

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

Meeting Summary

Agenda

1. Preparation for forthcoming IASC Deputies meeting
2. Updates on workstreams by leads, per the annual workplan
3. AOB

1. Preparation for forthcoming IASC Deputies meeting

Options paper

- The paper in its current form is designed for a Deputies audience. It contains the 3 options that were narrowed down according to selection criteria to support the deployment of fully funded inter-agency PSEA Coordinators in high-risks contexts.
- The Champion is not seeking endorsement of the Deputies but their support and go-ahead so that details can be worked out.
- The current stage on the PSEA Coordinators mechanism is to select a partner, in order to proceed with the exact modality at a later stage. The next step involves discussing with the donors as soon as possible.
- Clarification by SCHR that the PSEACap option is not ProCap/GenCap per se but uses the reputation of those mechanisms to be able to mobilize donor and collective support.
- UNICEF raised two considerations. Firstly, securing visas given that NRC secondees do not have a UNLP, secondly, embedding NorCap sufficiently in IASC TAG/ Field Support Team to ensure sufficient information flow and coordination.
- WVI noted that NorCap is currently conducting a lessons-learned on their PSEA Capacity Pilot. Those lessons learned will be used as part of the proposal. Donors have already been engaged and are aware of ballpark funding asks. The concept notes and proposals are planned to be submitted within the next quarter.

Workplan

- The TAG annual workplan will be updated as necessary.
- Members are actively encouraged to participate and achieve activities as some activities still do not have designated leads.
- UNHCR raised that SH is not appropriately integrated in the workplan, and that background documents were circulated to Deputies before being discussed by the TAG.
- NGO consortia raised the need for more time to be able to meaningfully comment and engage at TAG level but emphasized that they want to be involved.
- The Secretariat noted the good practice of the IP working group: being comprised of a smaller group that met more frequently than the TAG with a rotating Chair. However, decisions, and final review of products will take place at the TAG. The rationale is to be able to push forward on different workstreams at a reasonable pace that would otherwise not be possible if all discussions were to happen once a month at the TAG level.

- Based on points raised, the Secretariat will revise the Workplan prioritizing activities. In the same vein, TAG members leading on activities were also asked to revisit the deadlines to ensure they are adjusted.
- Regarding the question on which workstreams require a working group etc, the Secretariat clarified that the modality is left to the lead's discretion and should be clarified by them.

Action Points:

- ⇒ Workstream leads should inform the IASC Secretariat on the modality that was chosen to conduct the activities they oversee (e.g., working group, ad-hoc meetings...)
- ⇒ Secretariat to share the action plan for NGO consortia to express where they want to be involved or lead in the workplan.

Investigations TOR

- The aim of the panel is to both improve and harmonize the approach to investigations across the system as well as integrate a more victim/survivor-centered approach to investigations. Secretariat is seeking agreement on the ToR so that identification of experts can proceed.
- InterAction requested more time to review the Terms of Reference. Investigations can be a huge burden for NGOs, therefore support is needed.
- The IASC PSEAH strategy articulates that the investigations panel recommendations would be provided to the Principals.
- UNHCR noted that a VCA in investigations is important, but an agreed IASC definition of the VCA has not yet been defined.
- UNHCR noted the panel should include certain areas of expertise such as experts on trauma and victim experience.
- Secretariat clarified that the selection process for the panel is yet to be determined, but that the IASC will be invited to provide nominations.
- There has already been agreement to establish an investigation panel of experts in the [IASC Vision and Strategy](#)
- SCHR noted that for their members the investigations panel is also about looking at how capacity and demand can be matched, ensuring that investigations work for victim/survivors as well as management.

Action Points:

- ⇒ TAG members to send their comments on the investigations panel to update TOR as soon as possible.

2. Updates on workstreams by leads, per the annual workplan

Inter-agency CBCM approach and guidance (lead: IOM)

Update by: Mariska de Keersmaecker

- The inter-agency CBCM review dialogue will take place on September 26th/27th in Geneva.

- To clarify, the review looks at how the approach needs to be changed and then the guidance will be changed accordingly.
- There will not be a virtual connection to the workshop for technical reasons.

Action Point:

⇒ TAG members to confirm to IOM their participation in the CBCM workshop as soon as possible.

IP government rollout (lead: UNICEF)

Update by: Katherine Wepplo

- There is an established working group, culminating a very exhaustive mapping of where PSEA obligations are already existing in different kind of legal agreements with governments. This is taking the shape of an overall skeletal structure of a framework with different domain areas.
- Will need to ensure there is an expression of mutual obligations in HRP to address the bottlenecks seen in humanitarian response where government is a key and lead interlocutor.
- With all the support of the working group, should be able to move towards the discussion around the legal clause hopefully **in the next month.**

Manage and update PSEA website, including global dashboard (lead: UNICEF)

Update by: Katherine Wepplo

- In the process of putting in place a new contract with the website developer, looking at a revamp as well as how to further develop the global dashboard

Action Points:

⇒ Secretariat and UNICEF to liaise and organize a session on the proposed changes for the website for TAG members to provide comments

Implement IASC PSEA Indicator Guidance (lead : UNICEF)

Update by: Katherine Wepplo

- Indicators guidance is a few weeks behind schedule, but further work was being done to address some areas. UNICEF expects to circulate the document in the next week for review/comments by TAG members.
- Efforts to harmonize the indicator guidance with the UN call for action plans from field offices continues to take place and call for inputs from the field will be synchronised (December).

Action Point:

⇒ Secretariat and UNICEF to liaise and organize a session on the Indicator Guidance, with a view of enabling a technical Q&A and receive feedback from TAG members.

UN Partner Package and Common Assessment tool (lead WFP IP Working Group)

Update by: Natalia MacDonald

- IP protocol working group has been working primarily on the rollout of the UN IP assessment tool and is meeting regularly.
- The assessment is being incorporated in the UN partner portal as a key component so that all partners joining the portal will have to have done the assignment.
- Primarily UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR have been working on an online training module.

Action Point:

- ⇒ WFP and Secretariat to liaise to organize a session for TAG members on progress of IP Working Group roll out plan/ progress.

SEA Risk Overview (Champion, SEA RO)

- Secretariat clarified that the primary use of the SEA RO is to help the IASC identify where to place PSEA Coordinators when there are limited resources.
- UNICEF noted that broader data points are pooled from existing data sources, looking at some PSEA indicators that have been carried out through the mapping where the data can be sufficiently robust. They have also been looking at how this can be linked to ongoing work around the government framework/legislation
- The SEA RO would inform the IASC on where resources should be allocated

Action Point:

- ⇒ Secretariat and UNICEF to organize a session dedicated to the SEA RO in order for TAG members to have their technical questions answered

3. AOB

- DE KEERSMAECKER Mariska <mdekeers@iom.int> announced that it was her last TAG meeting as she will be assuming the role of PSEA risk manager at IOM.

Action Points:

- ⇒ Workstream leads to inform the IASC secretariat which workstreams require an ongoing process/ possible working group and the duration whereas those which require more of an ad-hoc approach.
- ⇒ Secretariat to share the action plan in order for the INGO consortia to express where they want to be involved or lead in the workplan.
- ⇒ TAG members to send their comments on the investigations panel to update TOR by 15 October.
- ⇒ Secretariat and UNICEF to liaise and organize a session on the Indicator Guidance, with a view of enabling a technical Q&A and receive feedback from TAG members.
- ⇒ WFP and Secretariat to liaise to organize a session for TAG members on the IP Protocol.
- ⇒ Secretariat and UNICEF to organize a session dedicated to the SEA RO