

Briefing note SGBV SWG

Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS)

Jordan

What is the GBVIMS?

The Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) is a data management system that enables those providing services to SGBV survivors to effectively and safely collect, store, analyze, and share data related to reported incidents of SGBV. Sharing and receiving non-identifiable SGBV data will contribute towards improved inter-agency coordination, identifying and targeting gaps, and prioritization of actions and improved programming of prevention and response efforts. Sharing and receiving such data will also result in improved advocacy efforts, increased leverage for fund-raising and resource mobilization, and improved monitoring.

The Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) was first piloted in 2006 to address harmful practices in SGBV data collection and sharing, in addition to assisting the humanitarian community in the management of SGBV information. The GBVIMS is an inter-agency initiative supported by the Steering Committee (composed of UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF and IRC) which has been rolled out in 21 countries to date.

Aggregated data collected is based on non-identifiable data on reported incidents submitted from GBVIMS partners and will serve the following purposes:

- SGBV prevention and response program planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Identification of programming and service delivery gaps
- Prioritization of actions and follow-up
- Improved service delivery
- Policy and advocacy
- Resource mobilization

In Jordan GBVIMS data is currently being gathered in Amman Governorate, Mafrq Governorate (including Zaatar Camp), Irbid Governorate (including Cyber City and King Abdullah Park), Emirates Jordanian Camp, and Azraq Camp.

The GBVIMS data collection in Jordan started as of 1st of May 2014.

RAIS GBVIMS in Jordan

The GBVIMS Standard Format was developed by the global Steering Committee. In Jordan the GBVIMS module in RAIS (Refugee Assistance Information System) was created by UNHCR in June 2013 in consultation with the GBVIMS Task Force and with guidance from the GBVIMS Steering Committee. Its purpose is to facilitate data entry and compilation, improve functionality and strengthen data security, whilst ensuring safe and confidential inter-agency SGBV data collection. The GBVIMS module in RAIS contains the GBVIMS Intake Assessment Form as agreed by the Task Force, and mirrors the data entered into the GBVIMS Incident Recorder.

The information collected in the GBVIMS module in RAIS can be easily exported and imported from the GBVIMS Standard Format without compromising the confidentiality and security of the data. As such, GBVIMS Task Force members may opt to use either of the information gathering systems as per the procedures established in the Information Sharing Protocol (ISP).

Organizations

In their capacity as co-leaders of the SGBV sub-working group, UNHCR and UNFPA are responsible for the **coordination** of the GBVIMS process (ensuring training, coordination meetings, facilitating external information requests, and managing the process to address any breaches of the ISP). UNHCR is also responsible for the **compilation** of the data through the RAIS GBVIMS module. The information shared by data gathering organizations will be consolidated by UNHCR into an aggregate report.

In their capacity as data **gathering organizations**, Noor Al Hussein Foundation/Institute for Family Health (IFH\NHF), International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Jordan River Foundation (JRF), and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), are responsible for data collection based on GBVIMS data points which would exclusively be based on provision of service to SGBV survivors in their areas of operation. The GBVIMS covers programs specifically supporting populations affected by the Syrian refugee crisis where the GBVIMS is in use.

In its capacity in SGBV prevention and response, UNICEF is responsible for providing **technical support**, capacity building and contributing to information analysis within the GBVIMS Task Force.

Information sharing

All members of the GBVIMS Task Force have signed onto an **Information Sharing Protocol** which lays out detailed procedures, ground rules and agreements to ensure the confidentiality and security of the data gathered.

Data reports will only be shared on a regular basis with pre-approved external actors, as explained in the Information Sharing Protocol. The information shared with pre-approved external actors is confidential and **cannot be reproduced without the authorization of the GBVIMS Task Force**

To reduce the risk and mitigate the impact of inappropriately shared data, **all information requests** that fall outside the Information Sharing Protocol will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Any request from external actors for access to consolidated GBVIMS information **must be directed to the UNHCR and UNFPA focal points** in order to initiate the authorization process among the data gathering organizations. GBVIMS data is not to be used for follow up on individual cases. Provision of referrals and agreed case management procedures are established in different documents.

It is important to note that **consolidated data relates to reported cases exclusively, and is in no way representative of the total incidence or prevalence of SGBV** in one location or group of locations. Sufficient explanation regarding the limitations of considering reported cases and trends in reporting should be provided in all external communication documents, after permission is received from the contributing agencies.¹

¹The limitations will be expressed through further analysis of the statistics or trends being presented.

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The Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sub-Working Group
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The objective of the SGBV SWG is to strengthen multi-sectoral SGBV prevention and response in the context of the Syrian refugee emergency in Jordan. The group is chaired by UNHCR and UNFPA. Members of the Sub-Working Group include UN agencies, international and national NGOs, ministries of the Government of Jordan and national institutions.

