



SGBV Sub-Working Group

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

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

Date: 20 April 2015 Venue: UNHCR Cairo, Zamalek Office Chair: UNHCR

Agencies present: UNFPA, UNHCR, CARE, Caritas-Egypt, EFRR, St. Andrews Refugee Services, Save the Children, ACSFT, Refuge Egypt

1- Updates on SGBV activities/issues:

PSTIC is implementing community based interventions with a team of six members. So far, they have met with 35 community groups. The team is scheduling visiting hours during which they will be available at certain community centers to answer inquiries of PoCs. PSTIC further plans to place 50 information boards not only in community centers but also in places mostly visited by refugees, such as e.g. grocery shops, hairdressers, etc. and relevant information to be posted can be shared directly.

Refuge Egypt is currently conducting an exercise in Cairo and Alexandria to identify PoCs with TB. This is also a good opportunity to raise awareness regarding SGBV services offered by SGBV SWG member organizations. In this regard, Refuge Egypt addressed the SWG to inquire which further information could be shared.

UNFPA continues to mainstream health services among targeted population. UNFPA in cooperation with Terres des Hommes, determined safe places locations in Greater Cairo and Damietta. They aim at raising awareness about HIV targeting 800 women.

UNHCR informed that service brochures providing information for Syrian refugees are ready for distribution (they were handed out to partners). UNHCR added that a second updated edition will be issued soon. A further brochure, with information about services for the African and Iraqi population will be published in due course.

2- Thematic issues: GBV classification tools

UNHCR presented a model for standardizing classification of reported incidents. UNHCR in cooperation with the SOP Core Group will work on an approach addressing this issue, though, ensuring that this will be implemented in a standardized and workable format. Currently, UNHCR and CARE are applying the classification tool, StARs is about to introduce it. The classification tool will be included in the SGBV SOPs.

3- Upcoming priorities

UNHCR informed that Inter-Agency SOPs on SGBV is still in the final drafting phase. Assessments of all key services were finalized, covering Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. The key findings are as follows: number of service providers, conducting SGBV case management is limited; the referral system among service providers is functioning, though, lacks a standardized approach; also regarding data collection and classification of incidents, there is a lack of standardization, which is hoped to be effectively addressed by introducing the classification tool.

4- Update on current SGBV priority activities/projects:

- **SGBV SWG Terms of Reference (ToR):** Existing ToRs have been reviewed and updated, and were shared with all partners for final comments.
- **International Women's Day:** Partners reported about different activities organized on the occasion of International Women's Day, including:
 - A conference organized by UN WOMEN on the empowerment of women;
 - YPEER and a theatre performance on SGBV and SRH, organized by UNFPA;
 - Community based events conducted in various locations by community based organisations;
 - The launching of a [Bathoul's Story](#) highlighting the situation of a Syrian refugee woman in Cairo on UNHCR social media as well as on a social media platform established by UN WOMEN for all UN agencies and partner organisations on occasion of the International Women's Day;
 - A public awareness raising event, including different activities, organized by the Alexandria Regional Center (ARC) for Women's Health and Development and supported by UNHCR FO Alexandria and Caritas Alexandria.
- Update from Psychosocial Mental Health SWG: the WG will resume its meetings in May.

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Next SGBV SWG: 15 June 2015