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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE RISK OVERVIEW

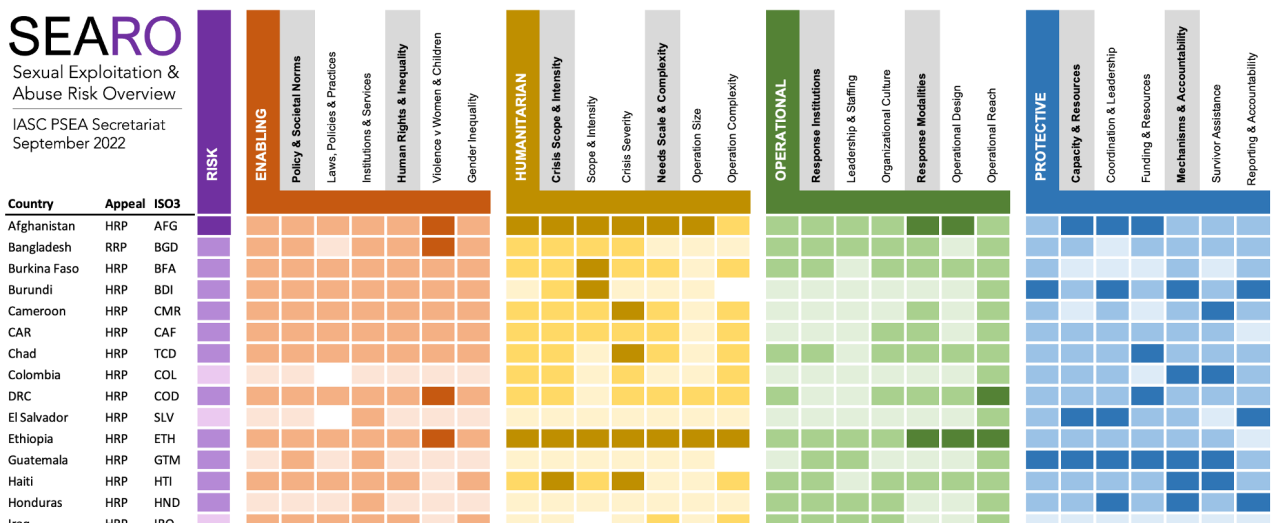## RISK ANALYSIS for ADDRESSING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION and ABUSE

Women and children face an ongoing risk of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) by aid workers in countries with active humanitarian operations. In recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated factors contributing to SEA. In a context where humanitarian funds are limited, it's critical for the international community to be able to effectively identify, prevent, reduce and address incidents of SEA.

The SEA Risk Overview is a Composite Index that brings together indicators on a range of different factors that can influence the risk of SEA. Understanding risk can help IASC members and donors make the most strategic use of limited humanitarian resources by prioritizing issues and countries of concern.

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Country	Appeal	ISO3	RISK	ENABLING						HUMANITARIAN						OPERATIONAL						PROTECTIVE					
				Policy & Societal Norms	Laws, Policies & Practices	Institutions & Services	Human Rights & Inequality	Violence v Women & Children	Gender Inequality	Crisis Scope & Intensity	Scope & Intensity	Crisis Severity	Needs Scale & Complexity	Operation Size	Operation Complexity	Response Institutions	Leadership & Staffing	Organizational Culture	Response Modalities	Operational Design	Operational Reach	Capacity & Resources	Coordination & Leadership	Funding & Resources	Mechanisms & Accountability	Survivor Assistance	Reporting & Accountability
Afghanistan	HRP	AFG																									
Bangladesh	RRP	BGD																									
Burkina Faso	HRP	BFA																									
Burundi	HRP	BDI																									
Cameroon	HRP	CMR																									
CAR	HRP	CAF																									
Chad	HRP	TCD																									
Colombia	HRP	COL																									
DRC	HRP	COD																									
El Salvador	HRP	SLV																									
Ethiopia	HRP	ETH																									
Guatemala	HRP	GTM																									
Haiti	HRP	HTI																									
Honduras	HRP	HND																									
Iraq	HRP	IRQ																									

The SEA Risk Overview identifies countries with ongoing humanitarian response operations that have a heightened risk of SEA, as well as some of the key factors that drive that risk The SEA Risk Overview categorizes humanitarian response operations according to their level of risk, enables comparisons of risk between operations, and monitors how those risks change over time

The occurrence of SEA, like other forms of gender-based violence, cannot be predicted, but by better understanding the factors that influence SEA incidents, SEARO aims to highlight where those risk factors are greatest and therefore where incidents are more likely to occur, providing a valuable tool to help prevent, identify and address SEA.

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HOW IT WORKS

The SEA Risk Overview analyses information about many different factors that influence the likelihood of SEA occurring as well as the capacity of the humanitarian community to reduce that risk and address incidents of SEA where they occur. The SEA-RO organises those factors into four dimensions:

Enabling Environment: the strength of national laws and policies that provide protections to children and women from sexual abuse and exploitation; social and gender norms and practices that normalize and sustain the risk; observed incidents of violence against women and children; as well as data on gender inequalities and poverty

Humanitarian Context: the geographic scope and intensity of crises in the country and the situation of people affected; and the size and complexity of the humanitarian response operation

Operational Context: the design of the humanitarian response operation, including the types of assistance and how its delivered and monitored; and the awareness and commitment of aid workers and humanitarian organisations to prevent, identify and address any incidents of SEA

Protective Environment: specific mechanisms and resources put in place by the humanitarian community to raise awareness, engage with communities, establish complaint mechanisms, investigate incidents of SEA, and support survivors

RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ABUSE

Dimension	Enabling Environment				Humanitarian Context				Operational Context				Protective Environment			
Category	Policy & Societal Norms		Human Rights & Gender Equality		Crisis Scope & Intensity		Response Scale & Complexity		Response Modalities		Response Institutions		Capacity & Resources		Mechanisms & Accountability	
Component	Laws, Policies & Practices	Institutions & Services	Violence Against Women & Children	Gender Inequalities	Crisis Scope & Intensity	Crisis Severity	Operational Size	Operatial Complexity	Operational design & Management	Operational Reach	Leadership & Staffing	Institutional Culture & Practices	Funding & Resources	Coordination & Programming	Reporting & Accountability	Survivor Assitance

Where do the data come from?

SEARO aggregates data from a range of credible, publicly available sources, such as United Nations agencies, governments and multilateral organizations. These data must meet five criteria to be included in SEARO: They must be relevant, of high quality, consistent across countries and over time, updated regularly and provide sufficient geographical coverage. SEARO is being pre-released as a beta version in order to allow use and testing of the model under real-world conditions. We ask for your feedback and suggestions on how the model can be improved to better reflect SEA risks and serve as a useful tool in understanding and addressing such risks.

Which countries are included?

SEARO covers countries that have a Humanitarian Response Plan, Emergency Response Plan or Flash Appeal. Future versions of the model will see countries added and removed in line with the publication of response plans. SEARO will be updated in accordance with new emerging humanitarian responses. In the event of a major new humanitarian emergency arising between updates, a special update of the index could be carried out to include the affected country.

Download and learn more about SEARO: https://psea.interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-sea-risk-overview-index

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