



# Integrating SGBV in the Humanitarian Response

# SGBV

- Sexual and Gender-based violence (SGBV), and in particular sexual violence, is a serious, life-threatening protection issue primarily affecting women and children
- Acts of SGBV are violations of human rights and may amount to war crimes or crimes against humanity
- Addressing SGBV is a life-saving activity in emergencies

# SGBV in Lebanon

- Underreporting: cultural, stigma, limited services, confidentiality
- Sexual Violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Physical violence perpetrated by family members
- Denial of resources/Limited freedom of movement
- Survival Sex
- Early and coerced marriages
- Limited information on services – Limited Access
- Child Protection Assessment in January

# INTERAGENCY RESPONSE

## MEDICAL RESPONSE

- Clinical Management of Rape trainings ongoing
- Strengthening in 2013  
North Lebanon, Bekaa and South Lebanon
- Rape treatment Kits Bekaa

## PSYCHOSOCIAL RESPONSE

- Comprehensive Psychosocial support through case management in women's centers, community centers, PHCCs, outreach – North Lebanon and Bekaa – to be expanded to South Lebanon and Mount Lebanon
- Livelihood support and empowerment activities

# INTERAGENCY RESPONSE

## Protection and security

- Solutions tailored to each case
- Alternative accommodation
- Shelter as last resort

## Capacity Building

- Trainings for non-specialized actors for referral
- Information campaign on existing services
- Field-based capacity building

## GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS)

- Reliable data crucial to informing the humanitarian response to gender-based violence
- Simple system for GBV project managers to collect, store and analyze their data
- Safe and ethical sharing of reported GBV incident data
- To better understand the GBV cases and broader trends analysis and improved GBV coordination
- Roll out in Akkar – to be expanded to other region in 2013
- GBVIMS Surge Team mission requested

# SGBV Coordination Mechanisms

- Formally established SGBV Task Force
- Chaired by UNHCR and co-chaired by UNFPA/UNICEF
- SGBV sub-WGs in North Lebanon and Bekaa
- SGBV sub-WG to be established in South Lebanon, Mount Lebanon and Beirut
- Standard operating procedures and referral pathways

# PREVENTION through SGBV integration in humanitarian response

- Everyone involved in the Syria response has to promote good practice and adherence to minimum standards - the SGBV TF can support you!
- Establish multisectoral interventions to prevent and respond to sexual and gender based violence
- Action Sheet including minimum activities per sector
- Coordination between SGBV Task Force and sectors
- Assessments and monitoring include SGBV



# SGBV and Shelter

- **Design communal living spaces to maximize safety and prevent GBV**
- Input from women - needs and security concerns are addressed.
- Inspect communal shelters regularly to monitor security and protection.
- **Design and allocate shelters/plots to maximize safety and prevent GBV**
- Ensure that individual plot/shelter allocation does not compromise protection.
- Do not make women and girls dependent on men for shelter construction or shelter allocation
- **Designate space for community centres and other safe spaces for women/girls**

# SGBV and WASH

- Identify safety and security risks for women and girls
- Mobilize women and men to participate in the location, design and maintenance of water and sanitation facilities
- Design and locate water points in areas that are accessible and safe for all, with special attention to the needs of women and children
- Design latrines in consultation with women and girls to maximize safety, privacy and dignity – distance, layout, etc

# Proposed Actions

- SGBV Task Force has appointed a focal point to liaise with the sectoral WG
- One-day training with sectors to present the GBV IASC Guidelines to develop understanding on how best address risk factors
- Develop action plans specific to sectors
- Joint Field missions
- Integration of SGBV in sectoral assessments, monitoring and evaluation
- Safety Audits results to design interventions
- Regularly report on progress to IA TF meetings