



SGBV Sub-Working Group

SGBV SUB WORKING GROUP SYRIAN, AFRICAN AND IRAQI REFUGEE RESPONSE – EGYPT

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

Date: 06 June 2015 Venue: UNHCR Cairo, Zamalek Office Chair: UNHCR

Organizations/agencies present: UNHCR, UNICEF, CARE, Caritas-Egypt, EFRR, St. Andrews Refugee Services (StARs), ACSFT, MSF

1- Updates on SGBV activities/issues:

EFRR is working on a training module for community leaders on how tackle SGBV. The training material was presented to the community leaders who were identified through CBOs and community consultations.

StARs advised that a newly established peer support group for women takes place every Monday from 11 am to 1 pm. The group is facilitated in Arabic and interested participants can register by approaching the Psycho Social office at StARs.

Care informed that their WFS will open in 6 October City in late July. They also reported noticing an increasing trend where Syrian women are reporting about FGM. Care is also liaising with Don Bosco to deliver training on SGBV prevention and response.

MSF reported an increasing number of victims of sexual violence approaching within 72 and 120 hours. The numbers are increasing month on month in 2015. They also announced that they have a team ready to provide training and refresher training on their work and would welcome all requests.

ACSFT informed that they have an office in Alexandria and reiterated that they are extending legal services for the African and Iraqi population in Cairo and for Syrians in Alexandria. The number of reported SGBV incidents in Alexandria is very low compared to Cairo. Legal awareness sessions will take place from late July.

Caritas informed that sanitary materials were distributed to 944 women.

UNHCR is implementing new outreach policy with a multifunctional approach that aims at reinforcing community based protection and increasing community participation. Members are asked to share key materials highlighting services as these can be disseminated at all meetings. There is a monthly coordination meeting held at UNHCR.

2- Updates from other WGs

The recent **Education WG** discussed issues of exposure of children to sexual violence in schools or on their way to schools. The need to engage systematically with school social workers was reiterated. Partners are strongly encouraged to report incidents of sexual violence or other violence in schools to the UNHCR Education Focal Point and to attend the Education WG.

The **Psycho Social WG** also took place. The next meeting will be on 27 July and participation is encouraged.

The **CP SWG** had a number of updates:

- The testing phase of the CP SOPs continues and SGBV partners are encouraged to engage in the case conferences and network meetings as applicable. Comments are still being received to the draft.
- UNICEF and UNHCR coordinated the first joint Coordination Workshop on Child Protection in the Syria and Iraq responses. Sexual Violence was a key theme that was discussed and the action plan and other relevant information will be shared with members soon.
- Additionally the CPSWG recruited a Reporting Specialist to produce a mid-year report on Child Protection activities and she will also work on thematic reporting. Partners are encouraged to share information for inclusion in the report.

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Next SGBV SWG: 13 July 2015