

**GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes**  
**Warsaw, Poland**  
17/05/2022

**Chairperson:** Ms Loretta Jesudoss (UNHCR)

**Agencies present:**

Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), Centrum Praw Kobiet, Fundacja dla Somalii, HIAS, INTERSOS, Project Hope, PAH, Voice, IPPF, CARE, SCI, Stichting Bootvluchteling, Plan International, Medicines du Monde, Ashoka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, WHO, UNHCR

**Draft Agenda:**

- Review of the previous action points
- Updates from co-leads
  - o SRSG SVC, Coordinator for UN Action SVC, and UNHCR AHC-P missions
  - o ISCG Meeting with Donors
  - o Protection Response Service Mapping
- Mandatory Reporting (CPK)
- GBV SOPs in the Acute Emergency Phase (UNHCR HQs)
- Updates from members
- AOB

***The meeting was conducted with simultaneous interpretation (in English & Polish)***

Agenda items	Discussion	Action points
<b>1. Previous action points</b>	<p>The chairperson provided a summary of the action points from the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RE: concern raised by UNICEF on a Protocol on Sexual Violence which was publicly disseminated at Tesco @ Przemysl - the Chairperson reached out to the NGO concerned</li></ul>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>Members to submit comments to the draft minutes of the last</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The initiative was reportedly by a volunteer and not the NGO itself; reassurances were made that circulation of the protocol and related material would be immediately halted.</li> <li>- During a visit to this site by the Chairperson with the delegation of the SRSB on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SVC), some of these posters were still visible in multiple areas. Though well-meaning, the messaging risked stigmatization. The Chairperson briefly discussed concerns on this matter with the NGO staff/volunteers concerned following the removal of visible posters.</li> <li>- CARE International similarly engaged in a longer discussion with the NGO staff/volunteers the next day when more posters were jointly removed.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on GBV basics was conducted in Przemysl by CARE International. 34 participants attended.</li> <li>• There is an ongoing need to support frontline workers with basic GBV training on how to share information on GBV services and handle GBV disclosure in a safe way.</li> <li>• Protection Response Service Mapping – preliminary results</li> </ul>	<p>(24<sup>th</sup>) meeting, flag out the issue areas &amp; check the list of participants. Deadline: <b>May 25</b></p>
<p><b>2. Updates from co-leads</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRSB SVC Coordinator for UN Action SVC, and UNHCR AHC-P missions in Poland: the need to strengthen GBV prevention and risk mitigation measures along with response services were noted. Conflict-related sexual violence as well as conflict-related trafficking in persons for the purposes of sexual exploitation were the key focus of the SRSB’s delegation. Both delegations met various national and international organizations, community -based organization as well as government representatives in addition to site visits.</li> <li>• ISCG Meeting with Donors: the German Ambassador specifically articulated his government’s support on interventions related to GBV.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Members interested in accessing the results of the mapping should write to Malgorzata (<a href="mailto:suraj@unhcr.org">suraj@unhcr.org</a>)</p>
<p><b>3. Mandatory Reporting (CPK)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sub-Sector Co-Lead (CPK) provided an overview of mandatory reporting requirements in Poland. According to Polish law (Art 200), there is a social obligation to notify the public prosecutor or the police about domestic violence. The legal obligation does not pertain to social institutions as opposed to state or local government.</li> <li>• There is a catalogue of offences that need to be notified about, otherwise, there are penalty sanctions. The catalogue includes just to name a few: sexual abuse of another person's helplessness or insanity or sexual intercourse with a minor or leading a minor to submit to sexual activities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> To translate the PPT ‘Mandatory Reporting’ into English and share it with participants along with the original version in Polish. Malgorzata to coordinate the translation.</p>

<b>4. GBV SOPs in the Acute Emergency Phase (UNHCR HQs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR DIP at HQs provided an overview of the Inter-Agency GBV SOPs package for adaptation within an acute emergency phase within a refugee setting. SOPs package to be tested in Ukraine refugee response context. Members were invited to participate in the process of development and revision (deadline mid-June). UNHCR DIP-GBV Unit to provide remote support, review and feedback.</li> <li>• More details will be presented later.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Self-nominations and feedback collection for the SOPs Task Team to be sent to Alisar elias@unhcr.org by Friday, 29 May, 2022</p> <p>Finalisation of SOPs by Thursday, <b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022</b></p>
<b>5. Updates from members</b>	No key updates from the members	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to unpack the concept of “domestic violence”. It is often used to refer to intimate partner violence (IPV) but the concept in itself is much broader.</li> <li>• 17 May is the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOTB). It seeks to raise global awareness of the violence and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and gender-non-conforming (LGBTIQ+) people.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 24/05/2022 @ 10am**