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Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR)
Monthly Call - April



Chair: Jennifer Chase (GBV AoR/Coordinator)

Participants : Alice (South Sudan), Anita Akumiah, Anne Cecile Robin (UNFPA Colombia), Bridget Relyea (WAHA International), Catherine Poulton (UNICEF), Danielle Spencer (ActionAid), Elisabeth Roesch (WHO), Ellen Gorris (ECHO), Emily Krasnor (UNFPA NY), Erin Patrick (GBV Guidelines), Eri Taniguchi (UNFPA Iraq), Farrah Kelly, Francesca Paola Crabu (UNFPA Syria), Hannah Collins, University College Dublin Centre for Humanitarian Action (UCDCHA), Sarah Mosely (IRC), Jennifer Chase (GBV AoR), Jennifer Lee (IRC/ Child Survivor's Initiative), Jessica Gorham (REGA East and Southern Africa), Jodi Di Profio (Pathfinder), Kaisa Laitila (IFRC), Lisa Holmberg (UNHCR), Mark, Luana de Souza (UNFPA Nairobi), Maria Caterina Ciampi (GBVIMS Surge Team, UNICEF), Maria Holtsberg (IPPF), Mendy Marsh (UNICEF), Misha Baudisch-McCabe (War Child Canada), Monica Noriega (IOM), Noemi Dalmonte (UNFPA Kinshasa), Stefanie Ruehl (GBV AoR), Tamika, Victoria Nordli (IOM)

Agenda:

1. **DRC- Pledge Meeting Geneva, Voices of Local Women's Organizations, Call to Action Update (20 Minutes)**
2. **University of College of Dublin launches International Summer School on addressing GBV in Emergencies (10 Minutes)**
3. **IASC GBV Guidelines 5-Day Training in Amman and Nairobi (10 Minutes)**
4. **Community of Practice for Child Survivors Initiative/ GBV AoR/CP AoR**
5. **Announcements**

Minutes of the meeting:

1. **DRC- Pledge Meeting Geneva, Voices of Local Women's Organizations, Call to Action Update**

Presentation on the DRC Humanitarian Conference - Noemi Dalmonte, GBV Sub-Cluster Coordinator (see [power point presentation](#) for detailed information)

- Overview of the humanitarian needs in DRC
- Overview of GBViE response
- Outcomes of the conference
- Key points raised during the panel
- Follow-up for the GBV sub-cluster in DRC

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Joe Read - CARE USA

- CARE is implementing a three-year project to increase the capacity of local women-led organizations in the DRC to participate in humanitarian planning and decision-making. Ms. Julienne Lusange represented one of the women's organizations (Solidarite Feminine Pour la Paix et le Developpement Integral) as the only civil society representative at the DRC Pledging conference. CARE was supporting five local GBV partners to participate in the conference but the others were unfortunately unable to attend, as CARE was unable to get support for expedited visa applications. Julienne presented some of the draft recommendations at the DRC GBV side event "GBV in the context of the DRC". These will be translated in French and shared with local organizations as well.
- The discussions highlighted some of the challenges in the GBV response in the DRC, notably the limited visibility of the work of local organizations, limited coverage of services by international organizations and the need to find more sustainable models while upholding standards.
- As part of CARE's three-year project a workshop was held this week in Goma to initiate mapping of women's organizations in the region and conducting further assessments to support a better understanding of the situation on the ground. The project is implemented in three countries (DRC, Jordan and Afghanistan). CARE has been reaching out at country-level to members of the sub-cluster, but if anyone is interested to discuss these particular contexts, please get in touch.

2. University of College of Dublin launches International Summer School on addressing GBV in Emergencies - Hannah Collins (UDC)

- The ISGBViE is a collaborative project and aims to build on and complement existing global efforts to build capacity towards addressing GBViE. It also aims to share learning from the programme to promote the sustainable inclusion of the topic of addressing GBViE in academic and other capacity building programmes globally. The course is a blend of online and face-to-face learning. It takes place in June 2018: 1st-17th online, and 18th-29th in-person on UCD Campus, Ireland, with a final assignment submitted in July.
- Please note, **the deadline for applications has been extended to 7 May 2018.**
- For detailed information see the [power point presentation](#).

3. IASC GBV Guidelines 5-Day Training in Amman and Nairobi (Erin Patrick – IRC)

- Two workshops were held in Amman (end of March) and Nairobi (mid April). The workshop in Amman targeted 30 participants from Whole of Syria, Iraq and Lebanon across the CP, Health, Education, Protection and Shelter Clusters. In Nairobi participants from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan across CCCM, Food Security, nutrition and WASH were targeted. Across the two workshops all clusters/sectors were targeted. A detailed application process was held resulting in engaged, highly skilled participants. Both workshops sought to build the participant's capacities. Unlike the usual one-day country-level workshops, this training allowed addressing a range of issues in depth (designing an action plan, monitoring, integrating GBV into an analysis etc.). The program included practicum activities and a simulation exercise, which 12-

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15 external actors attended. This part was also aimed to build participant's advocacy skills. As a follow-up, participants will further develop an action plan identifying entry points within the cluster (including a training or briefing to be undertaken in the participant's country). Finally, participants will implement a GBV risk mitigation activity in their country.

- For more information see also the April GBV AoR newsletter.

4. Community of Practice for Child Survivors Initiative/ GBV AoR/CP AoR (Jennifer Lee- IRC)

- The CSI Community of Practice is being launched next month. Objective will be to improve coordination. Information sessions are being held this month. The Community of Practice will look like a virtual platform with monthly sessions where GBV and CP actors will come together to share experiences about coordination and brainstorm about challenges and gaps.
- The two Child Survivor Coordinators, Megan and Irene, are currently deployed in Sudan on mission with the REGA Alexina Rusere. Early May, Cathy Andela will hold an ECHO-funded coordination workshop in Niger, which Megan will attend. Part of the workshop will focus on improving coordination around the access and availability of services for child survivors.

5. Announcements

- Thanking Mendy Marsh, one of the founders of the GBV AoR, for all her hard work and mentorship, as she is leaving her position with UNICEF to start a new position with the equality institute.
- The GBV AoR strategy will be finalized by the end of April and presented at the GPC conference in Bangkok.
- Welcome to the Irish Consortium who just joined the GBV AoR as a core member.
- WRC South Asia, Disability Forum, UNFPA and IPPF are hosting a workshop on Guidelines on GBV lens on disability in Bangkok in May.
- Call to Action Symposium will be held in May in Nairobi. It will focus on case studies and best practices on how GBV is mainstreamed or mitigated through nutrition and food security. (For more information see GBV AoR April newsletter)