Rational/purpose
The humanitarian community faces increased expectations to achieve meaningful results and demonstrate impact through protection programming, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV) programming. While in the past, organizations largely concentrated on response activities, including the provision of medical care, psycho-social support, legal assistance, and case management for survivors, recently, humanitarians are increasing their efforts to prevent the occurrence of GBV, especially in acute crises. The increase in GBV prevention efforts presents an opportunity to understand new initiatives undertaken within the humanitarian community, to share evidence about what works, and to increase the use of results-based approaches to GBV prevention to achieve GBV outcomes. This is also the opportunity for discussing with field coordinators what the Interagency GBViE Minimum Standards lay out on prevention, and how that compares to their work on the ground.

This event proposes to look at several initiatives and programs that can highlight what we know is working and where additional effort is needed to strengthen prevention strategies and programs in humanitarian crises. It will also provide an opportunity for open discussion and input into a draft Framework that aims to serve as a resource for helping organizations improve how they analyze, design, and implement prevention programs in order that they can be effectively measured to achieve GBV outcomes.

Expected Outcome
The event will result in increased understanding of emerging good practice for GBV prevention and discuss components of a draft evaluation framework for the prevention of GBV.

Format/Content of the Event?
The session will begin with an overview of some emerging findings coming out of two scoping studies looking at prevention programming. The first was carried out in 2019 by InterAction, that looked at prevention programs addressing GBV in humanitarian crisis. The second is a study looking to strengthen prevention of child protection in humanitarian crises, whereby GBV, as one form of violence that children experience, is also explored. Through a combined presentation, as a way to set the foundation for the overall session, key findings will be shared that speak to both the challenges and opportunities for GBV prevention programming in humanitarian crises. The session will also highlight Principles and standards for GBV prevention programming to emphasize the importance of the GBViE Minimum Standards.
Following this joint opening, to illustrate an example of promising practice, UNICEF will share its program, **Communities Care: Transforming Lives and Preventing Violence** that was implemented and evaluated in Somalia and South Sudan. **Communities Care** is UNICEF’s community-based model for preventing and responding to sexual violence against girls and women in conflict-affected settings. The program is premised on the idea that while armed conflict causes horrendous suffering for those affected, the disruption it causes can also present an opportunity for positive change in social norms that can contribute to gender equality and decrease gender-based violence (GBV) and discrimination.

During the second hour of the session, InterAction will then present out its initiative on developing an evaluation Framework for the prevention of GBV in humanitarian crises. This three-year initiative (funded by SIDA and led by a collaborative effort with 15 organizations) aims to develop a framework that would allow for the methods, approaches, and strategies being used to prevent GBV to be identified and used as a basis for program design, such that protection outcomes can ultimately be evaluated. The effort aims to encourage systematic investment in the evaluation of GBV prevention outcomes and enhance overall learning to inform GBV prevention strategies. It is expected that this will, in turn, support system-wide uptake of methods essential to achieving GBV prevention as a protection outcome. At this time there will be several draft components of the Framework that will be ready to share and solicit feedback on. Following an overview, we will use the remaining 40 minutes to break into groups to explore some of the components being proposed. This will be an opportunity to encourage participants to engage in a dialogue about new tools and methods aimed at improving prevention (depending on size, 2-4 groups each looking at a different component). The breakout groups will be facilitated/notes captured in order to share back in plenary or through a lightening round of key takeaway or top discussion points.

The Platform proposed will be Zoom for Business-Video. The session will be held in English; however, InterAction will seek to provide simultaneous translation in Spanish and French. Breakout groups will be by language to support easier dialogue among participants. Additional interactive tools will be explored for use in breakout sessions.

**Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner**

The session is co-ordinated by InterAction, UNICEF, and Plan International/CP Alliance. The session will be moderated by Jessica Lenz, Senior Advisor-Protection from InterAction. Opening Donor Remarks: Anna Ramazzotti from Sida. Identified speakers include: Neil Dillon & Francisca Vigaud-Walsh, Humanitarian Evaluation Expert/Consultants from Data Conscious leading the InterAction GBV Prevention Evaluation Framework; Anne Laure Baulieu, Consultant with Plan International/CP Alliance leading the Child Protection Prevention Framework, and Brendan Ross, UNICEF-Somalia leading the Communities Care Project.

Donors supporting the above initiatives will be asked to contribute technical input into the design of the session. These include SIDA and OFDA.

**Field Cluster/Operations**

We are interested in engaging practitioners at the country level including program managers, GBV specialists, NGOs, operational partners, GBV clusters, and other relevant actors where field
engagement for the evaluation framework for prevention of GBV has been identified. While these have not been finalized, we are interested in the following countries: the two Call to Action Roadmap focus countries—Nigeria and DRC, plus Iraq, Afghanistan, S. Sudan, Cox Bazaar, and Colombia.

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

- What are the key principles that you apply when implementing GBV prevention programmes?
- What methods and approaches have you found successful in preventing GBV in humanitarian crises that lead to measurable results and GBV outcomes?
- What are common challenges or barriers that hinder the effectiveness of prevention programming?
- What experience or lessons learned can you bring to the discussion around prevention of GBV in humanitarian crises?

**Background Reading**

- InterAction’s [Project Summary](#) for the development of the GBV Prevention Evaluation Framework (GBV PEF)
- InterAction’s [White Paper](#) presenting and analysing the findings of the Scoping Study on GBV Prevention in conflict
- InteAction’s in-person [Advisory Committee Workshop Report](#) elaborating on the draft proposed components of the Framework and next steps for field-level engagement.
- The Interagency Minimum Standards for Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programming
- [https://www.whatworks.co.za/resources/evidence-reviews](#)