

2023 IASC MAPPING EXERCISE on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

I. OVERVIEW

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) mapping exercise tracks collective progress on accelerating protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) among all countries with a humanitarian response plan or equivalent. It is based on IASC commitments and priority areas and is conducted annually by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), on behalf of the IASC.

Since 2019, more than 40 countries have participated in annual surveys that collect data for the [IASC PSEA Dashboard](#). From 2022, the mapping exercise is based on the revised IASC PSEA Core Indicators, a selection of the most relevant measures that are to be tracked over time.

II. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the mapping exercise is to report against PSEA Core Indicators as defined in the United Nations Country Team (UNCT)/ Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Action Plan Template.

The mapping exercise also aims to:

- Collect qualitative and quantitative data on progress towards the achievement of defined PSEA targets and objectives by country.
- Establish benchmarks against which future progress can be measured.
- Identify areas that require additional support or strengthened capacity.
- Inform the IASC community, donors and global stakeholders on overall progress towards PSEA commitments and priorities.

III. PARTICIPANTS AND RESPONDENTS

All countries with humanitarian response operations in 2023 are requested to participate in the 2023 PSEA mapping exercise. Humanitarian Coordinators should oversee the exercise with technical leadership from the PSEA Coordinator or designated focal point. The exercise should be conducted in consultation and agreement with PSEA Network/PSEA Task Force members. Where there is no inter-agency structure available, HCT/UNCT focal points should complete the exercise.

IV. QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

The 2023 mapping exercise comprises 38 questions that have been updated and reformulated based on the 2022 mapping exercise. All questions correspond to PSEA Core Indicators (monitoring the minimum actions required for Country Action Plans) except for three questions to capture information on other PSEA key achievements and challenges/needs.

Questions have been informed by the IASC PSEA Indicators, and the proposed methods of computation are included in the *IASC PSEA Core Indicators Guidance Note – Second Edition 2024*. Responses are both quantitative (number and/or percentage) and qualitative (scales, open-ended and multiple choice).

Two types of responses are requested:

1. Aggregated data based on the answers provided by members of the PSEA Network/Task Force.
2. Collective answers reflecting the status/condition of the PSEA Network/Task Force.

V. COLLECTING RESPONSES

IASC PSEA Core Indicators Guidance Note- Second Edition 2024

The Guidance Note supports UNCTs, HCTs, inter-agency PSEA Coordinators and networks during planning, data collection and reporting of progress at country level using a standard list of core indicators to help accelerate results on PSEA.

The Guidance Note should be read and referred to when completing the 2023 mapping. It includes a description and definition of all IASC PSEA Core Indicators as well as methods of calculation.

2023 Mapping Response Collection Tool

The 2023 Mapping Response Collection Tool is an Excel file that facilitates the collection and aggregation of quantitative and qualitative data. UNICEF will compile responses from countries and process the data at global level.

The Excel file contains a main response sheet where all questions, responses and comments are displayed. The 'About' tab includes instructions, and additional sheets are included to facilitate the collection of numerical data. Respondents should carefully read instructions and tips included in the 'About' tab before responding to questions.

Respondents will be asked to provide a narrative explanation for each response. Examples of good practices and areas of weakness or challenges should also be identified, along with constructive suggestions for improvement.

Gathering collective data

For some quantitative indicators, individual data from members of the PSEA Network/Task Force should be submitted to the PSEA Coordinator in charge of collecting and aggregating data. For

qualitative indicators reflecting the collective status of the PSEA Network/Task Force, responses are to be discussed and agreed collectively. The completed Response Collection Tool should be shared with the PSEA Network/Task Force for final validation before submission to the Humanitarian Coordinator.

Tips for completing the Response Collection Tool:

- When aggregating data from different agencies/organizations, identify and highlight any differences, especially in methods of computation. Insert any corrections if needed, but avoid any data manipulation.
- Identify and report any data gaps or missing data values. If gaps cannot be corrected by the data collector, please indicate under “Comments”. It should be further assessed – in consultation with UNICEF if necessary – whether the missing data invalidates the data point, or whether the existing data can still be used and mitigated with other available information.
- Ensure that data is disaggregated, where applicable, and highlight any differences between different groups in the responses. To comply with the child- and gender-sensitive approach, the identification of differences requires sufficiently detailed data across vulnerable groups. Therefore, the suggestions on data disaggregation that are included in the IASC PSEA Core Indicators Guidance Note should be considered.

Reporting

The Response Collection Tool should be submitted by **21 June 2024** to:

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For questions or assistance, please also contact: IvanaChapcakova ichapcakova@unicef.org

VI. TIMELINE

For the 2023 mapping exercise, responses are to be collected from **1 January to 31 December 2023**. Assuming that all countries submit their responses by the requested deadline, data will be processed, analysed and included in the [IASC PSEA Dashboard](#) by the end of July 2024.

VII. ANALYSING AND CONSOLIDATING RESULTS

Once responses from all countries have been received, UNICEF, with support from the IASC Secretariat, will process, consolidate, and analyse the data. At this time, countries may be asked to provide additional information to better understand any missing response or data gap.

Data will be analysed by aggregating responses from countries, comparing responses with previous years and displaying results at country and global level. For quality assurance purposes, UNICEF retains the final say in determining the validity of the data presented by countries to be uploaded to the Dashboard.

VIII. DISPLAYING RESULTS ON THE PSEA DASHBOARD

The global results and information by country will be displayed on the [IASC PSEA Dashboard](#). The IASC community of practice, PSEA country teams, donors and others will have access to the results of the mapping exercise through this interactive site.

Related resources:

- 2023 IASC PSEA Mapping Response Collection Tool
- IASC PSEA Core Indicators Guidance Note- Second Edition 2024 (and Annex)
- [IASC PSEA Dashboard](#)