

## **GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes**

**Warsaw, Poland**

24/05/2022

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

### **Agencies present:**

Centrum Praw Kobiet, Autonomia, Federa, Center for Reproductive Rights, IFRC, RET, Oxfam, LWF, IMC, INTERSOS, Voice, IPPF, German Red Cross, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR

### **Draft Agenda:**

- Review of the previous action points
- Updates on coordination tools
- Debrief on the basic GBV training at the border areas by CARE INT
- Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) by IFRC
- GBV SOPs in the Acute Emergency Phase (UNHCR GBV UNIT HQs) (30min)
- 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: PPT 'Mandatory Reporting' (CPK) The PPT was translated into English and was circulated among members of the GBV Sub-Sector group along with the original version in Polish.</li> <li>• RE: Draft SOPs The chairperson informed that nominations to participate in the process of drafting SOPs were received from 2 agencies so far: WHO and IFRC. The chairperson encouraged all members to participate in the process, particularly national NGOs. During the meeting, Autonomia had also expressed interest to be part of the committee as well.</li> <li>• RE: Coordination Tools The chairperson invited all members to remain proactive in sharing information on the current and planned GBV interventions and ensure that the information is disseminated in all different locations. There is a planned collection of information from all the members on all activities and indicators.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to submit comments to the draft minutes of the last meeting, flag out the issue areas &amp; check the list of participants. <b>Deadline: June 7</b></li> <li>• Self-nominations and feedback collection for the SOPs Task Team to be sent to Alisar <a href="mailto:elias@unhcr.org">elias@unhcr.org</a> by Friday, <b>29 May, 2022</b></li> <li>• Pre-preliminary Referral pathways to be circulated among members and print copies to be prepared and shared with members</li> </ul>
<b>2. Cash and voucher assistance by IFRC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFRC provided an overview of their cash programming rolled out in Poland and invited all members to develop protocols around how CVA can be safely delivered to GBV survivors. IFRC would like a joint approach to supporting the development of different strains of referrals that will be shared with the Cash Working group and hopefully streamlined across future operations.</li> <li>• IFRC currently provides cash to 10,000 persons with vulnerable characteristics.</li> </ul>	

<b>3. 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 process of developing the Inter-Agency GBV SOPs package in the 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>• The SOPs Development Process is collaborative, inclusive, participatory and transparent</li> <li>• The SOPs Development Process itself can be considered an intervention because it engages all the relevant actors and involves collaboration, inter-organizational and inter-sectoral dialogue, community participation, negotiation – and, as a result, increases all participants’ understanding of how to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.</li> <li>• The SOP Development Package includes 3 parts: SOP Development Guide, SOP Template, and Annexes</li> <li>• The development of SOPs includes leads and SOPs reference groups.</li> <li>• It is best practice to have a national SOP and then develop area specific SOPs for each physical setting or location to take into account the specific context and relevant actors in different locations.</li> <li>• It is recommended to agree on one SOPs document that is inclusive of all persons of concern and relevant service providers in the setting.</li> <li>• Committing to a single SOPs will enhance clarity, efficiency and coordination for all parties involved in the SOPs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Self-nominations and feedback collection for the SOPs Task Team to be sent to Alisar elias@unhcr.org</p> <p>Finalization of SOPs by Thursday, <b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022</b></p>
<b>4. Updates from members</b>	<p>No key updates from the members</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poll results regarding the frequency of the GBV Sub-Sector meeting: most members voted for the meeting to take place bi-weekly; therefore, the next meeting is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022</li> <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> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debrief on the basic GBV training at the border areas by CARE INT to take place during the next meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 07/06/2022 @ 10am**