



SGBV Task Force Meeting - October 2013

Meeting Minutes			
Name	SGBV Task Force	Meeting Date	9 October 2013
Meeting Location	Beirut	Meeting Time	9:00
Chair person	Emmanuelle Compingt	Meeting Duration	2 hours
Purpose of Meeting	Monthly Inter-Agency Coordination on SGBV prevention and response		

Participants: ABAAD, INTERSOS, IRAP, Kvinna til Kvinna, Heartland Alliance, World Vision, Refugee Education Trust (RET), Human Rights Watch, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC), International Medical Corps (IMC), UNRWA, IOCC, UNOCHA, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR

Summary of discussions and action points

1. Updates

A. Field SGBV Working Groups

- While discussing the RRP6, the field SGBV WGs have identified a gap in the legal response of SGBV, especially regarding legal representation and counselling on family law (e.g. divorce, child custody).
- There has been a discussion in the SGBV WGs on joint assessment of health, especially clinical management of rape. Further institutions are now identified to continue with trainings with medical staff, and follow-up and progress will be tracked at national level.

2. Current programming to address LGBTI issues

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) has worked with legal assistance of refugees in resettlement processes. IRAP is present in several countries in the region, but can take cases from other countries as well. Specific support to Lesbians Gay Bisexual and Transgender communities has been overlooked in the current protection/ SGBV emergency response in Lebanon. More expertise is needed among the service providers, and in order to improve the referral pathway for survivors, current case management agencies will require capacity-building or additional and specialized service providers (e.g. IRAP) could be included in the referrals. IRAP currently has website and phone number to a focal person where LGBTI persons can get information and assistance. In the recent years countries have been more willing to accept LGBTI as a ground for refugee claims.

See attachment for the full presentation.

ACTION POINT:

- ✓ *IRAP to send information which can be included in the referral pathway, and which can be circulated to the case management organizations. IRAP to share material which can be used for training and awareness raising for frontline workers.*

3. Discussion Point: Preparation of the 16 Days of Activism, 24 Nov – 10 Dec 2013

Suggestions and plans:

- **Women’s voices from the field:** Would be useful that the SGBV TF members, especially the case management organizations or agencies working in safe spaces and/or with women refugee outreach volunteers can explain the concept of 16 Days and ask women and adolescent refugees what they would like to tell the humanitarian community and decision-makers. , can collect quotes and messages from displaced Syrian women to be disseminated.
- **Media Round Table discussions.** This will be a follow-up to the drafting of GBV Media Guidelines initiated in Lebanon early 2013, as well as the joint UNICEF-UNHCR meeting between S/GBV specialists and respective Public Information/Media units. SGBV TF will aim at building alliance with key journalists and (international/national) media community in Lebanon to remove stigma and prejudice against Syrian refugees and SGBV survivors, and disseminate more positive messages. The pool of ‘allies’ journalists shall get first access to interesting case studies or stories or field visits. 2-3 round table discussions in English and Arabic are planned to be facilitated under the campaign. The media guidelines including in Arabic (translation is currently done by UNICEF) will also be circulated. A group of “peace” journalists present in Lebanon could be interested to join this initiative. UNFPA also has a GBV-media project with journalism students which can be linked to the event.
- **UNFPA** plans to organize a high-level meeting on 24 November to highlight a project on training of ISF.
- **UNRWA** has organized photography training in Tyre for youth, including GBV components. Based on the pictures they came up with stories reflecting GBV issues they know from their communities. Can be used as a moving exhibition.
- **ABAAD** will organize a nation-wide campaign on protection of migrants and refugees, in collaboration with several partners.
- **UNICEF – ABAAD** will launch a DVD animation movie. The launch will include discussions at the local level.
- **A launch of the SOPs** will be included in the campaign. Dissemination of community brochures and material for frontline workers will take place by mid-November through the field WGs, in collaboration with Heartland Alliance.

(On Friday, UNICEF has an event with INTERSOS on the Day of the Girl Child. Theme: Access to education. A group of Syrian girls will talk about their experiences, how it affected their education. Also play on child marriage.)

ACTION POINTS:

- ✓ SGBV TF Coordinator to send an email to Field SGBV Working groups on ‘Women’s voice initiative
- ✓ Heartland Alliance to shares contacts of group of “peace” journalists
- ✓ A preparatory meeting will be held before the round table last week of October.
- ✓ SGBV TF members will keep an eye out for frontline social workers who can be interested in participating in the roundtable to share their own experience.
- ✓ Everybody will send information about their events for the 16 Days to SGBV TF Coordinator no later than first week of November so a programme of activities can be compiled and disseminated.

4. Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) for endorsement

Input to the protocol has been received, and initial data has come in from the lead case management organizations. The three months trial period has now started. In future TF meetings a standing point can be included to report on trends coming out from the data reporting. Some organizations are now willing to classify

cases retroactively from January, so by December it might be possible to have an overview of the whole year. Follow up and sharing of data will be done between the case management organizations.

GBVIMS refresher trainings, and new trainings are planned to take place.

4. AOB

Update training plan:

The training plan to coordinate activities needs to be updated, both at the national field levels to see what is planned, and what is completed.

ACTION POINT:

- ✓ *The training plan will be circulated, and should be returned to SGBV TF Coordinator by one week.*

RRP6:

Summary of the RRP6 meeting on Monday 30 September. 3 outputs were agreed on

- Safe spaces
- Response
- Prevention

Several questions from the meeting participants on the template and procedure were answered by Emmanuelle. Deadline for submitting the inputs is COB Monday 14 October 2013.

ACTION POINT:

- ✓ *All members submit the RRP6 form to SGBV TF Coordinator by 14 October.*

GIS map of Safe Spaces

There is a need to develop a map which locates safe spaces. Some working groups have already started to make maps, and it would be useful to have one for the whole country. To differentiate different services, three categories can be included in the map:

1. Safe spaces (Permanent space dedicated to activities for women and girls + access to case management (e.g. women centers, CC, SDC, some Community Centres)
2. Other community based initiatives (With punctual activities for woman and girls + referral to specialized services, including child friendly spaces)
3. Women Resource Centres (livelihoods + professional training opportunities)

The purpose of the map is to locate existing places, and to identify gaps where more are needed.

ACTION POINT:

- ✓ *Information from the field WGs will be circulated to the members, who should add inputs, and be returned to UNHCR.*

Revised logo/icon:

New icon for the SGBV TF has been suggested from UNFPA to replace the previously used one which depicts an armed robbery. The proposed icon is already used by the GBV Sub-Cluster in Afghanistan. Members agreed that it should be used on materials and web page from now on.

ACTION POINT:

- ✓ *Members of the SGBV TF will use the new icon on jointly published materials.*

Next Meeting:

The next SGBV TF Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13 November** at UNHCR Office, from 9-11 am.

Agreed Action Points			
Issue	Deadline	Responsible	Comment
IRAP to send information which can be included in the referral pathway, and which can be circulated to the case management organizations. IRAP to share material which can be used for training and awareness raising for frontline workers.	30 Oct.	IRAP	
Members and SGBV Field Working Groups to send their 16 days activities programme	4 Nov,	Members + field SGBV working Groups	
Media Round table preparatory meeting	30 Oct.	UNHCR	
The training plan will be circulated, and should be returned to Emmanuelle by one week.		Everybody	
All members submit the RRP6 form to Emmanuelle	14 October	Everybody	
GIS map on safe spaces: Information from the field WGs on safe spaces will be circulated to the members, who should add inputs, and be returned to UNHCR.	6 Nov.	Everybody	
Members of the SGBV TF will use the new icon on jointly published materials.	N/A	Everybody	

Attachments/Documents	Location
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) presentation about their LGBTI work	email
Outpost Article on LGBTI Activism in the Arab World	email
Updated Training Matrix	email
UNHCR International Protection Considerations with regard to people fleeing the Syrian Arab Republic, Update II	email
Weblink to 2013 <i>Because I am a Girl</i> report http://becauseiamagirl.ca/2013report	email