Supporting humanitarian actors to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in emergencies

A research and advice service tailored to your needs.

The Gender-based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) Helpdesk is a technical advice and learning service for humanitarian practitioners working on GBV at the global, regional and country level. Managed by Social Development Direct, the Helpdesk is staffed by a global roster of GBV experts ready to provide rapid, tailored support – including to GBV specialists, sector programmers, coordinators, and management.

The Helpdesk offers expertise on a wide variety of GBViE issues.

Technical support focuses on questions you may have about existing or prospective GBV response and service delivery linked to: 1) coordination efforts in line with the GBV in Emergencies Coordination Handbook; and 2) undertaking GBV-specialist prevention and response programming in line with global standards and other good practice guidance, including the IASC GBV Guidelines. Potential topics include:

- Addressing GBV throughout the humanitarian programme cycle
- Capacity building for multi-sectoral response
- Best practices in prevention
- Safe and ethical data collection and analysis/joint assessments
- Moving beyond a focus on sexual violence to address other forms of GBV, including intimate partner violence, child marriage, etc.
- Coordinating for more effective prevention and response interventions
- Providing support and assistance to non-GBV specialists to address GBV risks
- Undertaking safe and ethical advocacy
- Building accountability across management systems
- And any other enquiries you may have!

The Helpdesk delivers in a number of ways.

- **Rapid programme support:** Provided through written responses or exchanges, mentoring via skype or phone, and/or review and quality assurance of documentation. Previous topics include: GBV case management, safety audits, caring for child survivors of rape, working with translators.

- **Short learning products:** Synthesis of existing evidence and lessons on a specific focus area, such as a country or region, thematic area, or common GBViE programming issue to clarify issues of concern. Report formats can include literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, factsheets, blogs, mappings or graphics. Previous topics include: costing of GBV services; prevalence of GBViE.

- **A quarterly Evidence Digest:** on the latest evidence on GBViE linked to questions raised through the Helpdesk and in the GBViE field. This public resource gives humanitarian staff at the global, regional and field level a manageable summary of global news, research, policies and legislation.