

Annex 17: CERF life-saving criteria and activities related to GBV

The activities most relevant to GBV in emergencies that meet the CERF life-saving criteria (2010) are listed below, along with activities that are funded for other clusters/sub-clusters, which can potentially integrate GBV interventions. Consult the full text of the CERF life-saving criteria for more information.

GBV	Strengthen and/or deploy GBV personnel to guide implementation of an inter-agency multi-sectoral GBV programme response including ensuring provision of accessible confidential, survivor-centred services to address GBV and ensuring it is appropriately addressed across all sectors. In an emergency context and as a first priority, support health service providers with relevant supplies and ensure a range of appropriate psychosocial interventions are in place and accessible.
	Identify high-risk areas and factors driving GBV in the emergency and (working with others) strengthen/set up prevention strategies including safe access to fuel resources (per IASC Task Force SAFE guidelines).
	Improve access of survivors of gender based violence to secure and appropriate reporting, follow up and protection, including to police (particularly women police) or other security personnel when available.
Child Protection	Identification, registration, referral and follow-up for other extremely vulnerable children, including survivors of GBV and other forms of violence, children with no access to basic service and those requiring special protection measures in the context of specific emergency response.
	Advocacy, awareness-raising, life-skills training, and livelihoods in the context of specific emergency response.
	Provision of psychosocial support to children affected by the emergency, e.g. through provision of child-friendly spaces or other community-based interventions, return to school or emergency education, mental health referrals where expertise exists in the context of specific emergency response.
Protection	Deployment of Emergency Protection Teams in disasters and emergencies.
	Identification and strengthening/set up of community-based protection mechanisms in the context of specific emergency response. In coordination with the health cluster.
	Provision of life-saving psychosocial support to person with special needs in particular for older persons.
	Provision of life-saving information to the affected population.
	Support measures to ensure access to justice with a special focus on IDPs, women and children. (e.g. assessments of justice and security needs; support to legal advice and paralegal services in conflict affected areas) Context of specific emergency response.
Health	Medical (including psychological) support to survivors of sexual violence. Activities may include updating health staff on clinical management of sexual violence protocols; supply of drugs and material (including through RH kits) in the context of specific emergency response.
	Support the provision of Psychological First Aid – protect and care for people with severe mental disorders (suicidal behaviour, psychoses, severe depression and substance abuse) in communities and institutions.

CCCM	Support the delivery of essential life-saving services until services have been established.
	Advocate for humanitarian access to allow life-saving activities to be conducted in communal settings in coordination with the protection cluster/sector.
Education	Essential life-saving skills and support such as SGBV information, Mine/UXO risk reduction, HIV/AIDS, psychosocial, nutrition, health and hygiene.
WASH	Hygiene and sanitation supplies (including for women and girls) and awareness raising.
Cross-cutting: Coordination	Provision of assistance to coordination efforts in new disasters. Funding for cluster/sector coordination, (cluster coordinator only) will only be supported in new emergencies and only under the RR window where there is a demonstrated need for support. This coordination person must be part of a larger agency project, which has been prioritized by the RC/HC and HCT. Coordination will not be supported in a stand-alone project.