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Monthly Update- June

Dear GBV AoR Members,

There is a lot going on next week in Geneva with the Global Protection Cluster Annual Meeting taking place this Monday and Tuesday, ECOSOC where Jessica Gorham, (REGA) will speak on GBViE in a side event on Famine in the Horn of Africa at a GPC Side Event, and the official Handover of Call of Action by Sweden to the EU. You will find all of these details and more as you read through the update.

I just returned from Iraq and KRI where I met and spoke to a number of our GBV AoR members and national partners and got to witness their work in camps in Erbil and Dohuk. I encountered very committed and passionate staff and was impressed with the amount of work and initiatives to do both GBV mainstreaming and to provide specialized services. It was very informative to see and to hear about the SOPs, RTAP, the IASC Guidelines, the new Case Management tool, integration of SASA, GBV training for the Call Center and the training on an Adolescent Toolkit. I was able to consult with GBV Actors on the ground how the GBV AoR may be able to better support the work that is ongoing. One issue of concern that was raised was staff care- something that is so needed in emergencies. During the DTM workshop I also got to see how potentially the GBVIMS, Activity Info and the Safety Audits may be complimented by the DTM, REACH, Protection and the many other types of data being collected (9 data sets in total were looked at) and to discuss how proxy indicators may help to inform and mitigate GBV in CCCM, Shelter and WASH. More details will come but I do not want to delay the Monthly Update because much of the

information included here is time-bound.

If you are looking for work, there are some exciting consultancies listed here, but I want to give a heads up because a few of them are closing on the 20th.

The next **GBV AoR call will be held on June 27 at 9:30 New York/ 15:30 Geneva time** through the Blue Jeans platform.

I know there will be a few of you visiting Geneva next week during the various events so I look forward to seeing you and catching up.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Chase
GBV AoR Coordination Team

Statement by the Secretary-General on the death of Babatunde Osotimehen

I am profoundly saddened by the sudden passing of my good colleague and friend, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin. I offer sincere condolences to his family, to the staff of UNFPA, to the Government and people of Nigeria, and to all those around the world touched by this loss.

The world has lost a great champion of health and well-being for all.

Dr. Babatunde was admired globally for his leadership of the UN Population Fund and for his forceful advocacy for the world's women and girls in particular.

Sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights are among the most important, and often sensitive, on the international agenda; Dr. Babatunde's calm yet ardent efforts helped families get the sexual and reproductive health services they need, and helped the world advance the landmark 1994 Cairo Programme of Action on Population and Development. His voice was invaluable over the years, including his time as Nigeria's Minister of Health, in pressing for family planning, women's education, children's health and action on HIV/AIDS as vital ingredients in human progress.

At this moment of sorrow, let us give thanks for Babatunde's life of service.

New York, 5 June 2017



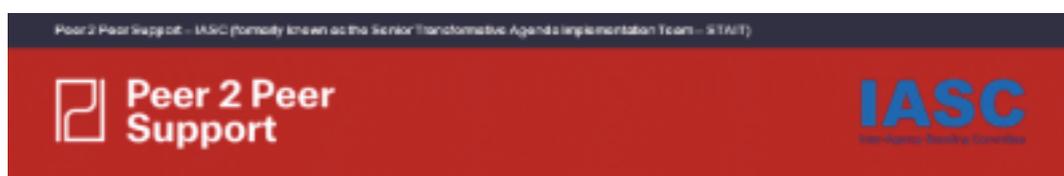
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OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON GBV AOR LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are pleased to share an update regarding the governance and leadership of the Gender based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR). Following an independent review of the leadership and coordination functions of the GBV AoR, which recommended the just one United Nations (UN) agency lead the GBV AoR, senior leadership in UNICEF and UNFPA decided that UNFPA would take sole leadership of the GBV AoR as of April 2017

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The Peer 2 Peer Support Team invites you to our Humanitarian Leadership Webinar Series:
Gender Based Violence: How can field leadership make a difference?

Launching European Union Leadership of the Call to Action Welcome to the Reception!

Geneva-based AOR GBV actors, State Missions and other interested parties please note that the EU will be holding a reception to officially launch the transition of the Call to Action:

"To mark the official launch of the **European Union's leadership of the Call to Action on Protection from Gender Based Violence in Emergencies**, taking over from current lead Sweden, please see attached an invitation for a **lunchtime reception on 21 June 2017 (12h15-13h15, Bar Escargot, Palais des Nations, Geneva)**".

If you were not able to join the IASC Humanitarian Leadership Webinar series, please [CLIC HERE](#) to listen to the recordings

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

The logo for ActionAid, featuring the word 'act:onaid' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The 'a' in 'act' is red, and the rest of the text is black.



UN Women, ActionAid, CARE and IRC cordially invite you to attend the Event:

Gendering the Grand Bargain: Commitments to empower and protect women and girls in emergencies

19 June 2017, 4:00-5:00pm, Villa La Pelouse, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Opening remarks by UN Women

Presentations from CARE Local Partner Organisation (TBD), ActionAid, CARE and IRC and debate

RSVP by Friday 16 June to ana.bozic@unwomen.org
Please indicate if you are not registered to access the Palais des Nations and require a security pass for the event



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ECOSOC HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS SEGMENT
PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA 21-23 June 2017

Title: Hunger and the protection of human rights

Sponsors and Organizers: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office in Geneva (TBC) and Global Protection Cluster

Time and Date: 8h30 –9h45, Wednesday, 21 June 2017

Room: XXII Palais des Nations, Geneva

This is one of the side-events to be convened during the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, in keeping with this year's theme: Restoring Humanity and Leaving No One Behind: Working together to reduce people's humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.

Jessica Gorham, Regional Emergency GBV Advisor (REGA) for Eastern and Southern Africa, will be on the panel to share her insights into GBViE regional analysis on how famine exacerbates protection risks, how to respond and reduce these risks for the famine response in the Horn of Africa.

[Clic here to learn more](#)



GPC Annual Field Protection Cluster Retreat, 19-20 June, Geneva

The Annual GPC Field Protection Clusters' Retreat 19-20 June in Geneva, Switzerland, Chateau de Penthes.

This year again the Annual Retreat will bring together a wide array of actors, emphasizing complementary roles, mandates and expertise of all and will provide an opportunity to discuss a variety of protection issues pertinent to the field, including but not limited to the International Humanitarian Law, humanitarian evacuations, remote management, and famine. The meeting will also delve more deeply into the subjects of protection analysis, how innovation can advance protection and propose a session on 'New Ways of Working' which *inter alia* will touch upon the humanitarian-development nexus.

We would like to bring to your attention that on **21 June**, there will be a **half-day protection mainstreaming event** to introduce the various protection mainstreaming tools (PM Toolkit and protection e-learning) as well as carry out the cross cutting issues training. We hope you will attend this half-day session that is focused on introducing practical tools for the use of the field.

Webinar: Community accountability for safety-Building capacity to make sexual and domestic violence a community responsibility
28 June 2017

This web conference will explore the role of strong social networks, inclusion and community accountability in sexual and domestic violence prevention and highlight innovative local efforts.

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Psychosocial Support Forum 2017

This bi-annual event, sponsored by REPSSI, will be held this year in Arusha, Tanzania from 4-6 September. The aim of this forum is to share knowledge and skills and to explore roles and strategic engagement (nationally, regionally and internationally) for PSS practitioners, to realise equity and equality of all girls, boys and youth. The forum will focus on four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Participants are encourage to register by 31 July, 2017. [Source: Prevent Connect]

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PRESS RELEASES

IOM-DTM Workshop Strengthens Humanitarian Response to Gender-based Violence for IDPs in Iraq





In response to the need to address and mitigate the risk of gender-based violence (GBV) for displaced Iraqis, IOM and humanitarian partners will be more efficiently collecting and analyzing data on population movements as well as on the safety conditions of displacement sites across the country.

A workshop held this week (6-8 June) in Erbil, Iraq, brought together IOM, GBV experts and other partners to find synergies within their respective databases and identify GBV mitigation strategies for field operations.

Throughout the workshop, funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), partners reflected on data collection for GBV mainstreaming and developed a list of recommendations to improve and facilitate means of data sharing in support of activities on the ground.

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The Humanitarian Impact of Gaza's Electricity and Fuel Crisis on Gender-based Violence and services



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TASK TEAM UPDATES

Global Minimum Standards Task team

The Task Team has developed and endorsed a standard package for 6-8 Global GBViE Minimum Standards consultations to be held June - August 2017. The first field consultation was held Tuesday 13 June with front-line GBV responders, including partners from Bidibidi and Mvepi settlements, in Yumbe,

Uganda. Data from the field consultations as well as the global online survey will help determine consensus around the development of GBV in Emergencies Inter-Agency Standards and inform the development of a roadmap. Please see below the survey link on GBViE Minimum Standards which now includes the survey [in English and French](#):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GlobalGBVStandards>.

Many thanks for your feedback via this survey!

GBV AoR Advocacy and Policy Task Team

The A&P TT is asking that members get in touch and highlight groups, globally or regionally, working on GBV in humanitarian action issues, as we seek to engage with these groups as members or contributors to this TT.

The draft agenda is:

- 5mins introductions to each other + why people are keen to take part in this TT
- 20mins review and formal adoption of the TT ToR
- 5mins Other advocacy and policy related groups to reach out to and engage
- 15 mins Key global and regional moments and key research/policy initiatives: Each participant is to share key moments coming up which we feel that GBViE should be prioritised.
E.g. Family Planning Summit 11th July, UK
- Sharing of intel. How can we engage as a group? Shared messaging?
- 5 mins Ways of working discussion
- how will we take the strategy and review of the Advocacy Handbook forward in a collaborative way?
- 5 mins Engaging with GBV WG chairs and REGAs on their needs - division of labour.

IASC GBV Guidelines Reference Group GBV Guidelines roll-out in Greece

From 24 April to 12 May 2017, a cadre of 386 practitioners were trained on the GBV Guidelines -- and GBV prevention/risk mitigation actions more broadly -- in three locations (Lesvos, Thessaloniki and Athens) and across seven sectors (Site Management Support, Protection, Child Protection, WASH, Shelter, Health and Education). Before the training, a baseline survey was circulated to assess GBV-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors to non-GBV specialists; 169 respondents participated. Preliminary findings are being discussed and shared with key focal points.

Practitioners across sectors identified the following entry points and opportunities for integrating GBV prevention and risk mitigation:

- Develop a monitoring mechanism across sectors and programs to identify and address GBV risks in urban and peri-urban settings. Build in a feedback loop and opportunities for real time information sharing with communities and partners.
- Identify action steps, such as referral pathways and incident response mechanisms, in settings without any GBV specialist services on site or readily available.
- Strengthen and disseminate guidance on roles and responsibilities for non GBV specialists vis-a-vis national and local mandatory reporting laws/requirements, survivor-centered principles and referral pathways.
- Looking forward, the GBV Guidelines Implementation Support Team will work with sector coordinators, the GBV Sub-Working Group and other key stakeholders to support implementation of their GBV risk mitigation action plans.

.Want to join a task team? Kindly send an email to gbvaor@unfpa.org and state your interest

REGA UPDATES

REGA Mission to Laos, 7-15 May, 2017

REGA supported pilot workshop in Laos for the *Sexual and Gender-Based Violence during Disasters*

in research project. This is a joint project by IFRC Asia Pacific Region and the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation. SGBV *in disasters* remains under-researched. The project aims to understand how to better address GBV service delivery in disasters. Titled '**Community Safety And Security In Disaster Affected Areas**', the qualitative study is a follow on from IFRC's 'Unseen, Unheard' research. REGA is providing technical support, and is resource person for the project. The methodology focuses on community safety and emphasizes community engagement in efforts to improve participation.

REGA Mission to Sri Lanka, 22-27 May 2017

IFRC (Pilot) **Introduction to SGBV in Disasters Training** for representatives from South Asia countries.

REGA presented at a subregional workshop for Red Cross/Red Crescent national societies from 10 countries in the South Asia subregion. REGA is supporting building up national capacities through strengthening RC work on GBV in disasters, in particular through specialist support to the IFRC-ASEAN joint GBV in Disasters project, including training materials, presentations, providing linkages and as an active resource person. As RC national societies are made up of grassroots volunteers at community level, efforts to support and engage them in GBViE directly support WHS commitments to localization. The workshop participants are all nationals represent a range of civil society actors and national authorities who will all be GBV focal points in disasters.

REGA Mission to Sudan (April, four week Mission)

Mission outcomes:

- 60 humanitarian actors were trained on GBV prevention and mitigation, spanning the Health, Child Protection, WASH, Food Security, Shelter and Livelihoods, and the Protection Cluster.
- Sector Action Plans were developed as well as further dissemination plans, for the GBV coordinator to follow up on the implementation through the trained cluster focal points.
- Inclusive process by national actors to develop the SOPs in North Darfur on track.
- GBV sub-cluster has increased capacity to embark on strategy development.

Activities:

- The REGA and the sub-cluster coordinator facilitated three IASC GBV Guidelines trainings (2 in Khartoum, 1 in Darfur) to build a stronger understanding of GBV prevention and mitigation across sectors.
- Support GBV sub-cluster with GBV strategy development.
- Review progress made in North Darfour on developing Standard Operational Procedures for actors to agree on standards, roles and responsibilities for each actor to provide specialized GBV services.
- Finally, the REGA advocated strongly that donors must understand the need for the GBV response to have the support of the Ministry of Health and Justice Ministries to work with GBV survivors.

REGA Mission to Chad (April/May)

Within the framework of the crisis in the Lake Chad Basin and as a continuity to her previous missions to Nigeria and Cameroon, the REGA for W&C Africa conducted a 3 week mission in Chad. The purpose of the REGA mission was to reinforce the coordination and programming of GBV through high level advocacy and technical support to the GBV sub-cluster in Ndjamena and the Sub-national working groups in Bagasola region. The aim was also to build capacity and assist the GBV Sub-Cluster in improving the referral pathway and the sub-working group to become more operational.

Major Outcomes

- Practical and significant progress has been made in defining the strategic and operational framework and developing tools making the GBV response and referral processes more survivor-centered and responsive (strategy, action plan, monitoring, checklist for humanitarian action and GBV response, reporting against activities and outcomes/indicators)
- Presentation to HCT members on the GBV SC in N'Djamena and the GBV Sub-Working Group in Bagasola and improving their organization. GBV agenda is positioned at both strategic and operational levels and GBV SC is providing data and information on a regular basis to the OCHA Public Information and communication unit and to the HCT (Dashboard, reporting, briefing notes and analysis, HNO, SSRP).
- The need for immediate action to create an operational and responsive Sexual Exploitation and Abuse network has been addressed in Bagasola and staff was accordingly trained in steps to undertake for setting up such a network/taskforce. UNHCR as lead on PSEA has increased capacity; training and related PSEA tools were provided and focal points were appointed.

NEW TOOLS AND RESOURCES



HIF GBV and Lighting Project

Oxfam and partners, including WEDC at Loughborough University, are undertaking research on GBV and lighting around WASH facilities in camps (<http://www.elrha.org/hif-blog/a-bright-idea>). The research, being piloted in Nigeria, Iraq and Uganda, aims to establish how best to decrease the perceived risk of GBV around WASH facilities through the introduction of lighting. We would love to hear from you if you have any relevant stories of success, observations, challenges or insights, previously documented or not. We hope that through this research we can improve the safety of WASH facilities and decrease the risk of GBV for displaced people within camps. Please contact julie.lafreniere@oxfam.org if you have any information to share.



Briefing Paper: STOP the Sexual Assault Against Humanitarian and Development Aid Workers, Feinstein International Center

This report contributes to understanding, preventing, and responding to sexual harassment and assault against humanitarian and development aid workers.

It presents findings on:

- who the survivors of sexual harassment and assault are
- who the perpetrators are
- the conditions that enable and inhibit this violence
- agencies' responses, from training through medical and emotional care for survivors

It provides detailed recommendations to assist agencies in preventing and responding to sexual harassment and assault against aid workers.

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Preventing violence, promoting peace: A policy toolkit for preventing interpersonal, collective and extremist violence. Commonwealth, 2017

This toolkit brings together evidence on the prevention of all types of violence including interpersonal violence, collective violence and violent extremism. [Source: World Health Organization].



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VACANCIES

GBV Specialist TOR, UNICEF

Location: Athens, with frequent travel

Please contact mmuna@unicef.org and neren@unicef.org for responses.

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GBV personnel - NCA Emergency Preparedness Roster, NCA

Location: Norway

Deadline: 18th June

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Coordinateur de Protection, INTERSOS

Location: Cameroun

Closing date: 30 Jun 2017

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Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS) / Family Planning National Professional Project Personnel (NPPP), UNFPA

Location: South Sudan

Closing date: 20 Jun 2017

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Protection and Gender Specialist, World Vision

Location: South Sudan

Closing date: 22 Jun 2017

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General coordinator (M/F), Médecins du Monde

Location: Bangladesh

Closing date: 30 Jun 2017

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Northern Triangle Senior Protection Specialist, International Rescue Committee

Location: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

Closing date: 29 Jul 2017

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Protection Technical Coordinator, Relief International

Location: Jordan

Closing date: 30 Jun 2017

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Women's Protection & Empowerment (WPE) Coordinator, International Rescue Committee

Location: Iraq

Closing date: 21 Aug 2017

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