

# URPN-TOR GBV WORKING GROUP

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### PREAMBLE

The GBV network is a working group established as a coordinating body to strengthen and enhance the efforts and activities of stakeholders involved in urban refugee matters in Kenya for the prevention of and response to Gender Based Violence. Its TOR is established within the framework of the URPN.

The GBV WG aims to consider all types of Gender Based Violence in its co-ordination, planning and advocacy activities. The working group has adopted the definition in the UN Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines for GBV Interventions in Humanitarian settings which defines GBV as: an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person's will and that is based on socially ascribed (gender) differences between males and females. The working group has furthermore included within its mandate the forms of GBV as listed by the IASC.

The GBV WG believes that protection against GBV requires a holistic approach and the respect of the following principles:

- **Confidentiality;** ensuring that survivors, witnesses and information sources are protected. No identifying information will be revealed in data resources, nor during discussions in coordination and other meetings, when reference is made to specific GBV cases.
- **Safety;** all actors will prioritize the safety of the survivor, family, witnesses and service providers at all times.
- **Respect;** actions and responses of all actors will be guided by respect for the choices, wishes, rights and the dignity of the survivor. For minor survivors the best interests of the child will always be considered
- **Neutrality;** a non- partisan approach in providing services to survivors.
- **Impartiality;** non discrimination on the basis of nationality, race, religion, political views, sexual orientation, social or other status.
- **Participatory approach;** ensuring to the extent possible, consultation with all members of the community (women, girls, boys and men) in GBV activities/ programmes.
- **Independence;** working without influence of states, government bodies, parties to a conflict or other political entities.
- **Accountability;** all actors will be responsible in front of the beneficiaries of their actions.

The programming of the activities of the working group will be designed in a way that promotes and enhances integration of refugees with the host community. The WG is co-chaired by UNHCR and Heshima Kenya.

The TOR can be amended by a simple majority by partners.

## Responsibilities and Key Activities

- Endeavour to establish and develop a strategy and standard operating procedures that will act as a guide for the working group and agencies.
- To build and strengthen synergy amongst GBV partners implementing GBV projects targeting urban refugees, including coordination of case management (including referral mechanisms) and multi sectoral approach to avoid duplication.
- To provide recommendation to the overall URPN on protection of refugees against GBV related issues.
- To build and strengthen external partnerships amongst external stakeholders; NGOs, Health Institutions, UNFPA, UN women, Ministry of Gender Children and Social Services, police, CBOs, Ministry of Immigration and Registration of persons,.
- Enhance Information dissemination on GBV issues through periodic publications to create awareness amongst stakeholders
- To facilitate liaison and advocacy on refugee issues with appropriate stakeholders e.g The Government
- Facilitate capacity building of all actors involved in GBV issues through trainings, workshops and community outreach.
- Coordinate planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and reporting of GBV interventions through the development of specific tools.