

Uganda GBV Sub-Cluster Meeting Minutes
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Apologies: MoH, WFP

ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>1. Review of previous minutes and action points</p>	<p>1- GBV hotline concept paper: format distributed on November 10th, and Task Force members (IRC, COOPI, ARC) to complete first draft.</p> <p>2- GBV reporting format. Comments by Sub-Cluster made on 30/10/07 were integrated in the revised version which is discussed below in agenda item 3</p> <p>3- Teso: WHO confirmed having secured PEP kits to be procured to Teso. Exact quantities, locations and timing of a CMC training for medical staff to be confirmed by WHO.</p> <p>4- Clarifications on National SGBV Reference Group: provided below in agenda item 5</p> <p>5- Advocacy letter to MoH/Police: Based on group discussion informed by MoGLSD Senior Gender Officer, it is proposed that the sub-cluster prepare a 2 pager documenting field experience and practices by which survivor's access to medical care and justice is either denied or hampered (mainly issues around PF3). This 2 pager should also indicate clarifications required as well as recommendations. This 2 pager would then be sent to MoGLSD (Mubarak Mubuya) who in turn would issue a letter (with the sub-cluster's note as a background) to relevant authorities (incl. Police, Justice, MoH). The Sub-Cluster will also share and introduce the paper to the JLOS group.</p>	<p>1- GBV Hotline Task Force to complete concept paper (no deadline set, as paper would most likely be circulated and used in Jan/Feb 2008).</p> <p>1.1- Outstanding action point: UNICEF to contact UCRINN to obtain more information on their SOS child helpline</p> <p>3 – WHO to inform the sub-cluster in the coming week on timing of CMR training and on dispatching of PEP kits to Teso.</p> <p>4 – MoGLSD to share</p> <p>5.1. Kristen and Stephanie in consultation with District colleagues to write up Sub-Cluster 2 pager (by Friday 7th).</p> <p>5.2. Sub-Cluster note to be reviewed by Protection Cluster lead and shared for comments to Sub-Cluster members.</p> <p>5.3. 2 pager to be sent to MoGLSD no later than 13 December.</p>
<p>2. Sub-Cluster coordination handover: Introduction of Kristen Woolf, Gen CAP Advisor.</p> <p>i) process</p> <p>ii) deliverables</p>	<p>UNICEF following IASC procedures will hand over to UNFPA the GBV sub cluster coordination by Jan 1 2008.</p> <p>On November 7th the IASC Country Team met and discussed the handover process and agreed to the recommendation that UNFPA take over the coordination. The IASC CT recommended that UNICEF officially notify the HC of the entire handover and consultative process.</p> <p>Kristen Woolf, IASC GenCap Gender Advisor is in Uganda on a 6 month contract. The UNFPA request for a GenCap gender advisor with Kristen's terms of reference is attached. This ToR is being circulated to re-iterate that the Gender Advisor is in country</p>	

	<p>to advise the UNCT and the IASC team on GBV – in addition to coordinating the GBV sub cluster at national and district levels.</p> <p>UNFPA is in the process of hiring 4 national GBV coordinators for: Kitgum, Pader, Lira and Moroto. These four people should be in post and on location by beg. of February 2008. In addition, international post for Gulu as well as the international post for national level (Kampala) GBV Coordinator to be in post by end of Feb.</p> <p>It was also noted that it has yet to be decided if UNFPA will officially co-chair GBV working groups in all 5 districts – this will be decided based on the existing structures in those districts; capacity, etc.</p>	
3. GBV reporting format	<p>The revised GBV reporting format (issued from Gulu GBVWG) was discussed and the following recommendations made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Mention at the top of the GBV format that it is intended for Service Providers (i.e. not for general protection monitoring purposes) 2- For security and safety purposes it was suggested to indicate ‘Sub-Counties’ or ‘Counties’ or ‘parishes’ rather than specific camps or sites. 3- Suggestion to include humanitarian workers as a category of potential perpetrators 4- Finally to insert the term ‘alleged’ before perpetrators. <p>The MoGLSD highlighted that data was needed for various reasons, including for advocacy and planning purposes and ethical and safety consideration were paramount. Also, the group was informed that Uganda may have been selected as a pilot country for the IASC GBV database roll out.</p> <p>Other broader questions related to how data would be collected and by whom. A suggestion was then to develop TORs. Training and quality control on the reporting format was also highlighted as an issue to be taken up by Gen Cap Advisor.</p> <p>The group agreed it would be important to have a finalized GBV reporting format by December which could be used by all service providers as of January 2008, which in turn would facilitate at a national level the comparative analysis and aggregation of data.</p>	<p>Re. IASC software for GBV data collection, Kristen to obtain clarification from UNHCR and IASC prior to working on TORs.</p> <p>Stephanie to share recommendations to Gulu based team (27/11).</p> <p>Kristen to take up recommendation re. training on reporting format and developping TORs.</p> <p>Stephanie to transfer all databanks for 2007 to Kristen for attempted analysis.</p>
4. 2008 GBV Sub-Cluster Workplan	<p>The Protection Cluster agreed to produce for 2008 an integrated and generic District workplan format (including objectives, indicators, activities) to be considered and completed by each District GBVWG (with district specific targets and quarterly benchmarks). This exercise will begin in Kampala next Monday under the leadership of UNHCR. The CAP 2008 will form the basis to elaborate generic district workplans. UNHCR is also planning to hold a validation workshop on December 10th (date to be changed due to CAP launch)</p> <p>At the national level, it was proposed that the GBV Sub-Cluster prepares as well a workplan with specific activities (incl. Advocacy, training ...) and quarterly benchmarks.</p>	<p>Kristen and Stephanie to develop a draft GBV District workplan by 7 December.</p> <p>GBV sub cluster workplan to be developed after reviewing all finalised district workplan reports (achievements and gaps) as well as taking into consideration IASC GBV guidelines on ‘comprehensive prevention and response’ as well as ‘early recovery’.</p>

	<p>The following ideas for consideration in a national workplan were put forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -services currently funded through NGO partners → how to ensure a decentralized system at community level is established, incl building capacity at parish level - look into PRDP and means to ensure GBV funding - Interface with National level GBV Policy and Action Plan. 	Kristen to take over the process of developing a national GBV Sub-Cluster workplan for 2008.
5. MoGLSD update on SGBV reference Group, National Policy and Action Plan	<p>MoGLSD reiterated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GBV concerns go well beyond humanitarian settings - State structures are in place - Humanitarian agencies have been complementing and support government efforts - There is a need for a coordinated National response to GBV, and for coalitions and partnerships to operate in a common programming framework with clear standards. <p>These factors have motivated the creation of a National SGBV Reference Group, which is intended to work in close collaboration and building upon the work undertaken through the IASC cluster approach. The MoGLSD reiterated that membership is open to any organization engaged in GBV programming. This aim of the reference group is to develop in 2008 a National SGBV policy, Strategy and Action Plan. The MoGLSD who is spearheading the reference group stressed that this is the ideal for a to push policy and law reform issues, such as matters around PF3 form.</p>	Kristen/Stephanie to check with MoGLSD when the next Reference group will be held and share proposed list of invitees (i.e. Sub cluster members who indicated strong interest to participate).
6. 16 days of activism	<p>While there is no common activity planned across districts, GBV stakeholders have been encouraged to undertake targeted activities during the 16 days period and to keep the Sub-Cluster informed and maximise participation and coverage. Activities have been planned in Pabbo camp in Gulu for Dec 10th and other activities are underway in Pader and Oyam districts.</p> <p>The MoGLSD: focus sensitization on 'Defilement' and will convene media workshop with the support of Irish Aid (date tbc)</p> <p>Proposal was put forward and endorsed by the group to issue a GBV Sub-Cluster press release to be submitted for endorsement at the next IASC CT meeting (5th December).</p> <p>Also some members had been invited by the US embassy for a Video Conference on 6 December on 16 days of Activism (including MoGLSD and UNIFEM)</p>	<p>6.1 Stella, Brenda, Mubarak and Kristen to draft a press release on behalf of the IASC. Kristen to send to GBV sub cluster members for approval. Kristen to give to OCHA by 4th Dec for IASC approval.</p> <p>6.2 Mubarek to share information on US Embassy event 6 Dec</p>
7. CAP launch	CAP Launch: December 10 th in Hotel Africana.	<p>Stephanie to prepare with Kristen the GBV sub-Cluster booth, including collection of IEC materials from the Districts.</p> <p>Kristen to draft talking points on GBV for CAP speakers (OCHA, Gov, HC)</p>
A.O.B	Amnesty international issued a report on Access to Justice in NU for GBV survivors	Stephanie to contact Amnesty and obtain copies of the report.