Gender-based Violence Working Group
Lebanon
Minutes of the Meeting

GBV WG MoM	
Date	21 May 2025
Time	10:00-12:00
Location	Hybrid/UNFPA Office
Chairpersons	GBV WG Coordinators
Participants	36 participants (22 online and 14 in-person)
Document attached	GBV WG Deck Presentation 21 May and other essential documents inserted into the meeting minutes for your further reference and follow-up.

Agenda

- Review previous meeting action points
- Updates from national coordination processes and sub-national coordinators
- Practices to Support Meaningful Access to Justice for GBV Survivors
- GBV Facility/Service Mapping
- GBV WG Q1 funding gap analysis, and prioritization exercise Guidance
- **AoB:** Brief on LHF allocation and submission, Update from MoSA

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Subject/ agenda item	Discussion Points	Follow-up action and FP
Review previous meeting action points	- During the meeting, the action points from the previous meeting were reviewed, including the meeting with the core group on revising Sub sector activity and target, sharing the capacity building need assessment report for further inputs, contextualizing the WGSS concept to include virtual safe spaces, and addressing LRP related reporting issues.	- Coordinators will share the Draft Capacity development strategy with GBV WG partners. - Finalize the WGSS GN, addressing comments from the field and core group members.

Updates from national coordination processes and sub-national coordinators	The achieved and ongoing updates from national and sub-national coordinators were presented. **National:** - Published sector/sub sector Q1 Report, accessible here: https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/116334 - Updated Service Mapping based on information provided by LRP partners - Conducted Severity analysis across the protection sector and sub-sectors partners - Developed Prioritization Guidelines: on a package of prioritized GBV services, geographical prioritization, partner deduplication based on geo-split. - Developed WGSS Guidance Note: pending finalization by coordinators. - Developed Dignity Kit Guidance Note: Pending finalization and consultation with communities on the contents of the DK. - Revised Targets and indicators for LRP activities, mainly awareness and dignity kits. LRP 2025 Progress site update - The total budget required for GBV WG in 2025 is $31.4, and the funds received during Q1 are $10.5, indicating a funding gap of $20.9. - **New arrivals:** 108,344 Syrians have been recorded since 8 December 2024, in line with GBV WG suggest prioritization of the following activities: information and awareness; provision of dignity kits as an entry point; GBV case management; psychosocial support and support to prevention activities in safe spaces - **Return Action Plan:** Total of 28 million USD repurposed (under the appeal), considering a 'best case' scenario of a return of 400,000 Syrians by the end of 2025. - Summary of findings from the Community Dialogue	- Partners to keep timely submission of updates on their LRP activities per the agreed deadline. - Finalize the prioritization guidance note and share with members - Finalize WGSS and Dignity kits guidance note - Share the agreed-upon revised target, cost, and indicators with partners. - During the discussion, participants raised the need to differentiate general awareness from targeted prevention actions such as EMAP and Girls Shine. IRC confirmed that EMAP programs only focused on prevention and male engagement, with no PSS or case management component. Therefore, the suggested outcome indicator will be accepted. - *New Arrivals: Key advocacy points raised- focus* on access to territory for those in need of international protection and registration of those seeking asylum pending approval - In the meantime, the *strategy on inclusion into assistance* is discussed at the intersectoral level, prioritizing highly vulnerable families/ individuals, including women at risk, survivors of GBV, to access services and be included in assistance modalities. **Sub national**

	on return and "Go and See" visits available here: https://reporting.unhcr.org/lebanon-summary-findings-community-dialogue-return-and-go-and-see-visits **Sub National** - Overall increased GBV risks and incidents across sub-national levels due to increased GBV risks and safety concerns, economic hardship, Limited access and availability of services such as MHPSS, limited livelihood opportunities, confidentiality breach in Collective shelters for Women and girls, and service coverage challenges. *For detailed trends, gaps, and challenges per sub-national level, please access* here slide pp 14-19.	- **North:** Absence of safe spaces for confidential case disclosure and case management is a critical gap. - Mapping of Women and Girls' Safe Spaces as part of GBV services facilities will be shared with partners to address the gap. - **North:** Newly arrived populations report unsafe living conditions for women and girls, mainly due to a lack of privacy and the absence of gender-segregated wash facilities, which contributes to GBV risks. To this end, some actors(CARE) has conducted a GBV safety audit–to be presented next month.
Practices to Support Meaningful Access to Justice for GBV Survivors	The presentation on the Legal framework and access to justice for GBV survivors was made by KAFA. The main aim of the presentation is to better understand the laws specifically applicable to gender-based violence in our context; Reflect on current practices in the response to increase access to justice for GBV survivors, and discuss gaps and provide recommendations. The main GBV-specific laws that govern the GBV WG members' work were presented during the meeting are: - Family violence Law 204 (amendment of law 293 on family violence) Law On the Protection of Women and Other Family Members from Domestic Violence - Law 205 on sexual harassment Law No. 205 to criminalize sexual harassment and for the rehabilitation of its victims - Law 164 on Trafficking in Human Beings Law on punishment for the crime of trafficking in persons - Penal Code provisions Penal Code	- Due to the sensitivity and importance of the topic, participants suggested that this agenda be continued in the next meeting, focusing on gaps and challenges from practice and assessment findings, ongoing response, and areas for capacity development. - KAFA, ABAAD, and UNFPA will present additional broad perspectives of legal frameworks related to GBV in Lebanon in the next GBV WG meeting.

	The strengths and gaps/challenges (implementation and policy level) were presented during the meeting. For detailed discussion points, please see the Meeting PPT slides here	
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AoB: Brief on LHF allocation and Update from MoSA	- Partners were briefed on LHF submission pre-conditions, criteria, and technical guidelines for a quality project meeting the needs of affected people. - LHF presentation is available here - Q &A time slot is also available here - All guidance documents of LHF, as shared by ISC,G are available here	- Partners interested in submitting their proposal can reach out to the sector coordinators in time to seek further guidance on submission - The deadline for submission is May 28, 2025
Next meeting	**Jun 25, 2025**	

Thank you!