

SECTOR Gender-based Violence SWG

| Meeting Details | | |
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| Date | 11 August 2022 | |
| Time | 2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m. | |
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| Agenda | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity building survey results and draft plan 2. UN Women presentation on GiHA 3. UNFPA results of GBV risks in CVA rapid analysis 4. Quick updates. 5. AoB. | | |
| Information Collection and relevant links | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SW (Please note to fill only one entry per activity per location, in the Protection tab and select in the column Sector 'Protection_GBV') ▪ Contact list information of members of the SWG. Please report to co-chairs in case you could not have access to SharePoint. ▪ Link to the GBV Referral Pathways | | |
| Participants | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lilia Poting - UNFPA 2. Carolina Scifos – UNHCR 3. Evghenia Hiora - UN Women 4. Cristina Baroni - INTERSOS 5. Sharifa - VOICE Amplified 6. Dawood Khan - UNICEF 7. Ersilia Apreda – IOM 8. Atria Mier - Action Aid 9. Tania Chebac - CDA 10. Cristina Baroni 11. Alina Lupu - Home Care | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Lilian Severin - UNAIDS 13. Michelle Girard - VOICE 14. Kenneth Macfadyen - UNFPA 15. Elena Castravete – IOM 16. Petru Lupu – UNHCR 17. Hanna Ursol – UNHCR 18. Inna Grinco 19. Bianca Deleu 20. Cazacu Doina 21. Jana Nagnitschenko | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Emmanuelle 23. Azat Doskozhaev 24. Viorica 25. Henia Dakkak -UNFPA 26. Bianca Deleu 27. Nosheen Nosheen – UNFPA 28. Adriana - UNHCR EU AIR TRANSFERS 29. Domenico di Nuzzo - Plan International 30. Diego Nardi – UNHCR 31. Vitalie Frecauteanu |

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

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| <p>Capacity building survey results and draft plan</p> | <p>8 organizations provided inputs and feedback to the capacity-building survey which was shared in July. According to inputs received from these organizations, the main 3 topics to consider in the training plans targeting the GBV SWG members until December 2022 is GBV case management (71%), GBV principles / Safe handling of disclosure (57%), GBV Minimum Standards in Emergencies, GBV prevention, GBV risk mitigation (42%) – we addressed the GBV risk mitigation topic in the GBV safety audit process and workshop but we can also consider conducting a training on this. There was also a suggestion on linkages between GBV and trafficking in persons.</p> <p>While the 3 main topics to consider for external partners (non-members of the SWG) until the end of the year include: GBV risk mitigation (71%), GBV prevention, Guiding Principles, and Safe handling of disclosure (57%). And participating organizations recommended targeting community-based organizations, RACs managers and personnel, Ministry of Health and Social Protection (ANAS).</p> <p>UN WOMEN: we are organizing a Gender in Humanitarian Action training and for this training we have run a registration survey. One of the questions in the survey was if participants think that they need training in an area that is not mentioned in the survey and the top priority was GBV and protection against GBV among 62 persons responding to the training 50 persons responded with this answer. UN Women will share the list of people who gave this answer with the coordinators to follow up with them and include them in the training.</p> <p>VOICE Amplified: Before we do a dive deep into the GBV case management, it would be useful to set with the partners to better understand what is applied in the country and what are they doing, they might be doing GBV case management but not using the same term and to understand what target groups they work with.</p> <p>Coordinators: the case management meeting is a result of feedback and communication from the partners. The meeting will focus on understanding the mechanism of case management in the country and what forms are used by different organizations. The meeting will be facilitated through the GBV IMS capacity assessment questions.</p> <p>IOM: the idea of the ToT is great, and all our staff who participated in the training by UNFPA in Palanca were happy with the training and would like to engage in a similar exercise.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a list of reference resources and capacity enhancement guidelines and share it with the members. ▪ Conduct three priority activities: the GBV Case Management Meeting, the ToT on GBV pocket guide, and the risk mitigation workshop. Coordinators to communicate the dates to the SWG members. ▪ The training workshops can be held replacing the GBV SWG meeting to avoid any additional burden on the members of the GBV SWG |

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| | <p>Plan International: The organization is interested in supporting the capacity building activities.</p> <p>For the dates of the trainings, the case management meeting can happen in the first week of September and the ToT will be one day and we will wait until September when all members are back from the summer break.</p> <p>If any organization is interested to join UNFPA and UNHCR in facilitating these activities that would be great. VOICE would be happy to support on the case management meeting but we need to reach out to the women-led organizations to ensure that everyone is on board. We also recommend reaching out to the domestic violence coalition for this activity.</p> <p>The coordinators will work on a one-pager concept note and there will be a window for feedback and for any organization that is interested in joining UNFPA and UNHCR in facilitating the trainings.</p> | |
| <p>UN Women presentation on GiHA</p> | <p>The Gender Task Force (GTF) is a coordination platform under the Refugee Coordination Structure and the main goal of the task force is to ensure Gender mainstreaming in humanitarian action. The GTF developed tools to facilitate the work of all organizations and sectors on mainstreaming gender in the response. Gender inequality exists before the crises and women and men have different opportunities, needs, and resources because of the crisis gender inequality increases. In the current crisis 90% of the affected population are women and children and this makes it more gendered in it is nature, but we need to ensure that the response is gender-responsive. Gender equality relates to men, women, boys, and girls and we need to look at the needs of men and boys. The group of women is not homogeneous, and the needs of women are not the same. If we don't consider gender in our actions, we are not respecting human rights. There have been some important steps on the international level to integrate Gender including the SDG on gender equality and the IASC has come up with gender equality in humanitarian action the book is big and therefore the committee developed checklists for each sector and the actions each sector should adopt to ensure incorporating gender and the GTF in Moldova has worked on contextualizing the checklists. The checklists are published.</p> <p>For GBV, the checklist covers all the programmatic cycle, and the recommendations include the collection of sex, age, and disability data to ensure that the information reflects the exact need of these groups. A proper gender analysis of protection needs to understand the impact of the crisis on different groups and then ensure that all assessments that we use include gender-sensitive indicators and to have a gender balance of men and women in the assessment teams. For resource mobilization and including messages on gender and protection issues that were identified during assessments to be reflected in funding opportunities. Important to report on gaps and which groups are left out of the target groups. For the implementation monitoring, we monitor whether we are reaching the people we had in mind and we use</p> | <p>Coordinators to share the presentation by UN Women to all members of the GBV SWG Link to the GiHA checklists and resources.</p> |

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| | <p>the targets to understand if we are focusing on one group. When it comes to implementation it is very important to have gender balance in protection teams. Also, very important to train respondents on gender and to inform the refugees on mechanisms to provide feedback and complaint and to report SEA. For evaluation, have a deep look at our projects and see if we are reaching the most in need. There are also gender-specific response sections including capacity building of front-line service providers, sections on awareness raising on GBV, men and boys engagement, and recommendations for services including women and girls safe spaces.</p> <p>There are also the GiHA resources link which includes the GiHA checklists and also include links to recordings and online training. The GTF will conduct a training on August 25th on GiHA targeting service providers working with refugees.</p> | |
| <p>UNFPA results of GBV risks in CVA rapid analysis</p> | <p>In June 2022, the GBV SWG and the Cash Working Group (CWG) jointly conducted a rapid GBV risk assessment exercise to assess potential GBV risks for refugees that may be created by this CVA programming in Moldova and to recommend enhancement of the response to mitigate the risks. The findings of the exercise were reviewed and validated by both CWG and GBV SWG partners. The outcome of this joint activity echoes the findings of the GBV safety audit, which highlights the importance of concrete actions to ensure that CVA does not trigger or exacerbate GBV risks.</p> <p>The exercise focused on the following areas: participation and inclusion, social norms, safe and dignified access, and confidentiality of personal data of survivors and persons at risk.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present the findings from the exercise to the GBV SWG ▪ The final report of the GBV risks analysis on cash assistance will be published the first week of September. ▪ Coordinators to share the presentation with the members and share the final report with the members once it is published. |
| <p>Interagency team, Data analysis and winterization</p> | <p>A quick overview of the winterization process three weeks ago the winterization process was launched and will continue until mid-September to develop a winterization strategy and an action plan. The first step was a KOBO form in English and Romanian was shared with all partners to asses from the partners' perspective what they have planned for the winter, what budget they have, and what capacities they have. The IA team is analyzing the information coming from the KOBO team and will be shared with the sectors. The IA team is also working on a guidance document to support the sectors in their work on the winterization strategy. The following steps are to present to all the refugees' coordination forum partners in the next RCF meeting the planning assumptions including the overall planning figures for refugees and host communities and some indicators and recommendations from the government and hear from the partners if they did or are doing any assessments on winter needs. The sectors will develop their strategies and identify the priority needs and activities. There will be an IA workshop for</p> | |

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| | <p>the sector leads on September 9th and following this workshop there will be a guidance document ready by med September for the winter. Sector leads are encouraged to reach out to local organizations to include their needs and activities.</p> | |
| <p>Short announcements and updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Transfer Program: the project is important for women at risk and survivors of GBV. 16 EU countries or associated countries pledged to support the program including medical referrals. All transferred persons go through a medical check-up to determine what kind of assistance needs to be in place. Information and details on this program can be accessed through this link. • GBV Referral Pathways: the referral pathways will be updated monthly through calling the service providers in the referral pathways to ensure that they are still providing the service including for refugees. Coordinators requested the members to share information on services if they do any service mapping or if they conduct any outreach activities. • GBV SWG Work plan: The GBV SWG was reviewed and updated. The coordinators encourage the members to take the lead on any of the activities in the work plan. • Legal Analysis Group: In the previous meeting the coordinators proposed the idea of establishing a team to have a more in-depth analysis of GBV legal framework and mandatory reporting mechanisms. UNICEF, UNWOMEN, UNFPA, UNHCR, Intersos, OHCHR, CDA, and Action Aid shared their interest to be part of the group and they will meet on August 24th to discuss the existing analysis of the legal framework in the draft GBV SWG SOPs and to work together to enhance this section and present to the group the final draft of their analysis. • GBV SWG Fact sheet: the update #4 covering June was published and is available here. For July we received inputs but we don't have much information to work on the fact sheet for July so please share the information and pictures of your activities. • GBV Information Management System: the coordinators reached out to the global inter-agency committee for the GBV information system, and we are trying to reach out to the main government sectors. The GBV IMS focuses on PSS services, and we discussed if we can roll out the GBV IMS in Moldova this requires understanding the status of GBV case management and therefore this meeting will help identify what are the needs and support developing a capacity enhancement plan. • Update on the GBV SWG Awareness Raising Campaign: UNFPA has already contracted a media company to work on this campaign and the company has already reached out to some of the members for key informant interviews and they did focus group discussions with the refugees and reviewed the findings from the safety audit report to inform the development of key messages and tools for the campaign. | <p>Information and details on this program can be accessed through this link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The coordinators will establish a Google Drive to include all the documents from the GBV SWG instead of the shared point to overcome any challenges the members are facing in accessing the shared point. ▪ The referral pathways will be uploaded to the GBV SWG Google Drive once it is created. ▪ The tentative date for the case management meeting is September 8. ▪ The media company will do a presentation on the campaign in the next GBV SWG meeting. |

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| AoB | | Google Drive to be set up by the next GBV SWG meeting. |
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