GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes
Warsaw, Poland
15/11/2022

Chairpersons: Mays Zatari (UNHCR) & Katarzyna Kaszuba (CPK)

Agencies present:

Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), CARE, Autonomia, Feminoteka, FEDERA, MSF, Voice Amplified, Americares, Pink Box, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Fundacja dla Somalii, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Polish Red Cross, Polskie Forum Migracyjne (PFM), Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Solettere, Foundation New Story, Centrum Praw Kobiet (CPK), SEREDA Project/University of Birmingham, Warsaw City Hall, WHO, IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR

Draft Agenda:

- Introduction
- Updates from Co-leads
- 16 Days of Activism updates
- Presentation on the 16 Days of Activism activities in the capital city of Warsaw (Anna Jazwinska, Warsaw City Hall, Welfare and Social Project Department)
- Presentation of the Gender Analysis report of the regional humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine (UN Women, Care and CRR)
- AOB

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Points
1.Introductions	Co-chairs Mays Zatari and Katarzyna Kaszuba (CPK) welcomed all the participants of the GBV Sub-Sector to the meeting.	
2. Coordination updates	• Contingency Plan Members are encouraged to stay alerted and have an internal contingency plan developed to address the potential new influx of refugees.	Action Members are encouraged to have an internal contingency plan developed to address the potential new influx of refugees.

	As part of contingency plan, a simple GBV leaflet was developed listing few key organisations and their contact details. The leaflet is to be distributed at the border crossing, transit centres and other temporary accommodation places in case of new influx. • Referral Pathway Members are encouraged to actively take part in enhancing Referral Pathway and to utilize existing KOBO tool to gather information. • Safety Audit Safety Audit is confirmed to begin at the end of November. • Activity Info Submissions on the Activity Info were reviewed by the coordinators and the comments are awaiting to be addressed.	Action To share the link to the Referral Pathway Kobo Form with all members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group
3. Presentation of the planned activities for 16 Days of Activism organized by Warsaw City Hall (Anna Jazwinska, Welfare and	Warsaw Municipality is planning to actively take part in the 16 Days of Activism campaign. The activities include: - A Call for greater response to the phenomenon of violence addressed to all residents of Warsaw, particularly to the witnesses of the violence: React/ Break the Silence/ Provide Assistance. The goal of the campaign is to change social behavior and empower the witness to act. - Video Spot to be used in the public space - Posters on Warsaw buses	Action Members who would like to distribute the leaflets prepared by the Municipality of Warsaw are kindly asked to contact co-chairs of the GBV Sub-Sector Group, who in will be in touch with the Warsaw Municipality to coordinate requests.

Social Project Department)	- Leaflets about the basic steps to take if you witness the violence (in POL and UKR) - Illumination of Palac Kultury on the first and last day of the campaign featuring emergency number 112. All the actions undertaken by Warsaw Municipality will be strengthened by women organizations.	
4. Presentation of Regional Gender Analysis by Rebeca Acin, UN Women and Camille Gervais (CRR)	The regional analysis was designed to consolidate secondary analyses from Ukraine and neighboring countries, including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia with the aim of: • Analysing emerging regional trends • Consolidating the evidence base • Developing practical recommendations The area of inquiry included: 1. **Participation and leadership of women-led organisations (WLOs), women's rights organisations (WROs), women and marginalised groups.** • Women's roles as volunteers and first responders have not adequately translated into their meaningful participation and leadership in decision making processes • Low level and poor quality of funding for WROs and WLO. There is a need for sustainable, flexible funding for local civil society organizations focused on GBV and SRHR. • Donors focus on funding humanitarian response while pre-war needs still remain and are key element in generating the challenges facing refugees. • Range of challenges in engagement in UN humanitarian coordination structures, including challenges in outreach, language barriers, limitations of current structures. 2. **Prevention, mitigation and response to gender-based violence (GBV)**	Action To share PPT and the link to the report with all members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group Action Regional Gender Task Force is happy to collaborate with members of GBV Sub-Sector Group. Interested members to contact directly: Rebeca Acin/ rebeca.acin@unwomen.org

	• GBV was already widespread and increasing in Ukraine and highly prevalent in the region before the escalation of the war. • Insufficient available information, to allow an accurate representation of the full spectrum of risks and intersecting forms of violence that individuals experience. • Gaps in the current operational response: application of minimum standards for GBV risk mitigation in collective shelters in Ukraine. • Shelters and accommodations in refugee-hosting countries (particularly private accomodation), as well as a lack of risk analysis at border and transit sites. • The review highlighted the need to ensure that all survivors of violence have safe access to quality GBV services and survivor-centred care. • PSEA remains a concern 3. Access to and availability and enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) • In Ukraine: attacks on medical facilities and disruptions in health system functioning and supply chains continue to impact access to sexual and reproductive health care • In a number of border countries a range of legal and policy barriers are now intersecting with needs of refugee populations and undermining access to sexual and reproductive health care, including for survivors of GBV. • Access to good quality SRH is being affected by a range of factors in border countries and specific groups are facing particular barriers. • Ensuring the prioritisation of SRHR in the humanitarian and refugee response still remains challenging. • Most of the direct response to the SRHR needs of refugees is being led by local women's rights and SRHR civil society organizations, in difficult operating environments.	

	4. **Intersectionality of gender and diversity factors affecting the multiple and intersecting challenges faced by women, girls, boys and men.** • The review shows that references to intersectional analysis are limited • Most reports include an examination of gender, that is based on certain categories for women and men, which contributes to create homogenous groups overlooking intersections with other identities. • Use of "vulnerable", "most vulnerable" and "most at risk" persons without providing criteria for such categorization. • Lack of clarity about how to systematically collect and analyse data regarding intersectional identities to guide specific sector programming within the humanitarian response. • In general, the analyses adopt single identities as the source of exclusion and discrimination.	
5.Updates from members & AOB	• IOM is conducting training for Warszawskie Centrum Pomocy Rodzinie (WCPR) and is leading pilot safety audit. The report will follow. • Mercy Corps is planning to conduct studies on gender & social cohesion between Poland/ Ukraine and is looking for relevant Polish organizations who would be interested in being key informants for the interviews or that could help find Polish women and men for the focus group discussions (In Krakow, Warsaw, and Gdansk). Any organizations that are willing to support this request, please contact directly Mar Echevarria at mechevarria@mercycorps.org • SEREDA Project/ University of Birmingham will launch the online report : **"**Not a single safe place": The Ukrainian refugees at risk of violence, trafficking, and exploitation. Findings from Poland and Ukraine on the 16th of November, at 15:00-16:00 (CET). To get more information, members are asked to contact **Sandra Pertek at** s.m.pertek.1@bham.ac.uk or Gosia Kot at malgokot88@gmail.com	**Action** Any organizations that are willing to support this request, please contact directly Mar Echevarria at mechevarria@mercycorps.org **Action** To share the email invitation with all GBV Sub-Sector Members.

	• SEREDA Project/ University of Birmingham is planning to organize social campaign as part of 16 Days of Activism and create a short video on the issue of violence with the focus on the Ukrainian women. Members who are interested to be involved are welcome to contact Gosia Kot at malgokot88@gmail.com • There was a proposal to switch GBV Sub Sector meetings to a monthly basis that was met with mostly positive responses. The poll on choosing a fixed Tuesday of the month will follow.	Action Members who are interested to be involved in activities planned by SEREDA project are welcome to contact Gosia Kot at malgokot88@gmail.com Action Members are asked to vote in the upcoming vote on the date of the GBV Sub-Sector meeting.

Next Meeting: TBC