

IASC PSEAH Technical Advisory Group Meeting
9 April 2025
15:00-16:30 (GVA/CET)
Meeting Summary

Agenda

- 1. GEAP Gender Transformative Leadership Training (OCHA Gender Unit)**
- 2. Sustainable and effective PSEAH Resourcing – Wilton Park**
- 3. Discussion on resourcing priorities**
- 4. AOB**

1. Gender Transformative Leadership Training (OCHA Gender Unit)

The OCHA Senior Gender Adviser provided an update on the UN Gender Equality Acceleration Plan, a process initiated in 2022 with a “Gender Review” across the whole system. One of the key gaps identified through this review was the insufficient focus on addressing SEAH. The Clarion call to action was issued in March, emphasizing the need to prioritize SEAH within broader gender efforts. The initiative seeks to leverage existing networks and foster system-wide synergies. Currently, 12 UN entities are contributing to the development and implementation of the plan, driven by the Secretary-General’s call for the UN system to do better for women and girls and to meaningfully advance gender equality and women’s rights.

A key leadership commitment is ensuring that UN leadership undergoes **gender transformative trainings**. There will be a 3-hour training for UN Senior leaders in May. The aim will be to ensure that protection, GBV, and PSEA are included in the discussions. As part of the zero-tolerance approach to SEAH, there is a strong focus on enhancing support for survivors and determining how the system can better provide this assistance.

In times of austerity and reprioritization, it is crucial to maintain a strong focus on our advocacy efforts, ensuring that protection-related issues are not deprioritized.

Action point: Explore linkages between Prevention workstream led by UNFPA and GEAP.

2. Sustainable and effective PSEAH Resourcing – Wilton Park

The Senior Humanitarian Advisor from the FCDO safeguarding unit shared key findings from a multi-stakeholder working group focused on resourcing PSEAH comprehensively. The group included representatives from IFIs, NGOs, the private sector, trusts and foundations, governments, and the OECD, with the UK serving as the secretariat. It aimed to develop a system-wide understanding of PSEAH resourcing needs and mechanisms, and to propose ways to strengthen sustainable resourcing – by considering all human, financial, and technical resources.

A think piece (November 2024), outlined a business case for investment, a joint analysis of resourcing achievements and challenges, a proposed investment structure, and key priorities across different levels

of investment. This document is currently being updated, and the upcoming Wilton Park event will provide an opportunity to revisit it in light of recent developments.

In terms of resourcing achievements and challenges, while investments in PSEAH have significantly contributed to recent progress, they remain largely short-term and uncoordinated. Increased resources alone would not be enough and there is need to identify efficiencies and reinforce linkages between PSEAH, GBV prevention, and gender equality programming. The think piece offered tailored recommendations for both institutional and non-institutional donors. Most recently, the approach has been reframed around three pillars: Protect, Prioritize, and Streamline. This means to protect and promote the principle of zero tolerance to inaction on SEAH and other hard-won gains of recent years, and at the same time to focus on critical priority actions and a more streamlined, efficient way of working.

3. Discussion on resourcing priorities

The IASC shared the findings of the survey conducted among TAG members to identify key resourcing priorities. This brief survey was designed to gather concrete input to inform a discussion on assessing current needs and reaching consensus on urgent, practical recommendations for safeguarding, prioritizing, and streamlining PSEAH efforts in the current climate and priorities to promote at the upcoming Wilton Park event for sustainable and effective resourcing models to prevent SEA and SH.

Some of the key results from the survey are:

- Critical priorities at the global level highlighted: rolling out and ensuring survivor-centered approaches to assistance at all levels (global, country, organizational).
- The important potential of Women-led organisations (WLO).
- The need to prioritize coherent approaches and tools, such as through the PSEA action plan
- The most promising opportunities for collective action on PSEAH and GBV are service mapping by/with GBV actors and sharing of funding proposals and donor engagement.

Action point: *IASC to share the trends and draft recommendations - based on the data - for input by the TAG.*

Action point: *IASC to recirculate the message from Christian Saunders sent to the RCs in March*

4. AOB

- UNICEF provided an update on the launch of the 2024 **mapping exercise**, scheduled for this month. Countries will have one month for data collection. Once submitted, the data will undergo global-level quality assurance, followed by country-level analysis and aggregation of global results, with the development of dashboards that should be finalized in June/early July.
- An upcoming panel discussion to mark the **fifth anniversary of the UN Protocol on the Provision of Assistance to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse** will be organized on 28 April.
- OSCSEA gave an update on the **2025 PSEA annual survey** which aims to engage additional stakeholders including NGO for the 2025 round.
- **PSEA on the IASC Principals agenda:** Following the February Principals' meeting, a one-hour slot on PSEAH during the in-person Principals' meeting in June should be secured. WFP, in its role as IASC PSEA Champion, will prepare asks in consultation with all relevant stakeholders to be presented.

These could draw on recommendations emerging from the Wilton Park discussions. WFP will reach out to TAG members closer to the June meeting to align on a few clear and actionable proposals, for example, an agreement on inter-agency PSEA budget-sharing, reaffirming commitment to the IASC PSEA strategy, and initiating a discussion on whether to advance the investigation workstream.

Action Point: TAG members to support the exercise with their in-country counterparts in contexts targeted.

Action Point: The Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate and UNICEF will circulate more information.

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Annexes

- List of Participants

| No | Name | Organisation |
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| 13. | Isabella Castrogiovanni | WFP |
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