

Minutes Meeting of the CP/SGBV Sub-Working Group to the Refugee Protection Working Group
Wednesday, 29th November 2017, 10:00 AM, UNHCR office

Chaired by UNHCR (Dominique Reinecke)


Apologies: ARRA, JRS, IRC, DICAC, UNICEF

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Agenda:

- Presentation on Guidance note on key interventions for men & boys as SGBV survivors & men and boys involvement in SGBV prevention and response
- Update on vital events registration for refugees
- Main highlights and updates by members
- AOB

Agenda Point	Discussion	Action Point
1.) Review minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First agenda item (Presentation by IRC) is being postponed as IRC is not able to attend today's meeting. The Presentation and discussion on the guidance note shall be postponed • Update on South Omo protection response: Meeting with ARRA and SNNPR Regional Government was recently held. Discussion with woreda administration is still outstanding. Shelter materials are currently being procured from outside of the country due to poor quality of local materials available. • Only a few partners provided IRC with inputs to the Guidance note on key interventions for men and boys as SGBV survivors and their engagement in SGBV prevention and response • The minutes of October SWG meeting were adopted 	<p>Agencies who have not yet provided input to Guidance note on key interventions for men & boys as SGBV survivors & involvement in SGBV prevention and response are asked to share their comments to IRC (Tizita) within one week.</p>
2.) Update on vital events registration for refugees	<p>UNHCR delivered a PPT presentation on UNHCR vital events registration for refugees.</p>  <p>CP-SGBV Sub WG - VERA presentation.pd</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMC raised question on how birth registration will be undertaken retroactively – UNHCR: The Government is committed to address the so called backlog (note: over 70'000 refugee children were born in Ethiopia over the past 10 years without receiving birth certificates). In the coming months, birth registration for newborns will be prioritized while ARRA will undertake retroactive registration gradually. • IMC: What does the birth registration process look like and what supporting evidence needs to be provided? – UNHCR: Parents of a newborn child can access ARRA office (vital events registrar) with proof of refugee status (refugee ID or proof of registration) and a birth notification of the baby. • It was discussed on whether women that gave birth out of wedlock would face challenges to register the birth of their child – according to the Directive single mothers should not face any challenges. Participants reported however that also nationals can only register the birth of their child at kebele level when both parents are present. Protection partners were requested to monitor and report to UNHCR if any single refugee women would face difficulties in the birth registration process. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQ on vital events registration for refugees will be translated in different languages spoken by refugees and disseminated in the field and Addis Ababa. • Awareness raising on birth registration will be a key activity in the coming months and is expected to be reflected in child protection partner’s proposals and incorporated in programmes. 	
<p>3.) Main highlights and updates by members</p>	<p>16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence has started and SGBV partners support various initiatives to raise awareness;</p> <p>RADO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action plans were developed at field level for the roll out of celebratory activities of 16 Days of Activism. - Opening ceremonies were held in refugee camps in Jijiga and Gambella - Together with Raising Voice SASA! Inception visit was conducted in Gambella. SASA! Has been rolled out in Kebrebeyah (Jijiga) and Pugnido I & II <p>IRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universal’s Children’s Day was celebrated in Assosa and Jijiga together with Save the Children <p>Save the Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 Days of Activism were celebrated in Dollo Ado operation. - SCI participated – along with representatives from ARRA, Plan International, DRC and UNHCR Child Protection in a 2.5 day workshop in Nairobi from 15-17 November to revise the South Sudan Regional Child Protection Framework. Key priorities were identified and lessons learnt exchanged with child protection partners from different refugee operations with large caseloads of South Sudanese refugees (Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, CAR). <p>OIC-E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx. 400 new students were enrolled this month - Regular activities are combined with awareness raising on PSEA & vital events registration <p>AHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 Days of Activism were successfully launched. Awareness raising messages were translated in local language in Afar - Children’s Day was celebrated with communities and partners in Afar - Programmatic challenge was mentioned regarding the release of funds for 4th quarter. This issue shall be followed up directly with UNHCR Programme. 	

	<p>DRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams in Gambella and Shire supported 16 Days of Activism celebrations. In Shire, specific messages were embedded in regular awareness raising messages which are conducted on risky migration and onward movement. <p>IMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the 16 days of activism a candle light vigil was organized with the women networks in Gambella (Tierkidi, Jewi, Kule, Nguenyiel) - Raising Voices started the SASA! community of practice. 12 organisations in Ethiopia are rolling out the SASA! approach. The CSSP (civil service society support programme) contracted by DFID has been supporting the roll out. IMC is taking the consortium-lead in the coming year and ensure coordination and joint resource mobilization. The CP/SGBV Sub WG members will be looking forward to hear updates from IMC on initiatives of the “SASA community of practice”. 	
<p>4.) AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next SWG meeting will be held one week earlier than usual - on 20 December 2017 @ 10:00 am 	