GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020
CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

GBV risk mitigation integration in Protection work

28 September 2020, 15.00 – 17.30 pm CET

Rational/purpose

In 2015 the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action (‘GBV Guidelines’) were launched as a resource to support all humanitarian sectors to integrate GBV risk mitigation into their work. Many clusters and agencies have taken significant efforts to implement the guidelines and GBV risk mitigation within their cluster and agencies. Though significant progress has been achieved on institutionalizing GBV risk mitigation in humanitarian action, there is more work to be done to ensure this integration is prioritized and consistently done across all contexts and all clusters. GBV risk mitigation is especially relevant for the Protection Cluster and its AoRs as it is an integral component of achieving overall protection mandates. CCCM has played critical roles in GBV risk mitigation across clusters and can bring invaluable lessons of multi-cluster collaboration for GBV risk mitigation.

This session will highlight good practices and challenges of GBV risk mitigation in Protection work from Protection and CCCM clusters to facilitate peer-learning among field coordinators and provide concrete ideas of how GBV risk mitigation can be implemented within protection programming and coordination. This session also aims to identify key actions that Protection and CCCM clusters can take to further scale up and institutionalize GBV risk mitigation into their work.

Expected Outcome

The expected outcome for this session is to increase understanding of challenges and emerging good practice for GBV risk mitigation in Protection and identify key strategic actions to address the challenges to further scale up and institutionalization of GBV risk mitigation across general Protection programming and coordination.

Format/Content of the Event?

- Language: English with simultaneous translations in French and Spanish via Zoom
- Time Zone: 15:00 Central European Time (CET)
- Platform: Zoom meeting

The format will include a panel discussion to share challenges and good practices of GBV risk mitigation and a group work to discuss the way forward. The speakers and target countries will be determined later but the target clusters are CCCM and Protection.

Main topic of the panel discussion is “Integrating GBV risk mitigation within Protection work from both CCCM and Protection Clusters: emerging good practices, lessons learned and challenges”.

After the panel discussion, smaller group discussions will be held to discuss next steps/ways forward for the key challenges shared in the Panel Discussion.

**Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner**

**Moderator:**
The session will be co-moderated by the GBV Guidelines Reference Group and GBV AoR.

**Resource people:**
- Key speakers will be cluster coordinators and/or members of cluster coordination groups at country level from CCCM, Protection Clusters and its AoRs.
- Global Cluster coordinators or a member of the global cluster coordination team would participate as resource persons and support.
- The GBV Guidelines Reference Group and the Implementing Support Team would join as resource persons and to support facilitation of breakout discussions

**Donors: (To be confirmed)**
- BPRM as a donor of the *Safe from the Start* initiative. BPRM will be asked to share the background of the Safe from the Start and expectations of the initiative specifically with regard to GBV risk mitigation.

**Field Cluster/Operations**

We are interested to engage with CCCM and Protection Cluster Coordinators as co-presenters, particularly focused on examples of key challenges and emerging best practice in integrating GBV risk mitigation into the cluster’s work. We would aim to secure the participation of Protection cluster coordinators from a diversity of regions/country contexts. We will also engage GBV sub-cluster coordinators in targeted countries to identify key challenges and good GBV risk mitigation practices from their perspective, particularly in cases where the GBV sub-cluster is working closely with the Protection cluster coordinator on GBV risk mitigation actions.

**Pre-event questions /survey to be shared with participants**

- What methods and approaches have you found successful in mitigating risk of GBV within the Protection work?
- What are key challenges or barriers that hinder GBV risk mitigation across all clusters? How did you address the challenges and barriers?
- What are links/synergies between Protection Mainstreaming, Centrality of Protection and GBV risk mitigation in your country?

See online survey [here](#)

**Background Reading**

For all:
- IASC GBV guidelines thematic area guide for CCCM, Child Protection, Protection and others (see GBV guidelines website below)
- [GBV guidelines website](#) i.e. knowledge hub for examples and lessons learned.

For GBV actors:
- [Handbook for Coordinating GBV Intervention in Emergencies 2019](#), chapter 4.5 Implementing integration of GBV interventions into other sectors.
- The Inter-Agency Minimum Programming, standard 9 Safety and Risk Mitigation.