

**IASC PSEA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**  
**24 August 2022**  
**14:00-15:30 (GVA/CET)**

**Meeting Summary**

**Agenda**

1. Reviewing Action points from July and next meeting
2. Preparation for Deputies September meeting
3. Updates on ongoing workstreams
4. AOB

1. Reviewing Action Points from July and next meeting

**Membership**

- The IASC secretariat will circulate the contact list, and TAG members will need to update the list of primary and alternative focal points. Emails will be sent to the primary and alternative members. In case of the absence of both focal points, the emails could be forwarded to someone else in the members' respective organizations.
- A meeting will be held with the key Taskforce Chairs, notably a face-to-face meeting of the [AAP Taskforce](#) Chairs will take place on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Some workstreams of the IASC PSEA TAG and AAP Taskforce overlap, namely on community engagement, and complaint mechanisms. Need to discuss whether Taskforces want to be extended an invitation regularly.

**Action Points:**

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**TOR**

- The IASC secretariat thanked members for their comments on the [TOR](#) and invited members to raise questions if their comments are not included in the updated TOR.

**Workplan**

- Members are much encouraged and appreciated to indicate their availability as a lead or a member of a workstream on the [workplan](#).
- The detailed version of the workplan is still in the works.

**Indicator Guidance**

- UNICEF will provide updates on the indicator guidance draft when Katherine Wepplo will be back in the office.

**Action Point:**

- ⇒ UNICEF to send out the draft on the indicator guidance as well as the updated guidance on the country-level action plan.

### **Feedback on joint mission (UNHCR and OCHA)**

Action Point:

- ⇒ UNHCR to share a brief note of the high-level UN mission to Ukraine.

### **Meeting on CAR and follow up**

Action Point:

- ⇒ Specific meeting on CAR (Central African Republic) to be held.

## **2. Preparation for Deputies September meeting**

- SCHR presented the agenda items to be presented in the Deputies' meeting which include, highlighting the work plan, introducing the risk matrix work, presenting the victim/survivor-centered approach, and going through the proposal to have full-time dedicated PSEA Coordinators in high-risk contexts.
- IASC Secretariat expressed the wish to discuss the investigation panel of experts during the Deputies meeting and how to collaborate with the CEB Task Force on Sexual Harassment by meeting jointly and harmonizing investigations.
- The Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Risk Overview (SEA RO) preliminary results are available for the members to consult. The background note of the SEA RO will give an idea on how those high-risk countries are determined.

## **3. Update on ongoing workstreams**

### **Revision of interagency CBCM (lead: IOM)**

Update by: Carole Doucet

- Ms. Carole Doucet, new IOM consultant, is working on a revision of the inter-agency CBCM approach and guidance. This works comes out of the result of the [2021 IASC External Review](#).
- Ms. Doucet is leading Phase 1 of the process which consists of leading a discussion on the challenges and successes of the joint inter-agency CBCM and to determine the way forward collectively along with a timeline.
- She also mentioned that a rapid survey will be conducted to collect preliminary data on the challenges and successes of the joint inter-agency CBCM.
- Internal and external interviews/consultations are being carried out by Ms. Carole Doucet. Based on this data collection, IOM will prepare a stakeholder workshop tentatively taking place at the end of September, where data collection will be presented, and a roadmap will be discussed among attendees.

Action Points:

- ⇒ Members to provide comments on the CBCM survey before it gets shared to the field.
- ⇒ IOM CBCM consultant to meet bilaterally with a few PSEA Coordinators.

**Victim/Survivor Centered Approach (lead: WorldVision)**

Update by: Anne-Marie Connor

- WorldVision is conducting a bilateral feedback process on the victim/survivor centered approach and is meeting bilaterally with individuals and agencies. Members are invited to provide any additional comments regarding the victim/survivor-centered approach.
- WorldVision is aiming to provide a revised VCA draft by the end of September and a formal presentation on VCA will be included at the November Deputies' meeting.

Action Point:

- ⇒ SCHR to circulate a revised VCA draft by the end of September.

**Misconduct Disclosure Scheme (lead: SCHR)**

Update by: Gareth Price-Jones

- SCHR introduced a new coordinator, Ms. Elena Bezzolato, who will be working on the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme (MDS).

**SEA RO (lead: UNICEF)**

Action Point:

- ⇒ IASC Secretariat will make available the SEA RO after the Deputies Meeting.

**PSEA Coordinator training (lead: IOM)**

Update by: Mariska De Keersmaecker

- IOM indicated that another iteration of the inter-agency PSEA Coordinators training was conducted from June 28<sup>th</sup> until August 2<sup>nd</sup> and thanked members for helping the training by updating information, collaborating, and co-facilitating some sessions.
- IOM mentioned the PSEA Coordinators were happy to hear the availability of support from the IASC through resources and coordination. IOM expressed the importance of standardizing the PSEA Coordinators position and helping them at the country-level.
- The training received good feedback such as being inter-agency, and a survivor-centered approach being at the center of the discussions.
- 11 PSEA Coordinators received the training including Yemen, Niger, Cameroon, North-East Syria, Madagascar, the Regional East-Africa PSEA Coordinator, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and the incoming PSEA Coordinator for Madagascar. 11 additional participants received the training and can potentially be hired as PSEA Coordinators.

Action Points:

- ⇒ IOM to circulate the PSEA Coordinator training report.
- ⇒ IOM to hold a training in November with PSEA Coordinators.

### **PSEA Coordinators contact list**

- IASC Secretariat is working on a list of dedicated inter-agency PSEA Coordinators which is still being completed.
- The co-chairs and other interims working on PSEA will be tracked elsewhere.
- The countries covered by HRPs and RRP are the same countries which are covered in SEARO. PSEA Coordinators in those countries are mostly sponsored by UNFPA, some are sponsored by standby partners mechanisms to OCHA, and a few are sponsored through the NORCAP/PSEA projects and various arrangements at country-level and the remaining are unknown.
- Sub-nationals Coordinators will be covered at a later time.

#### Action Points:

⇒ IASC Secretariat to share contact list and members to update it

### **UNFPA roster (lead: UNFPA)**

Update by: Thymée Ndour

- UNFPA highlighted that the roster replenishment and assessments are still ongoing. The written tests phase was finalized, and interviews will be conducted for the P4 and P5 roster by mid/end-September. The results should be known by the end of September.

### **Mechanism options paper (lead: Champion)**

Update by: Anne-Marie Connor

- The Champion is working to develop a holistic approach to find a solution for the deployment of inter-agency PSEA Coordinators. There were a lot of challenges including insufficient coordination, a lack of predictable funding, limited capacity to redeploy Coordinators based on capacity and changing risk profile in different contexts, as well as no centralized talent identification management and evaluation process.
- The Champion flagged that in order to fill long-term staffing gaps, especially in the top high-risk contexts, branded administrative and funding supports entrusted by the IASC members and donors are needed. Administrative and funding mechanism should be able to support the deployment for a minimum of 12 months ideally 24 months.
- Deployment of the inter-agency PSEA Coordinators will be based on the SEA RO.
- The Champion in collaboration with the IASC Secretariat analyzed the capacity of eight well-known organizations and structures across 16 different criteria ranging in terms of capacity to support. Based on the predefined criteria, three partner organizations were engaged in detailed capacity, budget and governance discussions.
- An options paper is being finalized which outlines the three options that were concluded to be the most realistic and feasible, this will be shared as a pre-read for the Deputies meeting in September. The three shortlisted options are an OCHA-managed fund, UNOPS-managed mechanism, and establishing a PSEA-CAP in collaboration with NORCAP building on their GenCap and ProCap model.

### **SEA Workgroup and OSC updates**

- The Office of the Special Coordinator introduced the new Special Coordinator on Improving United Nations Response to SEA, Christian Saunders who will take office on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Saunders will be having bilateral meetings with various Head of Entities, the IASC, and the Champion over the coming months to discuss collaboration.
- The Office of the Special Coordinator is circulating PSEA survey to all agencies, funds and programs, all UN staff and related personnel and encouraged the members to participate in the survey.
- During the SEA Workgroup, the collation of all PSEA related materials by OSC (guidelines, policies...) was discussed. The OSC is making a repository of all PSEA material for all agencies, funds and programs and Secretariat and departments.
- The IASC Secretariat highlighted that it was conducted meetings with PSEA Coordinators as the IASC wants to be a community of practice for the people that are holding the position of dedicated inter-agency PSEA Coordinators, but in complement, the open-to-all brownbag organized by OSC are a great resource for information sharing.
- The OSC reminded that the content of the brownbag are shared on the Knowledge Gateway, which is UN staff access only

Action Point:

⇒ Office of the special coordinator to share the PSEA survey result

### **CEB Task Force on Sexual Harassment**

- The IASC Secretariat pointed out that under the Chief Executive Board Taskforce on Sexual Harassment there is a workstream lead spearheaded by UN Women to create a knowledge management platform that will be accessible for UN staff and INGOs.

### **HC retreat**

- The IASC secretariat stated that the HC retreat will be held on the October 5<sup>th</sup> in Montreux. Jane Connors and Christian Saunders will be invited. The session will be led by the IASC Champion.
- The Champion is working on a desktop simulation session during the HC retreat based on Commitment 2 of the work plan, namely, *promoting organizational culture change*. The simulation session is being prepared by the Champion in collaboration with the IASC Secretariat and members are invited to contribute to the development of the simulation.

### **4. AOB**

- New translations are available for the different trainings (inter-agency training, UNHCR case study)

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- ⇒ IASC Secretariat will look into launching the SEA RO after the Deputies Meeting and invited members to have a look at the background paper.
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