

IASC Technical Advisory Group Meeting
12 March 2025
15:00-16:30 (GVA/CET)
Meeting Summary

Agenda

1. TAG work plan update

- PSEA Coordinator Performance review

2. Point on draft SBP MoU and Undertaking PSEA clauses

3. AOB

- Update on the HNPW sessions
- PSEAH Forum Theatre

1. TAG work plan updates

UNICEF informed that activity 1.6.1 funded by the US was on hold. On activity 1.1.2, UNICEF will be able to support several PSEA Networks, including a possible in-person training in Madagascar and online training for DRC. Other activities are ongoing, with a draft of the updated technical note on victim assistance to be shared in May with the TAG (activity 1.1.1), and consultations and launch of a global survey (activity 1.2.2) forthcoming. WFP reminded of the championship updates/reports which had been shared earlier in February with all TAG members. WFP is looking to engage the PSEA Champion Advisory Group in existing global fora, national networks, and events and is also working on community materials under activity 1.7.1.

UNFPA and OVRA held a meeting of the practitioners' group earlier on 12 March activity 1.2.1 and divided into sub-groups, with one focused on a package of services and one on resourcing models. The SEARP-related activities (1.3.1 and 3.4.1), co-led by IOM and UNHCR, have been impacted by US funding reductions and consultations were being wrapped up earlier than planned. The objective is now to finalize the remaining annexes, which include the SOPs country template and guidance on information sharing. A short analysis will also be conducted with the data collected from completed country consultations. Finally, the CHS Alliance mentioned their grant was terminated for activity 1.6.2, related to investigations, and they are now engaging in resource mobilization.

The IASC updated the TAG members on overall in-country coordination capacity (Commitment 3). A few contracts are running out, but funding has been secured for the following countries: Afghanistan, Palestine, Lebanon, and Ukraine. For DRC, the position of the national Coordinator was not renewed in February due to a lack of funding. Finally, for South Sudan, there are concerns about fundraising for the coordinator's position, whose contract is ending in May.

- **PSEA Coordinator Performance review**

PSEACap is currently enhancing its standardized approach for measuring and evaluating the performance of PSEACap Coordinators (linked to activity 3.2.1). This approach seeks inputs from key stakeholders, in particular the PSEA network members to enrich performance discussions and feedback as well as work planning for future cycles. The plan involves aligning the self-evaluations conducted by PSEACap Coordinators with feedback from the Network partners' survey to identify areas for improvement in the next performance cycle. This performance evaluation will be introduced mindfully, by looking at the performance of the Network as a joint responsibility, and as a way to get feedback on the functioning of the Networks.

2. Point on draft SBP MoU and Undertaking PSEA clauses

The draft MoU and undertaking PSEA clauses which were circulated with the TAG in late February were based on a series of consultations with UN entities, Standby Partners, Deploying Agencies, and Technical Experts, adopting a multi-disciplinary approach by including SBP Focal Points, PSEA Focal Points, the legal department, HR, the Investigation team, etc.

When it comes to the structure of the MoU, the first 5 paragraphs serve to establish the foundation for PSEA, with the 2003 SG bulletin on Special Measures for PSEA as the starting point.

The next paragraphs are organized around different key areas:

- The screening of deployees: The MoU explicitly mentions the need for screening by SBPs and the right of the UN to conduct integrity checks and to inform SBPs of the results. There is often a lack of transparency and communication on the screening process and the use of ClearCheck and the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme (around due process and data protection). It is, therefore, recommended to have data-sharing agreements between SBPs and the UN to address these issues.
- Mandatory training and expectation to use UN prevention and reporting tools. There are expectations, related to the 2003 SG bulletin, that SBP has to prevent, investigate, and inform on SEA.
- Victim-centered Approach to investigations. There was a lot of disagreement around including a VCA in the MoU. The deployee, under this MoU, is obliged to follow UN policies. The deployee has privileges and immunities, but there are also obligations and rights by the UN, that might supersede the SBP's wishes in case handling.
- Victim services, based on a VCA.
- Accountability of deployees, based on the regulation governing the status on basic rights and duties of the experts on missions.
- Reporting to donors: each party reports in respect to donor agreements.

During the discussion it was emphasized that

- updating an MoU can be a lengthy arduous process with a lot of stakeholders involved.

- the draft MoU and Undertaking clauses were also circulated with the SBP Network and other stakeholders

Action point:

- TAG to provide feedback on the clauses by COB Monday, 18 March 2025

3. AOB

- **Update on the HNPW sessions**

The IASC reminded the TAG members of some upcoming events:

- HRC 58th side event: hybrid event on **“Combating Sexual Abuse of Children in Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Contexts”** organized jointly by the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale, SEA of children, OSCSEA, and IASC | **Monday, 17 March 2025 14:00-15:30 CET**. [Click here to sign up](#)
- HNPW:
 - Online event on **“Better together: How PSEA, Gender and Protection work together to make better decisions”**, organized jointly by the IASC Inter-Agency Protection, Gender and PSEA Standby Capacity Projects | **Tuesday, 18 March 2025 14:00 to 15:30 CET**. [Click here to sign up](#)
 - Hybrid event on **“Localizing PSEA: Working Together for Lasting Impact”**, organized by the IASC PSEAH Champion, WFP | **Thursday, 27 March 2025 14:00-15:30 CET**. [Click here to sign up](#)
- **PSEAH Forum Theatre**

FAO highlighted that the Swiss development corporation's permanent mission in Rome, in close collaboration with WFP, IFAD, and FAO, will be hosting the PESEAH Forum Theatre Event on March 20, 2025, with senior representatives from different permanent missions to Rome. This event will be exclusively in person; however, updates will be shared during the next TAG meeting.

Annexes

- List of Participants

No	Name	Organisation
TAG Members/Observers		
1.	Angela Wiens	International Medical Corps/ICVA
2.	Carina Hickling	NORCAP/PSEACap
3.	Christos Mylonas	WHO
4.	Clara Gomez	UNOPS
5.	Denise Hauser	OHCHR

6.	Eva Modvig	FAO
7.	Georgina Lund	Care International
8.	Ivana Chapcakova	UNICEF
9.	Jennifer Emond	OSCSEA
10.	Joanne Dunn	IFRC
11.	Julia Schipper	UNOPS
12.	Karen Barnett	Mercy Corps (for InterAction)
13.	Laura Silva	IFRC
14.	Livia Mueller	UNFPA
15.	Liz Pender	UNFPA
16.	Margaret Lamunu	WHO
17.	Martina Boström	CHS Alliance
18.	Najla Nassif Palma	Victims' Rights Advocate
19.	Natalia Macdonald	WFP
20.	Nicoleta Dumitru	WHO
21.	Paulien Vandendriessche	ICRC
22.	Petra Forsstrom De Leon	Global Fund
23.	Ranya Al-Jaberi	UN Women
24.	Sonja Wendlinger	OSCSEA
25.	Valeria Bove	OVRA
26.	Veerle Triquet	WFP
27.	Yanthe Cornelissen	UNDP
28.	Yoko Iwasa	UNHCR
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