

Terms of Reference Somalia PSEA Network

1. Leadership and Membership

The Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network in Somalia will function under the auspices of the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC).

Each partner/entity will be technically represented by its PSEA Focal Points.

The PSEA Network will be chaired by the PSEA Coordinator and will be co-chaired by members nominated through a transparent process and on rotational basis.

The PSEA network will meet monthly the last Wednesday of each month at 10.00 a.m. or more frequently accordingly to specific needs and urgencies.

2. Responsibilities

The PSEA Network is responsible for:

- Ensuring implementation of PSEA prevention and response interventions by all relevant actors in Somalia.
- Ensuring that all PSEA Network members are trained on the procedures for safely and confidentially referring and handling SEA complaints.
- Raising awareness on SEA.
- Monitoring any gaps in assistance coverage and working with relevant actors to mobilize resources to address them.

3. Tasks

The Network will work on:

A. Engagement with Inter cluster/sector/stakeholder's and Support to Local Populations

- Conduct ongoing discussions with affected communities to assess their knowledge of PSEA.
- In cooperation with local communities, ensure complaint mechanism is in place in each community where the UN and NGOs work.
- Ensure that the mechanism is safe, accessible, and confidential and tailored to the needs of each geographical area.
- Raise awareness in local communities on their rights, the standards of conduct expected of personnel of the UN and NGOs and the various contacts and entry points where they can lodge complaints/discuss incidents.
- Ensure and, as necessary, coordinate the provision of awareness raising on SEA for all personnel in the country, including their responsibility to report all suspicions of sexual exploitation and abuse committed by colleagues (ST/SGB/2003/13 section 3.2 (e) for UN staff and related personnel).

The PSEA Network is NOT responsible for investigation or adjudication of complaints, or for dealing directly with complainants. Investigations of complaints or allegations of SEA should be undertaken exclusively by trained professionals of the Concerned Entity or by the

established Investigative body affiliated with Entity, that are charged with this responsibility and who have the necessary skills and competence to undertake such investigations appropriately.

B. Prevention

Develop a system of identification of risk factors responding to the country-specific context, share information about potential risk factors and areas of concern and develop strategies to minimize them.

C. Response systems

- Implement the Somalia SEA Reporting Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and all PSEA tools endorsed by the Somalia UNCT/HCT including with respect to provision of assistance and feedback to complainants/survivors.
- In collaboration with GBV partners, ensure that the victims assistance mechanism is in place, avoiding creating parallel SEA-Specific services.

D. Management and Coordination

- Implement Somalia PSEA Action Plan 2022-2023 and develop next Action Plans for the PSEA in Somalia.
- Coordinate trainings for all Focal Points and managers on their PSEA roles and responsibilities.
- Share information on achievements, best practices and/or effective mechanisms in addressing SEA and make recommendations to relevant entities for action. Develop plans for monitoring implementation of recommended actions.
- Support entities to adhere to applicable monitoring and compliance mechanisms.

E. Reporting

- The PSEA Network will report quarterly – or an ad hoc, urgent basis, if required - to the Steering Committee and the Resident Coordinator through the PSEA Coordinator on prevention and response activities undertaken. These reports will contribute to the RC's annual report on PSEA in Somalia.

4. TORs Expiration

The PSEA Network TORs are adopted for a period of 1 year starting from June 2022. At the expiration date of one year an auto evaluation of the implementation of the TORs will be carried out by PSEA Network members and necessary adjustments included in a revised version. If no adjustments are necessary, the TORs are automatically considered to be renewed for one year (renewable)

