

**GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes**  
**Warsaw, Poland**  
18/10/2022

**Chairpersons:** Mays Zadari (UNHCR) & Katarzyna Kaszuba (CPK)

**Agencies present:**

Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), CARE, Autonomia, Feminoteka, FEDERA, Clear Global, Project HOPE, MSF, CARE, Voice Amplified, Mercy Corps, HIAS, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Premiere Urgence International (PUI), Solettere, British Embassy, Ogólnopolski Strajk Kobiet, WHO, UNHCR

**Draft Agenda:**

- Introduction
- Updates from co-leads
- Presentation of Ogólnopolski Strajk Kobiet (Polish Women’s Strike) by Agnieszka Czerederecka
- Presentation of RRP 2023 by Filippo Busconi Ricci Oddi, UNHCR
- 16 Days of Activism- discussion
- AOB

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>1.Introductions</b>	Co-chair Mays Zadari (UNHCR) and Katarzyna Kaszuba ( CPK) welcomed all the participants of the GBV Sub-Sector to the meeting.	
<b>2. Coordination Tools- Update by Mays Zadari (UNHCR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>GBV Sub-Sector indicators for 2023</b></li></ul> The proposed new set of indicators was reviewed during the workshop that took place last week and the comments and feedback were endorsed. The final version of the adjusted new set of indicators will be provided shortly by the regional UNHCR office.  The current indicators:	<b>Action</b> To share final version of adjusted indicators when available

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ # of trained participants who increased their GBV knowledge and skills in prevention and response</li> <li>➤ # of refugees targeted with information-sharing activities on GBV at the onset of an emergency</li> <li>➤ # of women and girls attending structured PSS and life skills sessions in a women’s and girl’s safe space (WGSS)</li> </ul> <p>Proposed indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ # of Women/Girls/Men and Boys receiving specialized GBV response services</li> <li>➤ # of Women/Girls/Men and Boys reached by GBV prevention and empowerment activities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GBV Sub-Sector priorities for 2023</b></li> </ul> <p>As part of RRP 2023 planning, the GBV Sub-Sector was requested to prepare priority response, which was drafted by coordinators as below:</p> <p><b>Priority response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening the national response to ensure adequate quality of GBV services are in place and available to all GBV survivors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure holistic and multisectoral response to all survivors of GBV, there must be an updated service map and functioning GBV referral pathways at the country level and available in English, Polish, Ukrainian, and Roma languages.</li> <li>2. Strengthening the capacity of GBV actors and supporting the localization agenda focusing on enhancing the quality of provided services in line with the survivor-centered approach.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Expand the prevention activities to reach out to communities and those who are at heightened risk of GBV through information and awareness campaigns about GBV and available services and helplines, tailored prevention programs that target adolescent girls to eliminate exposure to GBV in general and sexual violence in particular and ensure engaging with men and boys</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Members of GBV Sub-Sector are invited to provide feedback (if they haven’t done it yet) on the GBV Sub-Sector priorities draft.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote access to available Sexual and Reproductive health services and Clinical Management of Rape for survivors of sexual violence by providing survivors with information about available medical interventions and how to access them.</li> </ul> <p><b>How priorities will support the government response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The set of priorities will ensure adequate and timely response available to all GBV survivors nationwide and support the government’s role to end violence against women and girls and address Gender Based Violence.</li> </ul> <p>The GBV Sub-Sector members are invited to provide feedback and comments on the above priorities.</p>	
<p><b>3. Presentation of Ogólnopolski Strajk Kobiet (Polish Women’s Strike) by Agnieszka Czerederecka</b></p>	<p>The Polish Women’s Strike is launching the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the project that aims to create a nationwide network of trained individuals able to support people affected by violence, including domestic violence. "Colleagues, Neighbors" is a program teaching how to wisely help victims of domestic violence in the local community and focuses on strengthening local communities in solving social problems.</p> <p>The goal of the project is to reach small towns and villages in every corner of the country, in which women affected by violence are doomed only to themselves and possibly to the police, who often act very ineffectively. The project aims to train individuals to know how to talk to the victim, how to respond wisely to domestic violence, in order to give the correct support adequate to the mental state of the person affected by violence, as well as provide guidance on issues related to legal assistance, psychological assistance or social assistance.</p> <p>Such a substantively prepared Colleague/Neighbor in each neighborhood, city, town or village will be a kind of missing link between those affected by violence and social or state institutions dealing with the problem.</p>	<p><b>Action</b> Agnieszka Czerederecka to share with GBV Sub-Sector members PPT and provide the answer to the questions that were posed in the chat box</p>

The trained individuals will create a support network that responds to the "here and now" so that those experiencing violence know that:

- they will never be left alone
- they can always ask for help
- help is right next door and is tailored to their needs.

At the same time, the network of trained individuals will work together in order to change the toxic narrative around people experiencing violence. We will help break down hurtful stereotypes and prejudices (such as: "she's to blame herself", "why didn't she say anything", "why does she persist in this instead of taking the plunge").

Introduction from the <http://strajkkobiet.eu/co-robimy/>

*"We are a grassroots, independent social movement of pissed off women and understanding men supporting us. We protest and act for women's rights, democracy, Poland for all, mobilizing in more than 150 cities in Poland - 90% of which are towns of less than 50,000 inhabitants, which is our greatest strength and pride.*

*We form an informal, non-partisan initiative of women, both unaffiliated and belonging to various women's organizations, which organized the National Women's Strike - Black Monday on October 3, 2016 in more than 200 cities in Poland and abroad. Our "black protests" led to the ruling party's withdrawal from the total abortion ban project under consideration by the Parliament. We owe our success to the maximum dispersion of our protest - the fact that every woman in Poland was able to take matters into her own hands.*

*The National Women's Strike on October 3, 2016 was part of a series of women's protests in various countries - soon after us, Korean women, Russian women and residents of many Latin American countries, among others, took to the streets - and thus the International Women's Strike, a coalition of women from more than 60 countries around the world, was born! We believe that women are a force that can stop the march of populism and neo-fascism through the world - after all, we are everywhere."*

<p><b>4. Presentation of RRP 2023 by Filippo Busconi Ricci Oddi, UNHCR</b></p>	<p>Filippo Busconi Ricci Oddi presented the RRP objectives for 2023 and the timeframe and deadlines for applications.</p> <p><b><u>The RRP objectives for 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure <b>refugees’ access to protection and assistance</b> on a non-discriminatory basis, including the rights associated with temporary protection or similar legal statuses in host countries.</li> <li>- Pave the way toward <b>solutions and expand access to social and economic</b> opportunities to facilitate <b>inclusion</b> through a whole-of-society approach and in line with the Global Compact on Refugees, recognizing, in particular, the critical role played by national and local actors, including NGOs and RLOs.</li> <li>- Ensure that refugees with specific needs continue to have access to <b>targeted support</b> and assistance, while also engaging with and strengthening community-level protective mechanisms.</li> <li>- Advance <b>social cohesion</b> between refugees and host communities through targeted interventions.</li> </ul> <p>The 2023 Regional Response Plan will include the same coverage as in 2022, with the addition of the Baltic States (as part of the Other Countries chapter) given the high per capita numbers of arrivals there.</p> <p>The RRP target population figures include refugees displaced from Ukraine, as well as third-country nationals in need of international protection, as well as people who are stateless or at risk of statelessness.</p> <p><b><u>Timeframe and deadlines</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The 2023 RRP will cover the period of 1 January to 31 December 2023, to align with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for inside Ukraine.</li> <li>- <b><u>19 October</u></b> : <i>Expression of interest</i>: 1) Request access to Activity Info + Breakdown budget by sector by interested organizations 2) Sector strategies</li> <li>- <b><u>4 November</u></b> : For each sector where an organization wants to intervene: 1) target</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Members are encouraged to submit the "Expression of interest" with basic budget information via ActivityInfo (the coordination reporting tool). To access activity info, please contact Thomas Rommel <a href="mailto:rommel@unhcr.org">rommel@unhcr.org</a>. Deadline for submissions is the 19th of October.</p>
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	<p>numbers for each indicator; 2) geographical focus; 3) precise budget per sector; 4) cross-cutting issues (PSEA, AAP, MHPSS, etc.);</p> <p>Submissions to be done via Activity Info with a minimum of narrative elements.</p> <p>Participation in RRP 2023 will provide the organizations with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater visibility of proposed activities and organizations towards the public and donors</li> <li>• Increased potential to mobilize funds for your activities/organization</li> <li>• Clarifies each organization’s activities and limits duplications</li> <li>• Gain access to data and assessments</li> <li>• Ensure your views are reflected in strategic planning and humanitarian response</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. 16 Days of Activism by Mays Zaatari (UNHCR)</b></p>	<p>As a result of the poll, the GBV Sub-Sector members voted for “Activism to end violence against women and girls” to be the main theme and a sub-theme “Ending Femicide” for the upcoming 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence against women and girls. The GBV Sub Sector members are encouraged to work together on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To develop key messages</li> <li>- To create a joint calendar</li> <li>- To discuss proposed activities</li> <li>- To organize joint events</li> </ul> <p>As discussed during the meeting, Autonomia (Agata Teutsch) kindly agreed to adapt their calendar to be used with other GBV sub-sector members. The calendar will be translated into English and Ukrainian and available shortly for the use of the members. The link to the calendar is <a href="http://kampania16dni.pl/">http://kampania16dni.pl/</a></p> <p>A suggestion from WHO to hold a joint event with GBV and medical actors to discuss the provision of SHRH and CMR services in Poland context.</p> <p>As per the suggestion of a few members, It has been agreed that the subsequent meetings will be planned for 1,5h and will involve simultaneous interpretation (as per the result of the poll).</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>The GBV Sub-Sector members are encouraged to actively participate in the preparation and organization of the 16 Days of Activism. Members are asked to support the translation of relevant English materials into Polish and Ukrainian languages and vice versa. Mays to send the follow-up email to GBV Sub-Sector members.</p>

<b>5.Updates from members &amp; AOB</b>	<p>Graziella from Project Hope expressed the need to create a leaflet with key GBV messages to the community as soon as possible. Leaflet to be available in POL, UKR, and be tested with the community. GBV Sub-Sectors members are invited to work together with Graziella on this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mar from Mercy Corps shared the link to the report prepared by the Regional Gender Task Force. Link to the report: <a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/making-invisible-visible-evidence-based-analysis-gender-regional-response-war-ukraine">https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/making-invisible-visible-evidence-based-analysis-gender-regional-response-war-ukraine</a></li></ul>	
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Next Meeting: 03/11/2022