

IA PSEA Coordinators Community of Practice (CoP)

Terms of Reference (ToRs)

1. Background

The Interagency Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Coordinators Community of Practice (CoP) was established as a collaborative platform to provide a collaborative space to the PSEA Coordinators globally. Its main aim is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, peer support, and the exchange of best practices and resources across diverse humanitarian settings. With sexual exploitation and abuse presenting significant challenges in humanitarian responses, the CoP provides coordinators with the necessary tools and strategies to coordinate PSEA actively.

The CoP offers a space where PSEA Coordinators from different countries can interact, share experiences, and engage in collective problem-solving. Through regular meetings, workshops, and resource-sharing, members exchange practical insights and explore solutions to common challenges. This network helps ensure greater coherence and consistency in the implementation of PSEA policies, contributing to a more unified and effective response to SEA across humanitarian operations. It is also an opportunity for PSEA Coordinators and a.i. Coordinators to contribute to global policy-making and learn about updates of international and regional standards.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the PSEA Coordinators Community of Practice are to:

- Facilitate knowledge sharing and the exchange of experiences, lessons learned, and best practices in implementing PSEA programs. Strengthen coordination among PSEA Coordinators across different countries and regions.
- Provide a platform for problem-solving and collaborative approaches to challenges encountered in PSEA coordination.
- Promote consistency and coherence in the application of global policy at country level.
- Support the development of stronger, more coherent PSEA coordination mechanisms.
- Foster peer support to overcome common challenges and issues faced in the field.
- Provide access to a repository of shared tools, guidelines, and resources.
- Promote accountability and transparency on PSEA activities across organizations and sectors.
- Facilitate information sharing and learning on global policy/standards
- Encourage innovation in PSEA practices and policies through collaborative efforts.

3. Scope of Activities

The CoP will undertake the following activities to achieve its objectives:

- **Actively Participating in Regular Meetings**
The CoP will hold monthly virtual meetings to discuss emerging trends, challenges, and developments in PSEA coordination. These meetings will facilitate sharing field experiences and solutions to common challenges as well as discuss global policy developments. Ad-hoc meetings may be convened as necessary to address urgent issues.
- **Knowledge and Experience Sharing**
The CoP will foster the exchange of technical knowledge, tools, and guidance on PSEA implementation, sharing best practices and lessons learned.
- **Engaging in Events**
With the lead of the OCHA/IASC PSEA Team, webinars, workshops, and thematic discussions

on key issues will be organized. These events will focus on practical skill-building to address current challenges in PSEA work. The CoP will support and attend the events.

- **Resource Library**

The CoP will support the IASC online repository by sharing guidelines, toolkits, reports, and other resources developed at the country level.

4. Membership and Structure

- **Membership:** The Community of Practice (CoP) is open to all inter-agency PSEA Coordinators or acting PSEA Coordinators who are actively working in IASC Priority Countries. PSEA Coordinators from other contexts and other, PSEA practitioners can be invited upon request and/or need.
- **Chair:** The IASC Secretariat chairs and provides secretariat services to the COP. The Secretariat is also responsible for ensuring effective two-way communication between country-based inter-agency PSEA Coordinators and the TAG (Technical Advisory Group).
- **Frequency:** Regular meetings will take place on a monthly basis (second Tuesday of each month) to ensure consistent engagement and updates within the Community of Practice (CoP). However, additional ad-hoc meetings may be organized as needed to address specific issues or respond to urgent developments in the field.