

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

**Terms of Reference for
IASC Technical Advisory Group on PSEAH**

Endorsed by IASC Deputies Group

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IASC Technical Advisory Group: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment

Objective: The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) facilitates and helps deliver on agreed IASC commitments on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (PSEAH) in humanitarian response.

Reporting Lines and ways of working

- The TAG reports directly to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Deputies Group which is responsible for advancing actions on PSEAH as a priority area, under the leadership of the IASC Principals.
- Liaison between the TAG and the Deputies is a function of the IASC Secretariat and the IASC Champion.
- The TAG may create smaller time-bound teams with the purpose of advancing specific deliverables as identified in the agreed PSEAH workplan, or to determine a consensus position in relation to emerging concerns. These teams may be led by one or more IASC TAG members, and deliverables or outputs will be reported through the IASC TAG workplan.
- When providing support to crisis or country contexts (including inter-agency PSEA missions), the operational purpose will be clearly signposted by convening relevant TAG members under a standing sub-group known as the Field Support Team (FST). The purpose of the FST is to provide technical support and advice, respond to requests for support by the RC/HC or PSEA coordinator; the RC/HC may also request the FST to undertake IASC field support missions. TAG members may designate other staff with requisite expertise, such as colleagues in their regional offices, to represent them in FST missions.

Chair: The IASC Secretariat chairs and provides secretariat services to the TAG. The Secretariat is also responsible for ensuring effective two-way communication between country-based inter-agency PSEA Coordinators and the TAG.

Membership: Members of the TAG are PSEAH or safeguarding focal points in their respective organizations and advise their Deputy accordingly. Each IASC member may nominate a PSEAH representative and an alternate. As per current IASC practice, each NGO consortia will designate two representatives.

Observers to the TAG include representatives of the Special Coordinator for improving the UN response to SEA; the UN Victims' Rights Advocate; the Development Coordination Office (DCO), chairs of the IASC Task Force on AAP, and the coordinator of the GBV AOR. Other observers may be nominated by TAG members as appropriate.

¹ As of 1 April 2022, the TAG replaced the RG2 PSEA Thematic Experts Group

Tasks:

- Develop and implement annual IASC workplan to achieve IASC Strategy targets by actively leading/contributing to the delivery of components.
- Mobilize support for the IASC Vision and Strategy for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment across the humanitarian community.
- Contribute to the effective monitoring of the targets articulated in the IASC Vision and Strategy, and report against agreed annual PSEAH indicators.
- Promote a community of practice to share knowledge and resources including by promoting country level innovation, progress, and lessons learned. Identify barriers and challenges and generate potential solutions.
- Ensure coherence with gender and accountability to affected people standards and guidance through linkages.
- Contribute and advocate for resources to implement the agreed workplan and priorities.
- Contribute to the improvement of the IASC PSEAH website, including the global dashboard.
- Organize, coordinate and/or partake in Inter-agency PSEA Missions via the Field Support Team.

Meeting schedule: The TAG will meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 14:00-15:30 GVA (CET).

The IASC secretariat will make available meeting summaries and progress updates on annual workplan.