

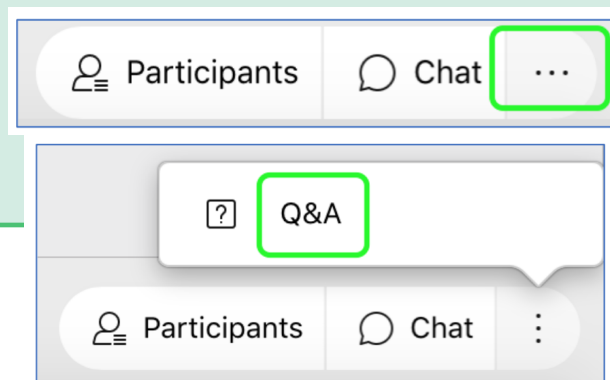
PSEA session: Current efforts and Victim Assistance

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Kindly put your camera off and mute your microphone if you are not presenting. This will help other participants with a lower bandwidth.

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You can put your questions in the Q+A tool and the chat option for comments.



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Kindly fill out the polls to help us understand our audience and be able to cater the discussion accordingly.

Poll Questions

Please identify where you are coming from?

- Africa
- Americas
- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe and Central Asia
- Middle East

Which type of organization do you belong to?

- UN
- Red Cross/ Red Crescent
- NGO
- Government
- Academic
- Independent

Is this sexual misconduct?

Knowing that prostitution is legal in the local region, Mr. X offers to give money to a beneficiary in exchange for sexual favours. Mr. X works for an international NGO.

Yes or No

Z is a local driver contracted by a UN agency. Z likes to talk about how he had sex with some of the beneficiaries at the distribution site, particularly the young pretty ones.

Yes or No

Mr. Y, who works for a local NGO, develops a serious relationship with a young beneficiary. Whenever he can, he sends her family extra food rations. At one point, he offers to marry her so that he can take care of her in the long term.

Yes or No

Strengthening efforts to protect from sexual exploitation and abuse

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Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (PSEAH) is critical to the effective delivery of aid to people in need, and also to the integrity of humanitarian organizations and workers. But more than anything, they cause harm and distress to victims and survivors.

Panel discussion:

- How are our efforts on protection from SEA? What have we learned? What lessons can be drawn from collective efforts to prevent and address SEA at the country level.
- What are the results of mapping and analysis on access to services and gender-based violence projects to improve safe and ethical access for victims?
- What is the UN Protocol on Victim Assistance and how do we implement it?
- How can we better collaborate to protect from SEA?

Join us for an informative and interactive session with an expert panel and discussion.

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IASC Strategy

1. Encouraging victims to come forward and a speak up culture

- Community-Based Complaints Mechanisms (CBCMs)
- Reporting and speak up culture within IASC entities

2. Improving quality, survivor centered support and protection

- Multifunctional support
- Additional protection measures.

3. Strengthened vetting, reference-checking, investigation processes and disciplinary measures

- Vetting and reference-checking processes
- Investigation and disciplinary processes



**Speak Up.
Take Action.
Be a Champion.**

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Participants in a child-friendly space in Uganda where children and affected communities are engaged and sensitized on how to report sexual exploitation and abuse.

Our Commitment to Protection from Sexual Exploitation and

UNHCR High Commissioner's Championship on Protection from SEA and SH

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week
4 May 2021



Objectives

1. Bolster Prevention
2. Increase Safe Spaces to Speak Up
3. Promote the Respectful Use of Authority

Deliverables

IASC Learning Package on Protection from Sexual Misconduct

E-Learning on Investigations for Partners

PSEA Community Outreach and Communications Fund

Communications Package for IASC Principals and Managers

IASC Principals Session on Organizational Culture

Collection of Good Practices on Culture Change

IASC Learning Package on **Protection from Sexual Misconduct** for Partner Organizations



PSEA Community Outreach and Communications Fund



IASC Principals Session on Organizational Culture



UNFPA 2021 Championship: 2021 Priorities and current progress



UNFPA Championship on Protection from SEA and SH

UNFPA PSEAH Championship



Priorities

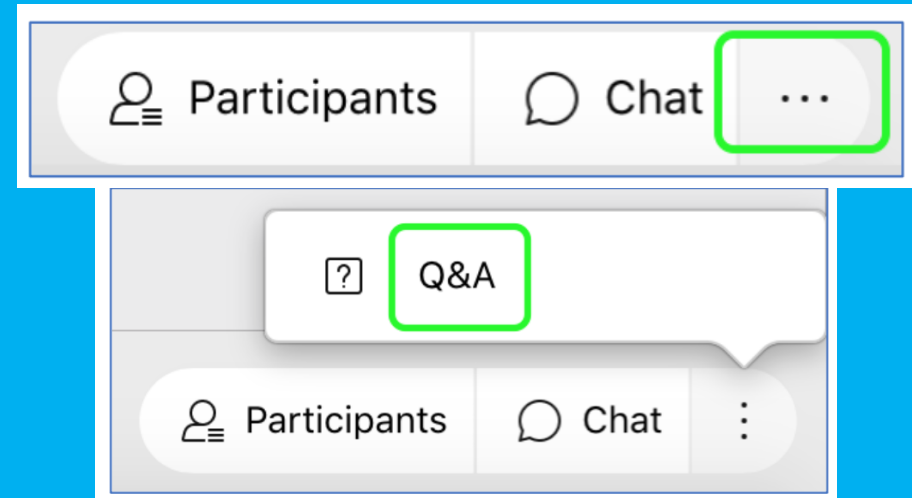
- Bolster PSEA country mechanisms
- Strengthen Access to Quality Information and Assistance
- Strengthen Coordination and Coherence



Initiatives

1. Interagency PSEA Expert Roster
2. External Review of the IASC PSEAH Approach
3. Advocacy Campaign in 35 Countries
4. Consultations with UN and non-UN actors
5. PSEA training modules for GBV practitioners

Q+A on Championships



GBV, PSEA, and Referral Systems: Improving Safe and Ethical Access for Victims of SEA to GBV Support Services

Project overview

In 2020, the analysis sought to:

- Understand current status of victim assistance (GBV services) for victims of SEA.
- Understand current status of the perception of PSEA into GBV inter-agency mechanisms as they pertain to victim assistance.
- Collect current GBV referral pathways, SOPs and other relevant documentation.
- Identify gaps in services for victims of SEA.

Accomplished through:

- Literature review
- Key informant interviews: 25 KIIs, from 25 organizations (UN agencies, I/NGOs, and international organizations), including heads of Safeguarding/ PSEA and the Victims' Rights Advocate
- Survey: 235 survey responses from over 70 organizations

Findings and recommendations from three core areas



1. GBV support services as a basis for SEA victim assistance
2. The victim-centered approach
3. Information sharing and information management



THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE PROTOCOL

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BACKGROUND

KEY MILESTONES IN ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR SEA VICTIM ASSISTANCE



2007: The General Assembly adopted the UN Comprehensive Strategy on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse



2017: The Secretary-General appointed a system-wide Victims' Rights Advocate (VRA) at UN Headquarters



Dec. 2019: The UN High Level Steering Group endorsed the **UN Victims' Assistance Protocol**

- Circulation to all UN heads of agencies/ entities by SG Chef de Cabinet
- Technical Note and training package developed by inter-agency working group to support implementation of the Protocol
- Roll-out of training on Protocol and Technical Note starting May 2021



2016: A **Trust Fund in Support of Victims of SEA** was established by the Secretary-General to support services for victims



Dec 2018: IASC Principals endorse the **IASC Plan for Accelerating PSEA in Humanitarian Response at Country-Level**, which prioritizes survivor-centered assistance

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

UN Victims' Assistance Protocol

- **The UN Victims' Assistance Protocol aim:** provides direction on the provision of assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- **Scope of protocol:** all UN system organizations
- **Operational framework:** informed by GBV/ Child Protection programming and best practices in the field

Technical Note

- **The Technical Note objective:** support country teams (HCs/HCTs; RCs/UNCTs) and field practitioners in the implementation of the Protocol at the operational level.
- **Intended Audience:** inter-agency PSEA coordinators, PSEA networks, PSEA/GBV/CP specialists and practitioners from different sectors
- **Practical guidance on how to:**
 - 1) Assist a victim
 - 2) Address specific considerations for SEA victims, including children
 - 3) Address gaps in services
 - 4) Support effective coordination and integration of victim assistance into country frameworks

PRINCIPLES OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE

UNIFORM PROTOCOL ON THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF SEA

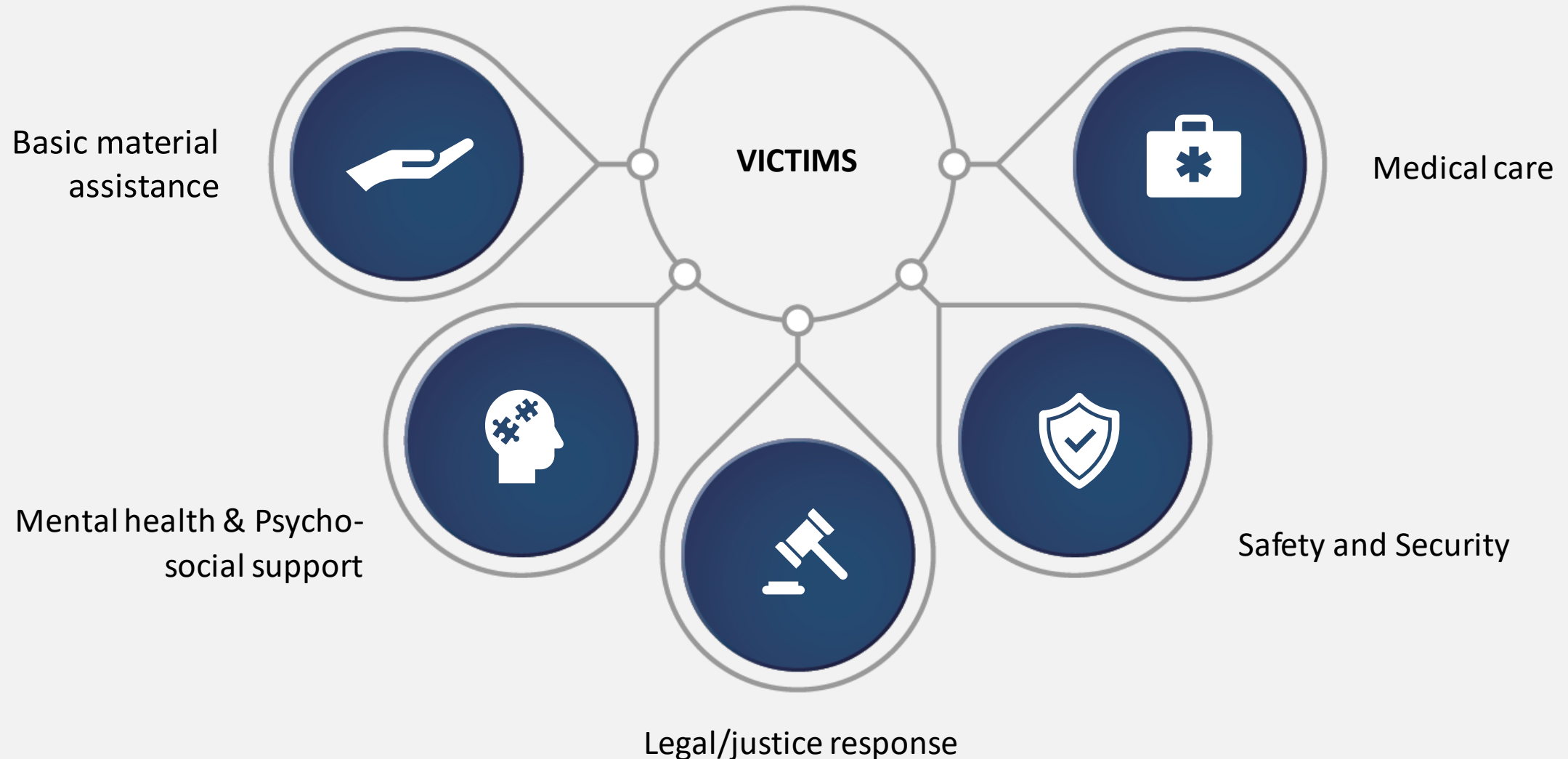


Safety and dignity in their care and treatment, respecting privacy, confidentiality, and provided in accordance with “**do no harm**” principle.

Assistance and support provided in a manner that is **victim-centered**, age and gender sensitive, and culturally appropriate. Where victims of SEA are children, assistance and support provided in a manner consistent with the “**best interests of the child.**”

Provision of immediate basic assistance and support **begins upon the receipt of the initial complaint.** Victim does **not** need to report to authorities, identify the alleged perpetrator or prove that she/he was sexually exploited or abused to receive such assistance.

REFERRALS FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE



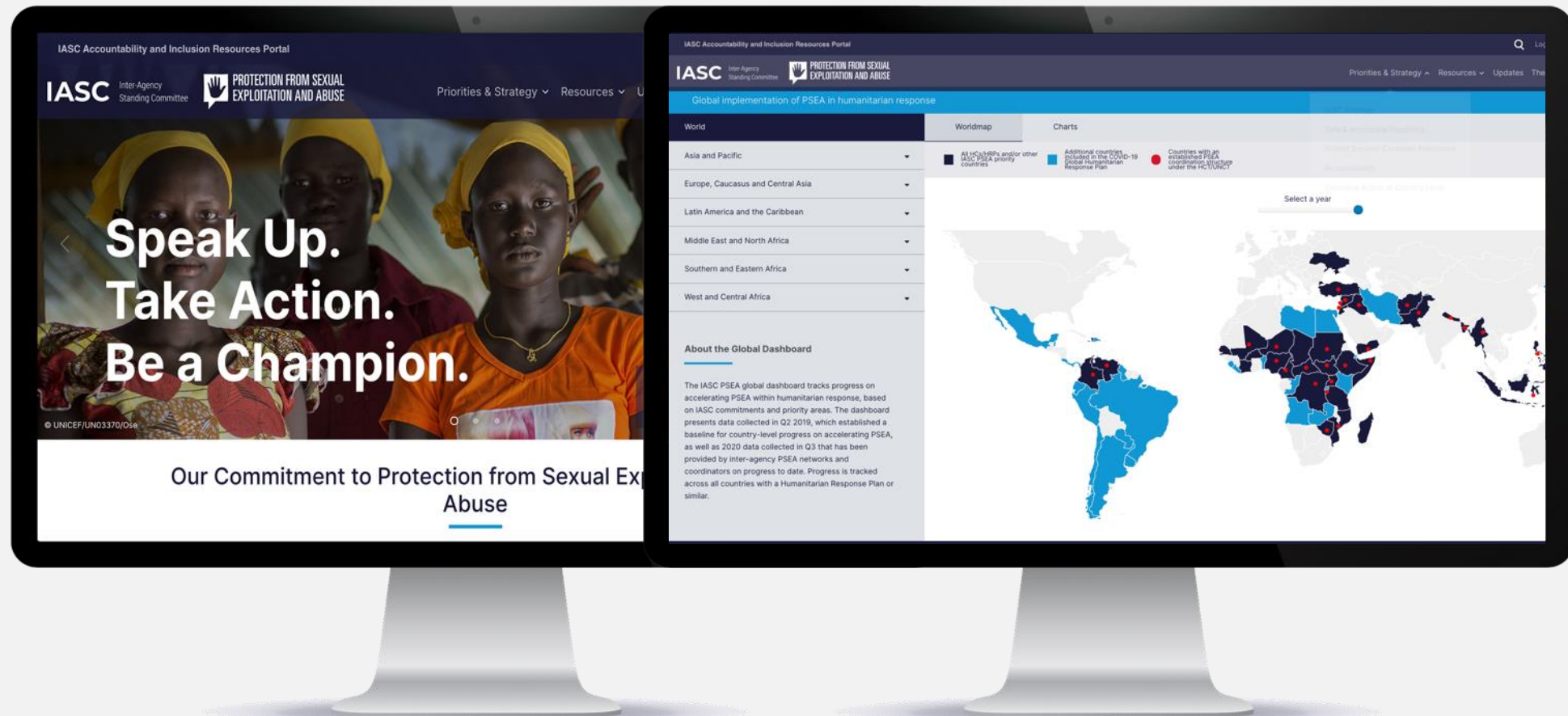
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PROTOCOL

Level	Action
Head of Mission Humanitarian/ Resident Coordinators Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) /UN Country Team (UNCT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ RC/HC has the lead role on PSEA for the UNCT/HCT, including the establishment of a PSEA Network and action plan; mobilize the necessary resources where gaps in services exist.■ System-wide responsibility for developing collective PSEA strategies and ensuring that PSEA action plans are implemented and assisting victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
United Nations agencies, funds, programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Responsible for providing assistance to any victim of SEA perpetrated by personnel of their respective agency, fund or programme and, where appropriate, by personnel of implementing partners. UNICEF provider of last resort for child victims.
Conduct and Discipline Teams (CDTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Responsible for providing/coordinating assistance to any victim of SEA perpetrated by United Nations mission personnel
Victim's Rights Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Provides policy support and advice to United Nations system organizations and coordination mechanisms with responsibilities for the provision of assistance and support to victims.

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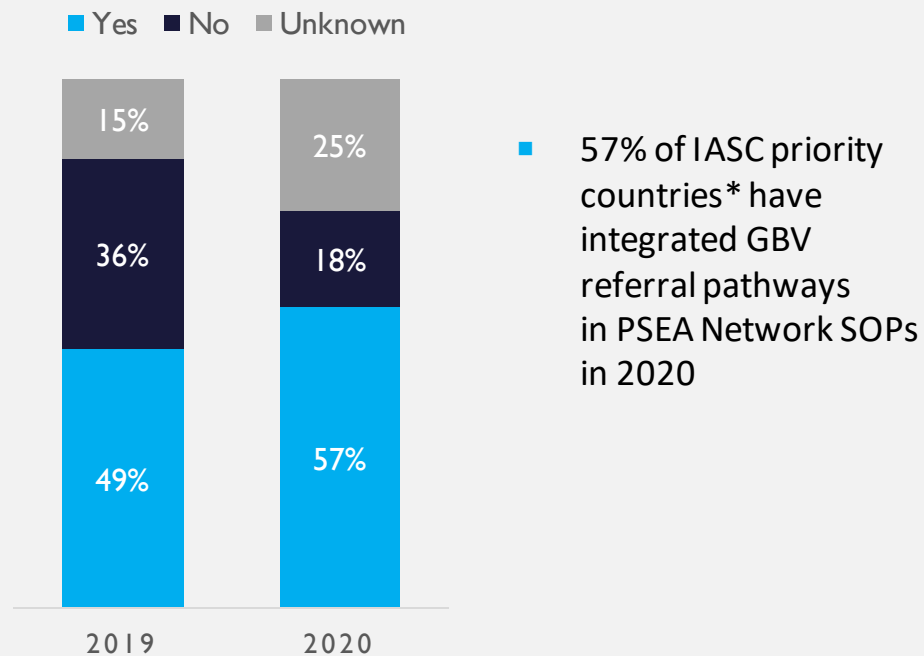
Level	Action
PSEA Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Coordinates with the GBV and CP sub-clusters or working groups on the provision of interagency assistance to victims of SEA
Co-Chairs of the PSEA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Agency Co-Chairs support the PSEA Coordinator and Network to address any gaps in assistance coverage, in coordination with relevant GBV and CP actors
Inter-Agency PSEA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Integrate GBV and CP referral pathways in the PSEA network SOPs■ Work with non GBV/CP actors to identify alternative services to refer victims■ Coordinate with GBV Sub-cluster/working group and/or available GBV specialists to train non-specialists on psychological first aid (PFA)
PSEA Focal Points from UN Agencies; NGOs; etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Coordinate with Network members to raise awareness in the communities, on victims' rights and what services exist and how to access them
GBV Sub-clusters/GBV working groups coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ GBV Sub-cluster coordinators support the implementation of survivor referral and assistance in line with GBV guiding principles

IASC PSEA FIELD SUPPORT AND PROGRESS TRACKING

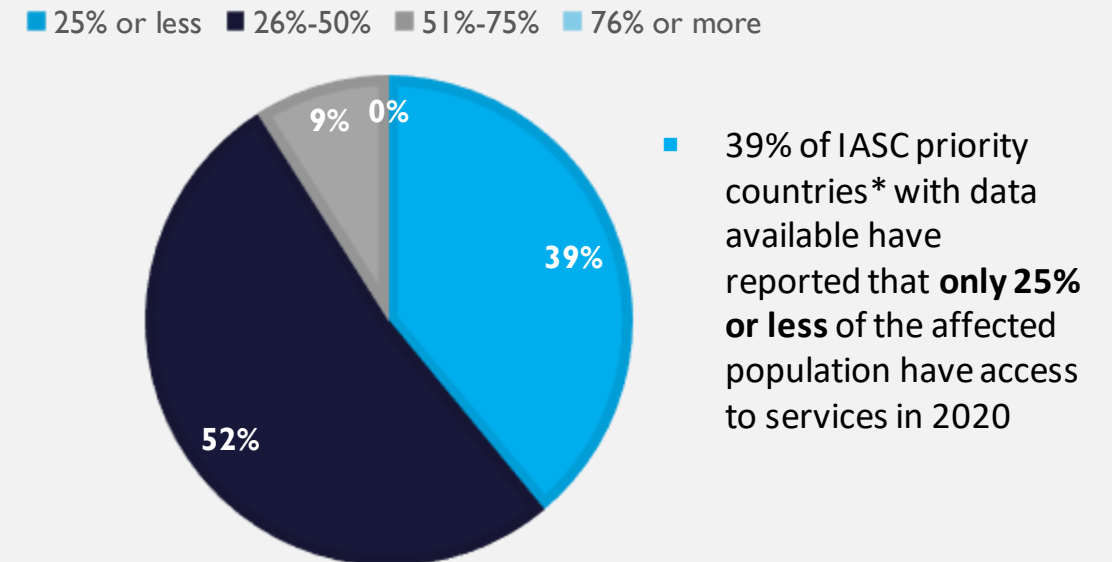


STATUS OF GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF VA PROTOCOL IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

INTEGRATION OF GBV REFERRAL PATHWAYS IN PSEA NETWORK SOPs



POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO SEA/GBV ASSISTANCE



*IASC priority countries refer to 39 countries with HRP or similar

Source: IASC PSEA Mapping Exercise 2019-2020 reported data. For more information visit [Global Dashboard](#)



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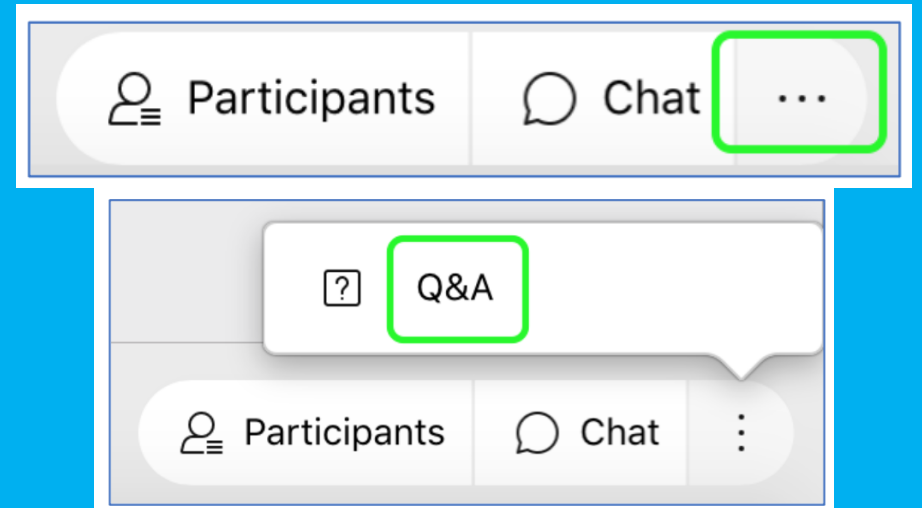
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**How GBV services
contribute to PSEA,
including prevention.**

**A survivor-centered
approach and links with
GBV programming. the
role of NGOs.**

Final Q+A



Final poll: Go to www.menti.com

Passcode: 75 37 20 1

What are your key takeaways from this session?

Thank you for joining us!

The slides and recording will be made
available.

For more information:

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