



Terms of Reference – GBV AoR Task Team on Localisation

Objectives:

1. Share learning between AoR members on engagement of local actors in humanitarian GBV prevention and response coordination.
2. Convene spaces to engage local actors in more systematic and meaningful fashion in AoR activities at global, regional & country levels.
3. Prioritise and facilitate inter-agency approaches between AoR members, local actors and other stakeholders to promote effective localisation (eg engagement of local CSOs in national-level coordination and decision-making in GBV sub-clusters, Humanitarian Needs Overviews, Humanitarian Response Plans and Pooled Funds)
4. Leverage joint action through the Task Team and AoR to influence wider processes of relevance (eg Call To Action on Protection From GBV in Emergencies, Grand Bargain, Global Protection Cluster).

Coordination and governance:

The Task Team has two co-chairs (Howard Mollett of CARE International UK and Claire Grant of Action Aid) during its first year. The Task Team will work towards engaging national and/or local CSO partners in governance of the Task Team and providing a strategic direction to it. Towards this end, we will:

- Involve local partners as co-leads on activities under the Task Team workplan (ie both on deciding priorities in the Work Plan and implementing it).
- Identify and operationalise options to involve local CSOs in the co-chairing role or other creative governance structures. For example, we can work towards having a CSO partner as Task Team co-chair by Year Two (pending other developments on the overall governance of the GBV AoR and involvement of national CSOs in this).

Membership:

The members will comprise both GBV AoR members and their local CSO partners (including both individual CSOs and networks or coalitions), who opt-in. Basic membership will consist in subscribing to email-updates and participating in activities (eg webinars or meetings). Members are also encouraged to play more proactive roles (eg leading initiatives or convening meetings as part of the Task Team workplan).

We aim for a balance in membership between international agencies and local CSOs. We also look for diversity – including involvement of women-led civil society groups, and other groups to ensure an inter-sectional and inclusive approach.

We encourage AoR members to inform their local CSO partners about the Task Team and support them to engage. For AoR members not able to mobilise their own funds to sponsor their CSO partners to engage, the Task Team co-chairs have raised additional funds to sponsor engagement by local CSOs. More information on this available on request.

Coordination with the wider GBV AoR agenda:

The Task Team will feed into the wider GBV AoR work plan as appropriate, as well as seek opportunities to engage with regional and country-level efforts of the REGA team, country-level GBV sub-clusters or sub-sectors, and other relevant initiatives (including RTAP and the IASC GBV Guidelines task-team). Opportunities to strengthen the role and meaningful engagement of local CSOs in these processes will be pursued; including options to enhance the role of local CSOs in the governance of these structures and processes.

Coordination with wider efforts on localisation:

The Task Team will ensure alignment of effort and complementarity with wider efforts on localisation, including work within the Child Protection AoR and wider Global Protection Cluster, the Call To Action on Protection From GBV in Emergencies and the Grand Bargain workstream on Localisation. Coordination with the CP AoR Localisation Lead as well as the co-chairs of the Call To Action NGO working-group is on-going. The Task Team will prioritise attention to IDP contexts, in line with the GBV AoR's mandate, but it will also look to support the exchange of learning with other contexts and actors.

Work Plan 2018/2019:

1. Convene at least one global workshop to catalyse engagement on localisation within the Task Team and wider GBV AoR, and cross-country exchange. Key opportunities for such engagement will include the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March 2019 and the annual GBV AoR/GPC meetings. Funding has been secured to support participation of local CSO participants in this.
2. Convene at least three regional workshops (East/Central Africa, MENA and Asia) to facilitate outreach and engagement at regional and country levels. Timing and framing of the agenda will be developed in consultation with REGAs, GBV sub-cluster/sub-sector coordinators, as well as members of the AoR active in the region and local CSO partners.
3. Convene minimum four webinars or conference-calls on thematic or context-specific issues. Options include but are not limited to:
 - a. Share information and catalyse action on localisation in contexts in which wider efforts on GBV coordination are on-going (eg DRC and Nigeria given the Call To Action field-level initiatives or RTAP contexts).
 - b. Catalyse actions on localisation in L3 and/or neglected crises.
 - c. Share learning on partnerships between AoR members with local and regional women's groups on GBV prevention and response.
 - d. Share learning on engaging with national and local government actors on GBV prevention and response.
 - e. Share learning on engaging with local actors on specific forms of GBV (e.g. early marriage, intimate partner violence).
4. Facilitate efforts of Task Team members to support local CSO partners to engage in wider global processes (eg Grand Bargain and Call To Action).
5. Stock-take end 2019 to identify next steps.