



GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020 CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Protecting Victims of Trafficking

Monday 14 September 2020, 3pm-4:30pm Geneva

Link to be shared by email with registered participants



A session led by the GPC Anti-Trafficking Task Team
Co-led by Heartland Alliance International (HAI), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and UNHCR.

Rational/purpose

Trafficking in personsⁱ is a crime and a serious violation of human rights. Vulnerable populations in emergency contexts are at heightened risk of being trafficked.ⁱⁱ Despite this, preventing trafficking and assisting victims have either remained unaddressed within the humanitarian cluster system, or have not been addressed in a comprehensive manner.

The increasingly severe cases of trafficking witnessed in crises over the past five years, including grave cases of trafficking perpetrated by armed groups,ⁱⁱⁱ have drawn calls for humanitarian responders to better incorporate anti-trafficking initiatives into protection efforts. Recent analyses indicate that victims are often identified months into a crisis, at which time the exploitation has already occurred, or are not identified at all. This finding underscores the need to build the anti-trafficking capacity of humanitarians.

In order to support humanitarians to begin or improve anti-trafficking action, the GPC Task Team on Anti-Trafficking has developed guidance on addressing trafficking in humanitarian responses. The guidance focuses on (1) Understanding Trafficking in Persons, (2) Prevention & Protection Responses, and (3) Identifying, Referring and Managing Cases.

This event will introduce participants to the new guidance anti-trafficking, focusing on identifying, referring and managing cases. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the draft guidance, hear from 3 field protection actors and anti-trafficking experts on how they are responding to trafficking, and share their own experiences and challenges in responding to trafficking, as we collectively work on improving our global and field level approaches.

Expected Outcome

This 1.5-hour session will address four key goals, namely, participants will:

- (1) Understand what trafficking is, and their role in combating it, using real case studies.
- (2) Establish connections between participant's current projects and activities, and how these can incorporate anti-trafficking action.
- (3) Be introduced to the draft 2020 Guidance on Anti-Trafficking in Internal Displacement Contexts; a new guide on conducting anti-trafficking action in the field. Discussions during the event will contribute to finalising the guidance and assist in preparations for dissemination.
- (4) Hear & share stories of efforts (big and small) to combat trafficking within Protection Clusters over the past 12 months, in order to grow our evidence base of emerging practices



After the session, protection actors can articulate why trafficking is a humanitarian protection concern. They understand that existing trafficking trends are amplified in crisis and new demands are formed, how they can identify cases, and which in-country partners they can refer to for support. Participants will also utilize the support available to them through the Task Team and its resources and develop collective ownership of the tools for improved distribution and use upon publication.

Format/Content of the Event

The format of the event will consist of an interactive trafficking myth breaking activity, a trafficking in protection responses scenario challenge, a brief overview of the guidance, presentation of field experiences, and a question and answer session. Participants will also receive information on how to access global support in responding to trafficking cases.

The event will be live-streamed via Zoom in English at 3:00PM GVA/9:00AM EST.

Speakers/Moderator

Event moderator(s)

- Renata Bernardo, secretariat GPC Anti-Trafficking Task Team
- Sam McCormack, co-chair GPC Anti-Trafficking Task Team

Speakers

- Andria Kenney, Counter Trafficking in Emergencies Specialist at IOM - UN Migration
- Iryna Titarenko, IOM, Ukraine
- Lili Nikolova, independent expert, North-East Nigeria
- UNODC Colombia
- UNHCR Venezuela

Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants

Participants may submit questions in advance to Sam McCormack mccormac@unhcr.org or during the event via the chat function.

Background Reading

A comprehensive (and brief!) introductory two pager:

Trafficking in Persons in Humanitarian Crises, The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons: <https://icat.network/sites/default/files/publications/documents/ICAT-IB-02-Final.pdf>

ⁱ Also called human trafficking, ““Trafficking in persons” shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs”, Article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000.

ⁱⁱ Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action Reducing Risk, Promoting Resilience and Aiding Recovery, IASC, 2015.

ⁱⁱⁱ For example, the abduction, sale and forced marriage of female students by Boko Harm in North East Nigeria, and the systematic abduction, enslavement, sale and forced marriage of the Yazidi community by ISIS in Northern Iraq.