

SGFPN coordination meeting

Date: 10th March 2016

Venue: UP PU-AMI in Jabal Weibdeh

Agenda:

- (i) Introductions
- (ii) Forthcoming review of the IASC Gender Handbook in Humanitarian Action (SGFPN members with Sector Leads/chairs participating on 15th March).
- (iii) Gender In Humanitarian Action Training coming in April (Map participants, Fix Date and begin preparatory activities)
- (iv) Reflection on 2015 Pilot Monitoring of Gender Equality Measures (GEMs)
- (v) Sector and other Updates
- (vi) AOB

Present members: 16 (the list is attached)

Agenda item:	Discussion:
<i>Introductions</i>	<i>The meeting started with the introduction of the meeting participants, announcing the meeting agenda and thanking the office of UP PU-AMI in Jabal Weibdeh for hosting the meeting.</i>
<i>Forthcoming review of the IASC Gender Handbook in Humanitarian Action (SGFPN members with Sector Leads/chairs participating on 15th March).</i>	<p><i>Given the importance of the consultation process, all the participants were encouraged to participate in the upcoming IASC Gender handbook in HA review on 15th March which will take place at UNHCR EMOPS room from 14:00-17:00. The meeting will be led by the consultant who has been recruited specifically for convening the consultations with various stakeholders.</i></p> <p><i>Jordan is one of the four countries where the consultations will take place. In addition to Jordan, South Sudan, Colombia and Nepal have been chosen for the similar exercise.</i></p> <p><i>The handbook is being revised to make it more practical and user-friendly. This exercise is being conducted as part of the work plan by the IASC Gender Reference Group (GRG) UN Women and OXFAM are co-leading the project to update it and reflect the current iteration of the Cluster System, the Gender Marker, the Humanitarian Programme Cycle and other important advances in humanitarian coordination, leadership, accountability and partnership. Preliminary consultations have been held in New York in December 2015 with a group of gender experts from INGOs and UN, leading to an agreed timeline</i></p>

	<p>for revisions. Interviews with clusters and legal agencies will be carried out through a two-day workshop.</p>
<p>Gender In Humanitarian Action Training coming in April (Map participants, Fix Date and begin preparatory activities)</p>	<p>The Gender In Humanitarian Action Training takes place on a yearly basis and is an important training to participate, contribute and benefit from. Given the usual turn-over of staff till March, it was suggested at the previous meeting to plan the meeting in April or early May. After reviewing the upcoming events and various commitments it was decided to fix 3-5 May 2016 as the training dates. Once the agenda is drafted, the length of the training-2 or 3 days will be more clear. As a lesson learned from last year, it was suggested to have a glossary of the specific Gender and GBV-related terminology in English and Arabic. It was also suggested to draft a very clear eligibility criteria for the training since some participants from last year training have never shown up in the meetings and didn't contribute to the gender-related aspects in respective sector groups.</p> <p>Since some of the GSFPN are very new to this network, It was also suggested to focus both on basics and advanced knowledge, dedicating one days to each aspects and to dedicate enough time to practical part/simulation as well. The practical part to focus on planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation aspects.</p> <p>The cultural relevance of the knowledge and guidance received in such training was also mentioned since we need to take into account the cultural and mentality-related specificities of the populations we are serving in various sectors.</p> <p>The translation will be provided at the training if and when needed.</p>
<p>Reflection on 2015 Pilot Monitoring of Gender Equality Measures (GEMs)</p>	<p>The meeting was briefed on the ongoing process on the 2015 pilot monitoring of gender equality measures (GEMs). The process initially started in 2015 through a joint effort by UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNWomen and CARE when a draft tool was developed. The tool is based on 4 key principles and looks into needs assessment, adapted assistance, adequate participation and review. The aim of the tool is to look at whether processes are in place in projects being implemented to make sure that women, girls, boy and men have equitable access to the available humanitarian resources. Addressing and promoting issue of equitable access to humanitarian regardless of sex and age, since this will ultimately support the progress towards the gender equality.</p> <p>The current stage is that feedback from the recent working group on the latest version of the tool will be sent to Geneva by Simon and once the final version is available, the SGFPN will decide and agree on the steps forward to promote the usage and application of the by all sectors.</p>
<p>Updates from gender sector focal points:</p>	<p>UNICEF: A new gender focal point has been identified and will be on board early next week. Her name is Katya Urteaga Villanueva, who has a previous experience of working on GBV-related issues in Jordan. Katya will take over the co-chairing role from Eliza and will support Simon in the coordination role as per her job description.</p> <p>UNHCR/OCHA-Simon Opolot: is planning to participate in the meeting in New-York on 21st of March and present how Jordan is succeeding in</p>

integrating gender in the humanitarian response operation. Simon will report back to the group on the discussion and recommendation from NY meeting. He will also be travelling to Dubai to participate in the 5-day Gender training by the GENCAP.

Health sector: *Elsa met with the Health Sector Coordinator to discuss the needs analysis part of the health sector. Support in doing a comprehensive gender analysis was requested by the Health Sector Coordinator as well as guidance/training in applying gender marker. Simon is providing technical support to guide the revision of the analysis.*

Shelter Sector: *No update*

Child Protection: *Emma and Eric planned to conduct the IASC Gender Marker training for the CP SWG one week after the SGFPN meeting, on March 17th, to be hosted by UNICEF. There was high level of interest in this training from the SWG, and there is the possibility to conduct additional trainings on this topic in the future as the training was at full capacity. Emma also recommended that the SGFPN actors cooperate with Claire Goudsmit (goudsmit@unhcr.org), the consultant currently employed to create a referral mechanism for the PSEA focal points network, to ensure that the different needs of WGMB are represented within the mechanism.*

Protection Sector: *There are some changes in the sector chairing modalities: NRC has replaced DRC in the co-chairing role. The workplan has been recently reviewed including from the gender lens/perspective. Focus has been on indicators that would help to reflect on gender balance in the Protection sector response. At the moment it is difficult to measure due the different styles of uploading info in the Activity info.*

More guidance is needed for measuring the gender balance.

Basic Needs sector: *UNHCR in cooperation with Cairo Amman Bank (CAB) is in the process of introducing the new delivery tool for all cash-related interventions/projects. The principle is that every registered refugee in Jordan will have a virtual bank account which will allow agencies that are part of the common cash facility steering committee to transfer assistance to the vulnerable beneficiaries as per the predefined eligibility criteria.*

The Common Cash Facility steering committee is working on standard operation procedures, some of these SOPs need to be reviewed by gender advisor to make sure that the gender aspect is well mainstreamed. For the moment only the head of the household, mainly male in most cases, can withdraw the money, which might create some problems in equal spending of the money for male and female beneficiaries at the household level. There is a need to develop and apply a monitoring tool that will allow for monitoring such dynamics to address them in timely and efficient manner.

	<p>Update by Suheil Abualsameed, UNHCR SGBV Prevention Consultant, Focal Point Engaging Men and Boys: <i>The 2nd phase of the Engaging Men and Boys consultancy will focus on sustainability and community and staff engagement. Gender and SGBV trainings to a larger number of staff will be conducted between now and June. Staff focal points will be identified and trained on a ToT curriculum to ensure their role in awareness and advocacy within the workplace. A pilot community engagement activity will target a number of male beneficiaries from camp and urban locations to act as community champions/mobilizers and will also be provided with a training to allow them to engage with their communities on the long run. Four Gender trainings with a focus on men and boys, masculinity and responding to male survivors will be delivered to FPD between now and end of May.</i></p> <p>Education sector: <i>The gender integration plan into education activities was developed last year. However, they need more technical expertise/support to revise it and to implement given the appropriateness and cultural norms of the served beneficiaries.</i></p> <p>MHPSS sector: <i>a 4 Ws exercise has been recently completed and presented to the working group two weeks ago in a dedicated workshop. The 4Ws have also analysed and reflected how gender was mainstreamed. The result can be shared with the SGFPN if interested.</i></p> <p>WASH sector: <i>The sector has supported gender awareness-related activities at Zaatari camp targeting some 200 men. The WASH section needs more technical guidance and support in implementing gender-mainstreamed activities and will count on the chairs of the SGFPN to get the needed advice.</i></p>
Notes:	Next meeting will take place on 7th April 2016 in UNICEF office at 10 am