Gender-Based Violence Safety Audits

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Objectives of the Safety Audit

- Assess and monitor the overall safety and GBV prevention, mitigation, and response programming within a given setting.

- Identify promptly GBV risks and gaps in new programming or identify programming that requires adjustment.

- Enhance evidence-informed programming, advocacy, coordination, and partnership.

- Adapt, contextualized, and test a GBV Safety Audit toolkit for the Moldova refugee response that can be shared with different stakeholders in order to increase the capacity to assess and reduce GBV risks across different humanitarian programs and more locations.
GBV Safety Audit approach

Frequency: ad hoc vs. periodic

Scope: operation vs location vs site
Border vs. RAC vs. urban (host)

Targeting: population vs. specific population of concern (refugees)

Coordinated (Inter-sector WG and GBV SWG) to avoid duplication and fill gaps
Safe and Ethical approach

- Referral pathways in place, all trained on survivor-centered referrals
- FGDs are age, gender, and diversity sensitive
- Conduct safety audit discussions in a safe space
- Participation is voluntary, with informed consent
- Do not ask for case numbers, the purpose is not prevalence but risks
- Personal data of participants is protected
Safety Audit Steps

1. Define Area- RAC, BCP, neighborhood, community center, school, street/particular route traveled (review any existing data)

2. Mapping Diversity- looking at prioritized communities/groups (adolescents, LGBTIQ+, Roma community, etc.)

3. Identify and Engage – key stakeholders, policymakers, authorities, partners, coordination mechanisms, civil society, community leaders, host communities and/or neighbors, etc.

4. Training & Resources- facilitation team, enumerators, volunteers, interpreters, etc. Consider access permissions, transportation, safe space, and time

5. Adapting Tools & Testing – language, means of communication
What Is the Safety Audit Toolkit

**Guidance**
- Toolkit Overview Guidance
- Pre-Audit Checklist

**Data Collection Tools**
- Observational Checklist (safety walk or mapping)
- Focus Group Discussion
- Key Informant Interview

**Data Analysis Tools and Guidance**
- Kobo Tools
- Data Analysis Guidance Note
Key GBV Risks For Refugees

6 Focus Group Discussions 34 participants
1. Adolescent Girls in RAC 3
2. Adolescent Girls in HC 5
3. Roma Women 8
4. Women in RAC 11
5. Women in HC 3
6. LGBT+ 4

5 Safety Walks
- Chisinau Youth Clinic
- Tudora BCP Moldova Side
- Otaci
- Cahul RAC
- Balti RAC

13 Key Informant Interviews
- 7 NGO workers,
- RAC manager,
- border police,
- Blue Dot,
- refugee man,
- health worker,
- social worker
GBV risks increased in the context of private/host accommodation, private arrangements for transportation, and in reception and transit facilities, refugee accommodation centres.

Specific groups are at heightened risk of GBV including Roma women, LGBTI persons, single women, adolescent girls.
Follow up on GBV risk reduction and response recommendations- with different sectors, partners, and the community