotation: To ensure inclusive participation of government and donor counterparts, meetings will alternate between English and Arabic. ● Duration of the Meeting: Up to 2 hours, with a balanced allocation to CP and GBV themes depending on agenda. ● Maintain focus: split session time (e.g., 1st hour CP, 2nd GBV or thematic as needed), joint workplans with distinct components/indicators, thematic task forces, rotating focal points.	
Any Other Business (AoB)	Partner's Updates: ● Swiss Embassy provided an update on funding for IMC programming (MHPSS & CP services in camps). ● IMC shared details of new Swiss-funded project (Dec 2025–May 2026) covering: ● Case management, psychologists, PSS groups, parenting sessions, and referral focal points. ● The Swiss Embassy funded IMC's operations in Zaatari and Azraq camps in 2025. ● Short-term project focused on MHPSS and Child Protection services. ● The embassy may coordinate with IMC management (Khalid) for a presentation or briefing in a future meeting. IMC shared project details (Dec 2025–May 2026): ● CP case management (1 case manager per camp). ● Mental health case management with psychologists. ● PSS group sessions for children (ages 5–11). ● Positive parenting sessions for caregivers. ● Dedicated referral focal points for medium and low-risk CP cases. Field-level coordination updates:	

Azraq:

Major Achievements in 2025:

- **Azraq Capacity Building Team established** under the One Unified Humanitarian Response Approach for the Protection Sector.
 - Team: 7 staff from different agencies.
 - Training conducted in 2025: **19 sessions**.
 - Total participants: **421 individuals**.
- **Community engagement during 16 Days of Activism:**
 - Community leaders engaged in awareness sessions on **cybercrimes** supporting CP/GBV prevention activities.

2026 Initiatives & Project Updates:

- **CARE GBV Project 2026** (not detailed in document).
- **IMC Child Protection Project** in Azraq Camp continues (no additional details provided).
- **Azraq Capacity Building Team 2026:**
 - Plans for continued capacity development and trainings.

4Ws Update:

- Updated **Azraq Protection & CP-GBV 4Ws** shared for partners (link included in the document).

Return Updates:

- Cash for return interviews conducted: **1,671 refugees**.
- Refugees who received the cash assistance: **1,382 individuals**.
- Total refugee returns in 2025: **11,500 people**.
- Current Azraq Camp population: **34,000 individuals**.

Agency & Partner Updates:

- **UNFPA-IFH GBV Project Update:**

- Suspension began **1 January 2026** due to funding shortages.
- Resulted in a potential GBV service gap in Azraq Camp.
- UNHCR conducted advocacy with **CARE** to temporarily support service delivery.
- Conducted coordination and technical meetings with CARE, alongside capacity-building for their staff.
- GBV cases referred temporarily to:
 - UNHCR Azraq GBV Focal Point
 - Azraq FPJD office
- On **22 January 2026**, UNFPA confirmed new funding—project to **resume 1 February 2026**.

Trainings Conducted:

- **PSEA Training** on 20 January 2026:
 - Target group: UNHCR Azraq volunteers + private bus drivers.
 - Participants: **8 individuals**.

Upcoming Trainings:

- **CP Safe Referral Training** planned for next week.
- **PSEA Training** scheduled for the **third week of February**.

Zaatari:

Coordination & Planning

- First 2026 field-level PWG/CPGBVSWG meeting held on **12 January** after holiday delay.
- Agreement to maintain **monthly meetings on the first Monday** of each month.
- Reviewed **key 2025 achievements, gaps, and recommendations**.
- Provided updates on **2026 4Ws** and discussed **operational outlook** amid expected funding constraints.

Service Mapping

- Partners reminded to update **project status and 4Ws** on the coordination portal.
- Some updates completed; others still **pending**.

Key Achievements & Sector Updates:

Child Protection – IMC/UNHCR

- Supported **159 at-risk children** through case management (including BIAs/BIDs).
- Delivered **326 individual PSS sessions**.
- Strengthened prevention efforts through **caregiver awareness sessions** and **adolescent girls' groups** focused on early marriage.

Child Protection – UNICEF & IFH

- Enhanced **case management and referral coordination**.
- Expanded **community-based PSS services**.
- Strengthened **school-based violence prevention** via the Ma'An Programme with Ministry of Education.
- Implemented **EORE activities** for returnees and prospective returnees (with UNHCR).
- Delivered **child-friendly activities**, including LEGO-based psychosocial sessions.

Community-Based Protection – SCJ/UNHCR

- Expanded services through **community centres and outreach**.
- Strengthened **IBV engagement** and **accountability mechanisms**.
- Activities included:

- MHPSS
- Youth resilience
- Positive parenting
- Bullying awareness
- Light case management
- Education support
- Life skills and livelihood-related activities
- Childcare services

Operational Review – Key Highlights

- Partial 4Ws updates submitted; funding pressures require program adjustments.
- GBV actors raised:
 - **Case management disruptions** due to survivor returns to Syria.
 - **Insufficient urgent cash assistance**, recommending increased UCA for high-risk cases.
 - Need for **greater engagement of men and boys**.
- Cross-sector concerns:
 - **High caseloads**, staffing limitations, and coordination demands affecting service quality.
- Child Protection partners emphasized:
 - Reduced funding and **harmful coping practices**.
 - Provider shortages and rising risks.
 - Priority on **life-saving services**, community prevention, stronger referrals, and CP mainstreaming.
- CBP actors highlighted:
 - Resource gaps and **increased MHPSS demand**.

- **Low youth participation**, calling for improved multi-sectoral collaboration.
- Further updates to shared documents expected in next meeting.

Active Service Provision Overview

- Ongoing services across:
 - **Women's empowerment** – UNHCR
 - **CP prevention & response** – UNICEF, IFH, IMC
 - **GBV prevention & response** – IFH, UNFPA, UNHCR, LWF
 - **Legal protection** – ARDD
 - **Reception area support** – NRC (temporary, **phasing out by 1 Feb 2026** due to budget cuts).

Key Operational Updates for 2026:

IMC – SDC-Funded Project (Dec 2025 – May 2026 | Zaatari & Azraq)

- CP case management (**one case manager per camp**)
- Mental health case management
- Group PSS sessions for children aged **5–11**
- Positive parenting sessions
- Referral focal point support (**Dina Tamimi**)

IFH/UNICEF – Rehabilitation Project (Jan – Apr 2026)

- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Provision of **assistive devices**
- Follow-up and maintenance services

2026 Coordination Leadership – Zaatari

- **GBV Co-Chair:** IFH

- **CP Co-Chair:** Save the Children
- **Overall Chair:** UNHCR

Mafrag:

- Agreement to merge CP & GBV agendas within RCM meetings; rotating locations; elections for co-chairs upcoming.
- Meetings conducted monthly on **Wednesdays (11:00 AM)**.
- Structure: First hour RCM → 5-minute break → CP/GBV Working Group.
- Meeting location rotates monthly across **rural Mafrag locations** to ensure access.
- Next meeting to be online due to Ramadan.
- **Upcoming elections** for chair & co-chair positions for CP and GBV—members invited to nominate themselves by email.
- Work on **TOR and 2026 work plan** to begin next meeting.
- Group membership: ~17 organizations (INGOs, NGOs, CBOs, government entities).

Irbid:

- **UNHCR Irbid Office closing end of March 2026.**
- Mafrag Office will take over responsibilities.
- Help desk and mobile help desk will continue.
- Partnerships with IFH and others remain unchanged.
- **Working Groups Merged** in Irbid:
- CP Working Group + Economic Empowerment Working Group → *Irbid Multisectoral Working Group*.
- Co-chairs: UNHCR, IFH, and LWF.
- Frequency: **Every 2 months**, with ad-hoc meetings as required

Key Achievements for 2025:

	• Joint 16 Days of Activism event with 180 participants. • Produced 3 protection assessments: ◦ Clinical MHPSS Assessment ◦ Persons with Disabilities Impact Assessment ◦ GBV Gap Analysis • All assessments presented at ISWG and relevant sub-groups. • Child Marriage Prevention Network delivered 4 sessions last week. UNHCR Amman Update: • Khalda Office remains open and operational, despite budget-driven relocation of other UNHCR units. • Protection staff will remain present daily in the registration area. • Refugees cannot be served at the Regional Office; services maintained exclusively at Khalda.	
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