

**GBV Sub-Sector Meeting Minutes**  
**Warsaw, Poland**  
03/11/2022

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

**Agencies present:**

Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), CARE, Autonomia, Feminoteka, FEDERA, MSF, Voice Amplified, HIAS, Americares, Pink Box, International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Fundacja dla Somalii, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Premiere Urgence International (PUI), Solettere, Centrum Praw Kobiet (CPK), University of Birmingham, Plan, WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR

**Draft Agenda:**

- Introduction
- Updates from co-leads
- Presentation of Autonomia by Agata Teutsch
- Presentation of Centrum Prwa Kobiet by Katarzyna Kaszuba
- 16 Days of Activism- discussion
- AOB

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>1.Introductions</b>	Co-chair Katarzyna Kaszuba (CPK) welcomed all the participants of the GBV Sub-Sector to the meeting.	
<b>2. Coordination Tools- Update by Mays Zatari (UNHCR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>GBV Sub-Sector indicators for 2023</b></li></ul> The final version of the adjusted new set of indicators was agreed upon as follows:  <b># of trained participants who increased their GBV knowledge on prevention and response</b>	

*The total number of individuals (UN agencies, I/NGOs, partners, authorities, refugees) that received GBV training. Training that falls under this indicator would include, for example, GBV Core Concepts and Safe Referrals; Training on the GBV Pocket Guide; Case Management Training. Training on GBV-related curriculums for men, women, girls, and boys; Other training that relates to working with Survivors of violence*

**# of Women/Girls/Men and Boys reached by GBV prevention and empowerment activities**

*The total number of individuals (Women/Girls/Men and Boys) received:*

- *Information on services/awareness-raising sessions related to GBV and trafficking.*
- *Life skills and empowerment services in WGSS or other centers.*
- *Gender transformative/ Behavior change programs Measuring the reach of social media platforms can be done by counting views of published posts and videos or the number of interactions (likes, comments, and shares).*

**The proportion of individuals who accessed GBV response services**

*Numerator: Total number of individuals (Women/Girls/Men and Boys) who received GBV specialized services: GBV case management services, health (including SRH/CMR, psychosocial support, legal protection/services, cash assistance, specialized hotlines, etc.). Denominator: Total # of persons (GBV and non-GBV survivors/at risk of GBV) who benefited from GBV service*

<p><b>3. Presentation of Autonomia by Agata Teutsch</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autonomia is one of the significant women’s rights organizations in Poland and Central Europe. The organization is 15 years old.</li> <li>• The organization is led by women* with different backgrounds (Polish, Jewish, German, Belarusian, Ukrainian, migrants and refugees, different sexual orientations, with and without disabilities, born in the city and in the villages, etc).</li> <li>• Goal: create an empowered and resilient society that is able to resist discrimination and violence based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic origin, age, disability or any other factor.</li> <li>• Autonomia is a member of national and international coalitions and advocacy groups: The Coalition for Anti-discrimination Education, Coalition for Equal Rights, CEDAW Coalition in Poland, Anti-discriminatory Network in Cracow, and WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe</li> </ul> <p>Autonomia is led by women with different backgrounds (with Polish, Belarusian, Ukrainian, Jewish, and German roots, different sexual orientations, with and without disabilities, born in the city and in the villages etc).</p> <p>Autonomia’s main strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowerment and emancipatory education of people exposed to violence and multiple discrimination or exclusion</li> <li>• Gender-based violence primary prevention and mitigation</li> <li>• Human rights and anti-discrimination education</li> <li>• Advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns</li> </ul> <p>Autonomia’s main programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wen-Do courses/self-defense method</li> <li>• Dziewczyńskie Centrum Mocy / Girls Empowerment Center</li> <li>• Solidarnosciowe Centrum Feministyczne/ Solidarity Feminist Center</li> <li>• No Means No - program focusing on disability</li> <li>• Autonomia takes part in the organization of the Watch Docs</li> <li>• Autonomia runs the kampania16dni website- promotion of 16 days of Activism Campaign.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Autonomia to share PPT with members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group are encouraged to use the 16 Days of Campaign calendar created by Autonomia and add all the planned activities even if they fall before or after the period of 16 days (25<sup>th</sup> Nov-10<sup>th</sup> Dec). The calendar is available at:  <a href="https://kampania16dni.pl">https://kampania16dni.pl</a></p>
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<p><b>4. Presentation of Centrum Praw Kobiet by Katarzyna Kaszuba</b></p>	<p>Centrum Praw Kobiet (CPK)/ Women’s Rights Center runs the Femicide Observatory project that responds to the challenges posed by the increasing wave of violence against women (especially during the pandemic time). The goal of the Observatory is well reflected in the slogan - a symbol of protests against the murder of women, not only in Latin America, but also in Europe and the world.</p> <p>"No one woman less, no one more death."</p> <p>The murders of women in relationships and families are often not accidental. They are preceded by years of violence and often even torture to which women are subjected. Often not only family, friends and neighbors know about it, but also institutions and services that should uphold the rights of women experiencing violence. Even so, women lose their lives. Several hundred women a year die in Poland in connection with domestic violence: they are killed, they lose their lives as a result of beating with a fatal result, and they commit suicide.</p> <p>CPK’s activity is aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monitoring and diagnosing cases related to women's death with the help of trained advocates.</li> <li>● Collecting data on homicides and suspected homicides or suicides, as well as attempts and disappearances of women in a situation that makes it possible to suspect murder.</li> <li>● Developing a model to coordinate activities related to the investigation of cases in which a woman died due to previous violence.</li> <li>● Supporting families and people close to women by providing them with legal and psychological support.</li> <li>● Undertaking activities to raise the awareness of services and society as a whole about the effects of violence against women</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>CPK to share PPT with members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group</p>
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<p><b>5. 16 Days of Activism by Mays Zaatari (UNHCR)</b></p>	<p>“Activism to end violence against women and girls” and “Ending Femicide” are the main themes for the 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>- <b>To develop key messages</b> PAH and IMC kindly agreed to translate key messages into PL and UKR, and UNHCR FO and a representative of the SEREDA Project agreed to test the messages with communities.</li> <li>- <b>To agree on the same logo and branding communication</b> It has been agreed to use the logo of the Women’s Leadership Center.</li> <li>- <b>To have a joint calendar</b> Autonomia kindly agreed to adapt their calendar to be used with other GBV sub-sector members. The calendar is translated into English and Ukrainian and available for the use of the members. The link to the calendar is <a href="http://kampania16dni.pl/">http://kampania16dni.pl/</a>. Autonomia encourages members of the GBV Sub-Sector to add all the planned activities to the calendar even if they fall before or after the period of 16 days (25<sup>th</sup> Nov-10<sup>th</sup> Dec).</li> <li>- <b>To discuss proposed activities</b></li> <li>- <b>To organize joint events</b></li> <li>- <b>Joint activity:</b> WHO has suggested to work jointly on event that focuses on medical response to survivors of sexual violence. A task force will be created to prepare for the joint event. The date of the workshop TBC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b> The GBV Sub-Sector members are encouraged to actively participate in the preparation and organization of the 16 Days of Activism. PAH and IMC to support the translation of relevant English materials into Polish and Ukrainian languages and vice versa.</p> <p><b>Action</b> All GBV actors working on providing or connecting survivors to CMR services are encouraged to participate in the event. Members of the GBV Sub-Sector Group who would like to be involved in the planning of the event, are asked to email directly Mays Zatari at <a href="mailto:zatari@unhcr.org">zatari@unhcr.org</a></p>
<p><b>5.Updates from members &amp; AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mercy Corps is doing a gender analysis for Poland and is looking for relevant Polish organizations who would be interested in being key informants for the interviews or that could help find Polish women and</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Any organizations that are willing to support this</p>

	<p>men for the focus group discussions (In Krakow, Warsaw, and Gdansk). Any organizations that are willing to support this request, please contact directly Mar Echevarria at <a href="mailto:mechevarria@mercycorps.org">mechevarria@mercycorps.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SEREDA Project/ University of Birmingham announced the online report launch : “Not a single safe place”: The Ukrainian refugees at risk of violence, trafficking, and exploitation. Findings from Poland and Ukraine. The report launch will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, at 15:00-16:00 (CET). To get more information, members are asked to contact Sandra Pertek at <a href="mailto:s.m.pertek.1@bham.ac.uk">s.m.pertek.1@bham.ac.uk</a> or Gosia Kot at <a href="mailto:malgokot88@gmail.com">malgokot88@gmail.com</a></li></ul>	<p>request, please contact directly Mar Echevarria at <a href="mailto:mechevarria@mercycorps.org">mechevarria@mercycorps.org</a></p> <p><b>Action</b> To share the email invitation with all GBV Sub-Sector Members.</p>
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Next Meeting: 15/11/2022