

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

**Meeting Summary**

**Agenda**

1. IASC meetings follow up and next steps
2. Ongoing workstreams
3. Global retreat/workshop
4. PSEA Coordinators updates
5. AOB

**1. IASC meetings follow up and next steps**

- There are three main follow-up actions for the TAG from the 16 September Deputies' meeting.

**SEA RO Beta Version**

- The beta version of the SEA RO should be made available online imminently.
- In the meantime, the UK provided resources for an analytical paper.
- The IASC Secretariat is considering where to promote the SEA RO beta version further. This will likely be done through a presentation to the donor group that formed after the UK Safeguarding Summit (presentation scheduled for 8 December 2022).

**Investigations ToR**

The investigations ToR were revised based on feedback received. The ToR were restructured and simplified to focus on the objectives of setting up the expert panel and Advisory Group. The deadline for final endorsement is 21 November.

The agenda for the IASC Principals' meeting has been forwarded, including a short agenda item for an update from IASC Champion on PSEA, Andrew Morley. Background paper/written update will be circulated to the TAG by Monday 14 November.

The current IASC Champion on PSEA Andrew Morley is seeking agreement on extending WVI's championship for 6 months (until July 2023). The ERC is amenable to that extension and has asked Principals to concur and to submit nominations for the position of IASC Champion on PSEA 2023/2024.

**Action Points:**

- Final endorsement on investigations ToR by 21 November.
- SCHR to circulate Champion's update to the TAG.

**Mechanism paper for IA PSEA Coordinators deployment**

From the last Deputies meeting on 16 September, TAG members were given two months to agree on a recommendation for solving the challenge of having sustained, contracted PSEA Coordinators in the top 15 at-risk countries.

SCHR updated that the Deputies had asked for more details on how the mechanism will work. The Deputies have also asked to consider two other options in more detail: an OCHA-delivered option and the UNFPA roster mechanism. SCHR investigated both options further and the preferred option (NORCAP) is still the most suitable. A revised proposal with more detail accompanied by a frequently asked questions document will be provided to the TAG.

An ad-hoc TAG to discuss the revised mechanism paper and the FAQs will be scheduled before end November. In case of un-reconcilable views or ongoing concerns, the Deputies Group may meet again.

The FAQ will answer a range of questions, including around accountability as well as ensuring clarity on the governance structure. SCHR noted the new mechanism would not replace existing Coordinators but fill gaps.

Conversations with donors are ongoing. There is still high interest from the donors.

Action Points:

- WVI to share revised mechanism paper and FAQ with TAG.
- IASC Secretariat to convene ad-hoc TAG to ensure consensus.

## 2. Ongoing workstreams

- Only workstreams with a deadline at the end of the year required an update at this TAG meeting.

### **V/SCA principles (lead: Champion and UNHCR)**

Update by: Anne-Marie Connor

- Following the request to have a more succinct draft, an initial revised draft was shared with UNHCR as co-lead of the workstream.
- Once UNHCR agrees, the revised draft will be shared with the working group and a meeting will be set up in the next few weeks.

### **GBV case management module (lead: UNFPA)**

Update by: Thymée Ndour

- A brownbag session organized jointly by IASC and OSCSEA will take place on 7 December. The brownbag, delivered jointly with GBV AOR, will include an update on PSEA training package for GBV case managers as the prioritization of funding to GBV services.

### **Investigations ToR (lead: UNFPA)**

Update by: Thymée Ndour

- The ToR have been circulated to deputies for endorsement by 21 November- IASC Secretariat encouraged TAG members to liaise with their investigations division to

ensure they are involved in the latest version of the ToR as well as ensuring appropriate persons are nominated for the expert panel and Advisory Group.

### **Increased participation in MDS (lead: Champion)**

Update by: Gareth-Price Jones

- SCHR is looking at UNHCR's experience on implementing this workstream.
- SCHR will be able to provide an update by December as planned.

### **Baseline on perceptions (lead: Champion)**

Update by: Gareth-Price Jones

- SCHR did not receive any feedback on the paper that was sent a couple of weeks ago. Several TAG members have confirmed they would be sending their comments by the deadline, i.e., 11 November.

Action Point:

- SCHR to recirculate the baseline on key perceptions as well as a reminder for providing comments.

### **Simulation exercise (lead: Champion and IASC Secretariat)**

Update by: Ghulam Ghous

- The simulation exercise was conducted at the Humanitarian Coordinators' retreat on 6 October where it was well-received and has been adapted to be part of IOM's training package for PSEA Coordinators.

### **SEA RO (lead: UNICEF and OCHA)**

Update by: Wendy Cue and Katherine Wepplo

- The SEA RO will be made available online shortly. Several documents will accompany the launch of the SEA RO beta version, namely an FAQ, a methodology paper, and possibly an analytical piece.

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

Update by: Thymée Ndour

- This week (i.e., week starting 7 November), UNFPA is endorsing recommended candidates now that the assessments are finalized. UNFPA is recommending seven candidates for the P5 pool, eleven candidates for the P4 pool, and one for the P3 roster.
- UNFPA will put together a repository with the characteristics of the new and current candidates including language skills. There are ongoing issues in recruiting foreign language speakers as well as male candidates.

### **PSEA Coordinators training (lead: IOM)**

Update by: Anna Reichenberg

- The autumn session of the PSEA Coordinator training is ongoing and will still be running for a few weeks. This session started very well, with lots of engagement; USG Saunders has been attending.
- Alumni from previous training can join for the first time.
- Sessions on Victim's Rights and Assistance were led by ASG Connor.

### **Dashboard (lead: UNICEF)**

Update by: Katherine Wepplo

- UNICEF thanked WFP for their contribution to the overall website. UNICEF has been hosting and maintaining the website on behalf of the IASC and is in the process of changing the contract agreement with a new designer.
- UNICEF welcomes contributions, particularly financial, from other members to ensure they can continue this work on behalf of the IASC.

### **Indicator Guidance (lead: UNICEF)**

Update by: Katherine Wepplo

- The Indicator Guidance was finalized on 8 November.
- UNICEF is looking at how to ensure the data being collected is as simple as possible for colleagues in the field all while ensuring collecting sufficient data to respond to requests at a global level.
- Based on the UNCT/HCT Action Plan template, core indicators have been selected and the indicator guidance was developed based on those. Further work has been done to ensure that the math behind the data aggregation makes sense.
- UNICEF planned a series of webinars November in English, French and Spanish to support collection of data.
- The timeline to report on indicators for the 2022 calendar year has been extended.
- The Indicator Guidance will tentatively to be sent by 14 November.

### **Compile practice from PSEA Coordinators on funding**

Update by: Wendy Cue

- IASC Senior Coordinator on PSEAH attended a meeting of OCHA humanitarian funds managers. During the PSEA session, fund managers indicated funding has been made available for both PSEA Coordinators and activities in the PSEA Action Plan.
- IASC Secretariat is to compile information from those countries where allocations have been made from the humanitarian funds as well as what type of activities have been funded.

## **3. Global retreat**

- The IASC Secretariat is organizing an in-person PSEA Coordinators, TAG, and donor workshop, from Monday 23 January to Thursday 24 January 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya. PSEA Coordinators are only required to attend the first two days of the workshop (23 and 24 January). The third day of the workshop is for members of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the fourth day will be a consultation with donors.
- The objectives of the workshop are to share knowledge, good practice and lessons learned; assess current challenges in the field and identify where current tools/policies need to be adapted or new tools/ policies are needed, as well as measure and monitor the implementation of the PSEAH Strategy and workplan with the IASC Technical Advisory Group and selected donors.
- There will also be space during the TAG day based on survey feedback. For example on co-chairs roles in PSEA Networks.
- The IASC Secretariat circulated a Save the Date and a survey. TAG members were strongly encouraged to complete the survey by 9 November.

- The logistics note and further information on the workshop will be shared as they become available. Holders of UNLP will not require a visa for entering Kenya. For participants needing a visa, the IASC Secretariat will provide Note Verbales. The cost of travel tickets will have to be borne by the participants. IASC Secretariat will cover the DSA (or accommodation for non UN participants). The IASC Secretariat noted that it should be possible for some organizations to bring a plus one, but this will depend on the number of participants who confirmed their attendance as well as ensuring a balance between UN and NGO IASC members.
- Forward planning for face-to-face events should be put together so that organizations can prioritize their limited travel budget. The IASC Secretariat proposed that a calendar of forward events be made available on the [TAG webpage](#).

#### 4. PSEA Coordinator updates

##### **Tracking sheet**

The IASC Secretariat is tracking deployment of Coordinators to identify gaps and need for financial support. Gathering information and maintaining the tracking sheet up to date will allow the IASC Secretariat to provide support in countries where no PSEA Coordinator is deployed or in contexts where a PSEA Coordinator's contract is close to expire.

Action Point:

- TAG members to update IASC Secretariat of changes in Coordinator deployment and funding

##### **NORCAP PSEA project**

Update by: Carina Hickling

- NORCAP is supporting deployment through a combination of in-country funding, geographical portfolio within NORCAP as well as from the PSEA pilot. However, this approach is not sustainable.
- An overall approach is needed. PSEA Coordinators spend a lot of time trying to fundraise their own positions as well as for the action plans.
- NORCAP is looking forward to having the mechanism better clarified because it will help with the challenging funding situation.
- UNICEF noted that an update to the IASC Scale Up procedures would automatically trigger a release of funding which would go to PSEA from the outset of a response.
- A one-page position paper/ policy paper laying out how to sustain the deployment of a PSEA Coordinator through a cost-sharing arrangement would be useful in the interim.
- PSEA Coordinators were asked to compile best practices adapted to their contexts. However, cost-sharing models were not always sustainable across contexts.
- USG Saunders has a keen interest in addressing the recurrent funding issue. USG Saunders brought this issue to the various Principals he has met and will raise it at the high-level Steering Group.
- IA PSEA Coordinator for Somalia, Stephen Mushekwa deployed as of 7 November.

Action Point:

- IASC Secretariat to provide a one-pager for best practices on cost-shared PSEA Coordinator positions.

## 5. AOB

### **SG's Special Measures Report**

**[www.un.org/preventing-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/content/secretary-generals-reports](http://www.un.org/preventing-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/content/secretary-generals-reports)**

- The structure has thematic blocks. The IASC work can be represented under various blocks such as investigations, VCA, etc.
- Senior Coordinators on PSEAH is suggesting a collaborative approach, by putting the template on a Google Drive and members to make suggestions.
- For those unable to provide comments on Google Doc, TAG members are invited to send their comments to Nina Lacroix with a copy to Ghulam Ghous.
- OSCSEA specified that the SMR is not about branding or promoting one initiative but about focusing on challenges, issues and those that were overcome. The word count is important and needs to be strictly respected.
- The deadline for IASC inputs for the SMR is Monday 28 November.

### **Field support**

IASC Secretariat PSEA Advisor Ghulam Ghous will be the primary focal point for field queries. Queries on specific workstream will be directly channeled to workstream leads. IASC Secretariat to track incoming queries.

#### **Action Points:**

- Investigations ToR for final endorsement before 21 November.
- Circulate background paper/ written update for the Principals' meeting to the TAG.
- Ad-hoc TAG to discuss revised PSEA Coordinator mechanism proposal and FAQs.
- TAG to comment on the baseline on key perceptions.
- TAG members to update PSEA Coordinators tracking sheet
- IASC Secretariat to develop a one-pager for best practices on cost-shared PSEA Coordinator positions.