



GPC GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2020 CONCEPT NOTE FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Preventing GBV in Humanitarian Crisis: advancing what we know works and measuring GBV outcomes.

Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 9:00 (Washington) / 15:00 (Geneva) / 16:00 (Nairobi)

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, we will have an interactive dialogue with key members of the GBV Community. The discussion will be moderated by Neil Dillon, Data Conscious-leading the work on the development of the GBV Prevention Framework. The panel of speakers includes the following:

- **Anna Ramazzotti** Sida, Program Manager Specialist, Humanitarian Div.
- **Elizabeth Drevlow**, BHA, Director,
- **Catherine Poulton**, UNICEF, Manager, Gender-based Violence in Emergencies
- **Kathryn Falb**, IRC, Senior Researcher
- **Plan International**, SGBV Specialist

The Platform proposed will be Zoom for Business-Video. The session will be held in English; however, InterAction will provide simultaneous translation in Spanish and French.

[Speakers/Moderator/ technical donor partner](#)

The session is co-coordinated 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 and Beth Drevlow from BHA. 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 and/or opening remarks. These include SIDA and BHA.

[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 to 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
- Engaging Men in Accountable Practice, International Rescue Committee
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