GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes
Warsaw, Poland
24/08/2022

Chairpersons: Ms Mays Zatari (UNHCR) & Mrs Malgorzata Rogulska (CPK)

Agencies present:

Draft Agenda:

● Introductions
● Updates from co-leads
  - Winterization Plan
  - SOP process
  - Draft GBV Sub-Sector Work Plan and Strategy

● Presentation (Karolina Dudzic, A21)
● AOB
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<td><strong>1. Introductions</strong></td>
<td>The co-chairperson, Mays Zatari (UNHCR) introduced herself as a new GBV Sub-Sector Coordinator. Together with co-chair Małgorzata Rogulska (CPK) welcomed all the participants of the meeting.</td>
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2. Updates from co-leads | • Winterization Plan (Mays Zatari, UNHCR)

**Important notes/considerations:**

Having a GBV concern should **not** automatically translate into the case becoming eligible for winterization, it’s rather the other way around. Cash/NFI intervention should constitute an additional component that contributes in either to the prevention or the support of GBV survivors.

Before referring GBV survivors to winterization assistance, case worker should seek the survivor’s consent and consult with him/her in terms of modality of service delivery and potential risks associated with cash provision to set a proper safety plan.

Survivors’ information should be shared on the need to know basis only.

No case identification should take place by any actor.

**Prioritization list:**

Risk or engagement in harmful coping practices such as sexual exploitation, transactional sex, exploitative working conditions, leaving young children behind without supervision to ensure basic needs (single mothers).

GBV survivors with poor economic situation.

Survivors of denial of resources where winterization assistance can cover basic needs or enhance their access to GBV services.

Survivors of Human trafficking.

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Survivors of IPV (example: survivors planning to/ left an abusive relationship and in need for cash to start over, or those who have family tensions due to poor economic situation)

LGBTQIA+ denied from accessing livelihood or income generating opportunities due to gender identity and sexual orientation.

Individuals at risk of GBV (Single women, persons with disability, LGBTQIA+ and unaccompanied and separated children).

- **SOP Process** (Malgorzata Rogulska, CPK)

SOP Reference Group includes: CPK, IFRC, FDDS, Autonomia, IRC, PUI, WHO, UNHCR, MHPSS WG/UNHCR, PSEA WG/UNHCR

The SOP Draft Document has been completed by most of the members of the SOP Reference Group. There was a question raised upon which areas the planned inputs should relate to and whether they need to cover the entire territory of Poland. This, together with other changes and comments, will be discussed during the next SOP meeting.

- **Draft GBV Sub-Sector Work Plan and Strategy** (Mays Zatari, UNHCR)

Following the two consultative workshops, the revisions were made to the current draft of the work plan and strategy document and the consolidated feedback will be shared shortly with the members of the GBV Sub-Sector group for endorsement.

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**Action**

The SOP Lead – Malgorzata Rogulska to organize the meeting with the SOP Reference Group and finalize the work on the draft document.

**Action**

To share with GBV Sub-Sector members the updated version.
of the draft work plan and strategy document
| 3. Presentation by Karolina Dudzic from A21 | A21 is a nonprofit organization that is fighting human trafficking and working on the frontlines to prevent it from happening. In response to the global crisis of human trafficking, A21 has expanded efforts to 19 locations in 14 countries since 2008. A21 programme is divided into 3 independent components: REACH, RESCUE, RESTORE.
REACH involves Human Trafficking Awareness Programme, Primary Prevention Programme, Education Curriculum etc., RESCUE activities consist of 24/7 confidential service (hotline) used by the general public, victims, and law enforcement to seek assistance or make reports related to human trafficking; child advocacy centres; professional training; victim identification operation; legal assistance. RESTORE focuses on the holistic aftercare, safe accommodation, emergency center, a drop-in day centers, and relocation and repatriation services.

Karolina Dudzic presented the recent development of A21 work that includes:
- 30-minute video for refugees and refugee women on the topic of safe job search in Poland, and Europe in general. The video was made in cooperation with the Ministry and the Migration Police in Ukraine, and it is currently distributed around, along with posters and informative card for refugees.
- A comic book for children, which also serves as a coloring book telling the story of a mother with children who flees from Ukraine from the war, arrives at the reception point and meets people on her way. The story helps children get used to the situation plus gives tips on what to watch out for
- Safe relationship guides - several-page files in several languages - and PL, UKR and EN - about safe relationships for women and safe employment for men and women |

**Action:**
Karolina Dudzic to share the link to video and comic book with the members of the GBV Sub Sector Group
5. Updates from members & AOB

- Summary from the ISCG Meeting (Małgorzata Rogulska, CPK)
The ISCG meeting on the 23rd of August focused on the issues related to the Winterization Plan for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Several problems have been discussed including heating, accommodation, cash for rent and various assistance programs prepared by the Polish ministries. It was also emphasized that there is a need to focus on the refugees from the rural areas, who have significantly more difficult access to the various forms of assistance.
The representative of the Gov. of Poland reported that the number of refugees that might reach Poland soon is hard to be estimated. No decision has been made about the potential provisions for TCNs, including Russians.
There is a need to focus on the refugees from the rural areas, who have significantly more difficult access to various forms of assistance.
The deadline for RRP Recalibration & Winterization inputs was extended to the 26th of August.

- The GBV Referral Pathway (Melanie Hyde, WHO)
There is confusion regarding Referral Pathway at the local level, and there is a need for understanding what actors are active and where.

- The introduction of the newsletter idea by Mays Zatari, UNHCR- to share GBV recourses and learning opportunities is endorsed by the GBV SWG. Members who would like to share their materials, assessments, training invitations...etc, can reach out the co-chairs to share them with the group.

Action
To introduce the GBV mapping tool and to engage all GBV Sub Sector members in the development of the localized Referral Pathway.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 06/09/2022 @ 10am