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IASC PSEAH Technical Advisory Group Meeting
11 June 2025
15:00-16:30 (GVA/CET)
Meeting Summary
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Agenda

1. **TAG Workplan**
   - Discussion on prioritization
   - Updates on activities
2. **IASC Principals meeting**
   - Update on the Humanitarian Rest
   - PSEAH Capacity at Country Level
   - Point on the Next Global PSEAH Champion
3. **AOB**
   - PSEAH Capacity at Headquarters Level
   - Next Global Workshop in September
   - ECOSOC Side event

The meeting began with a brief recap of action points from the previous session. The IASC noted that the final key messages from the Wilton Park event had not yet been circulated but would be shared with the TAG once available. Regarding the updated Standby Partner Clause, the consultant explained that a separate process is underway through the SBP Network to advance this workstream. Consultations have been held with UN agencies to assess their progress on implementing the MoU, and a meeting with FCDO is also planned. Additionally, the consultant is developing guidelines to assist UN and NGO partners, including, for instance, work on robust vetting and the investigation communication protocol.

1- TAG Workplan

This open discussion on the TAG Workplan aimed to assess which activities TAG members can still actively support, where the biggest impact can be galvanized and what might need to be deprioritized. The TAG Workplan is based on the IASC PSEAH 2022-2026 Strategy and its three commitments. In April 2025, a survey had been conducted among TAG members, identifying key priority areas for intervention in light of the funding reductions. The survey findings had re-confirmed the continued pertinence of the workstreams of the IASC PSEAH strategy, with top priorities including the implementation of a survivor-centered approach to assistance, establishing appropriate country-level funding modalities or sources for collective PSEA efforts, conducting SEAH risk analysis, prevention, and monitoring.

TAG members were then invited to share an update on the status of their respective activities.

First, **UNICEF** reported progress on several activities, particularly in the area of victim assistance. For activity 1.1.1, they will soon share an updated version of the Victim Assistance Technical Note with the TAG for review and feedback. Under activity 1.1.2, UNICEF has continued to support HCTs in implementing the Technical Note, recently delivering training sessions in Madagascar and the DRC, with an online training planned for Burundi. Regarding activity 1.2.2, the review of protocol

implementation is ongoing, and UNICEF intends to provide an update to TAG members at the next meeting.

Regarding activity 3.1.1, the IASC SEA Risk Overview was updated in June 2025 with support from OCHA. For activity 3.3.5, the 2024 mapping exercise is underway, involving 35 countries.

Finally, activity 1.6.1, which focused on barriers to reporting and developing a programming model for SEA reporting, has been put on hold due to funding constraints. As a result, UNICEF has proposed to deprioritize this activity in the work plan.

- *Action point: UNICEF to present, at the next TAG meeting, preliminary findings on the VA protocol implementation review (activity 1.2.2)*

Then, **WFP** is also progressing in its activities and does not anticipate the need to deprioritize any of them. The Advisory Group workstream under activity 1.2.3 is on track. For activity 1.4.1, related to the expert panel, the manual is currently being finalized. The "PSEA on the Frontline" Phase 2 initiative, activity 1.7.1, was shared with TAG members and is expected to be finalized soon. The manual and the KPIs will have a soft launch on 12 June, with the support of the ASG of OVRA. For the IASC learning tool for NGO partners, activity 3.8.1, WFP is targeting completion by September/October 2025. Lastly, under activity 3.9.1 on cluster capacity strengthening, WFP plans to share with the TAG in August and finalize the work by September 2025.

UNFPA and OVRA emphasized the importance of maintaining a focus on activities that uphold the rights of victims. Under activity 1.2.1, the Practitioner Working Group continues to meet monthly and has now been divided into two subgroups: one exploring resourcing models by examining various scenarios, and another developing a compendium to define minimum standards/specific needs of SEA victims.

The Global Fund and UNFPA have launched activity 2.4.1. The working groups are prioritizing practical and achievable outcomes across three key areas: definition of prevention and criteria development (focusing on an agreed open definition of prevention in the context of SEA, develop core criteria/standards for effective prevention and intervention), evidence mapping and analysis (compiling data), and interagency PSEAH prevention tool kit alignment (input in the UNFPA prevention toolkit). Activity 2.4.2 will be integrated into activity 2.4.1. and will be reformulated to align with the strategy commitments.

Action point: Activity 2.4.2 and 2.4.1. to be merged and connected to PSEAH strategy.

UNHCR also provided an update on the SEARP workstream. For activity 1.3.1, related to the revised approach and rollout of the Inter-Agency SEARP and its annexes, the draft report and recommendations have been shared with the TAG, and UNHCR is currently working to finalize the report. The English version of the SOP template has been completed, while the French translation is underway. One annex on information sharing is still being finalized. Under activity 3.4.1, good examples of collaboration among AAP/PSEA/GBV actors have been gathered through country-level consultations.

Finally, activity 3.4.2, focused on developing a budget template, has not yet been initiated. UNHCR proposed deprioritizing this activity, also noting that one key finding from the consultations was the importance of prioritizing locally led reporting channels and mechanisms. Therefore, creating a global-level budget template may prove complex and less practical. UNOPS shared that they are currently

working on a project-based PSEA response resourcing document and are willing to share it with the group to help move this activity forward.

- *Action point: UNOPS, UNFPA, and UNHCR to touch base and collaborate regarding the budget template, otherwise deprioritize it (activity 3.4.2)*

IOM indicated that they will not be able to lead activity 3.2.2, on PSEA Coordinators Training. UNDP, having co-organized the training previously, expressed interest in taking the lead on this activity. The TAG recognizes both the need for and the strong interest in continuing this training.

- *Action point: IOM and UNDP , possibly with WHO, to touch base on how to take action on activity 3.2.2*

UNDP mentioned they will be merging activities 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Working closely with leadership, they have developed UNCT courses and will be conducting in-person training for UNCT members in Brussels next week. Additionally, they are collaborating with the Ombudsman's office.

SCHR reported progress on activities 1.5.1 and 1.5.2 related to increasing participation in the MDS. They have just surpassed the 300-participant milestone and are on track to reach the target of 400. Regarding activity 2.2.1, which focuses on reexamining existing resources, SCHR proposed to deprioritize this activity.

CHS Alliance provided an update on the investigations workstream, specifically activity 1.6.2. Although they lost funding for this activity, they may have secured some resources to move it forward. As part of their current proposal, they are developing an online course on investigations for management.
For activity 2.3.4, a new HRS report will be released at the end of June and made available on the CHS Alliance website. Additionally, two dissemination events are planned at the country level to share key findings and recommendations.

WHO noted that activity 3.6.1 is still work in progress, but no further updates are available at this time.

- *Action point: IASC to follow up with IFRC on activity 3.7.1*

UNOPS and UN Women updated that most activities under activity 2.3.3, which focuses on identifying promising practices, are no longer active. They noted challenges in identifying new activities or practices, and as a result, this activity needed to be deprioritized.

OCHA and NORCAP provided an update on activity 3.2.1, thanking TAG members for their contributions to the satisfaction survey for PSEA Networks. This survey will be incorporated into the broader performance evaluation for PSEACaps. Additionally, the ongoing mapping exercise is helping to assess the effectiveness and impact of the network approach in all IASC countries via the IASC Core indicators, including those where a PSEACap is currently deployed.
Regarding activity 3.5.1, a compilation of practices has been utilized to support the financing of action plans and to inform discussions at the Wilton Park event and which can be shared.

Finally, the IASC PSEAH Team provided an update on the deployment status of PSEA Coordinators. Recruitments of PSEA Coordinators are ongoing in Palestine and Ukraine (need to clarify status & financing), while discussions in Lebanon and Venezuela are still underway. On the other hand, an expression of interest has been received for a PSEACap deployment in Syria. Finally, the position in the DRC has been extended but a durable solution has yet to be secured, and the deployment in Cameroon is nearing its end.

- *Action Point: The IASC to share with the TAG the updated June 2025 SEARO and the updated table of deployment status of PSEA Coordinators*

2- IASC Principals meeting

A background document had been shared with all Principals in preparation for the PSEAH session at the upcoming IASC Principals meeting on 17 June. The session will focus on the mid-point review of the IASC five-year PSEAH Vision and Strategy, highlighting both progress made and ongoing challenges. Additionally, a decision note was circulated outlining two key decision points:
- To encourage Principals to instruct their country representatives to support burden-sharing efforts, particularly in the context of limited resources.
- To reaffirm support for the IASC PSEA championship model by advocating for continued high-level leadership and political engagement to help drive the IASC PSEAH strategy to completion.

3- AOB
- PSEAH Capacity at Headquarters Level

The IASC PSEAH Team noted that some TAG members have received questions from donors regarding the impact of funding on PSEAH efforts, including the level of dedicated capacity at the country level. In response, the IASC proposed to organize a survey to assess PSEAH capacities. TAG members would be invited to share any available data (information on funding and staff reductions) if they are comfortable doing so.

- *Action point: IASC and OSCSEA to pull together a survey on PSEA capacities of TAG members' agencies*

- Point on the Global COP

The next Global COP meeting is scheduled to take place virtually from Monday, 15 September to Wednesday, 17 September 2025. TAG members are encouraged to share their ideas and suggestions for the event.

- ECOSOC Side Event

As part of the 2025 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, an in-person event titled "**Empower, Prioritize and Protect: Women and Girls at the Center of Humanitarian Action"** will be held on Monday, 16 June, from 11:00 to 12:30 in Conference Room XXI at the Palais des Nations. The event is co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Norway and Chile, in collaboration with UNFPA, UN Women, WFP, UNHCR, Save the Children, the IASC Secretariat, CARE, and Oxfam.

TAG members can register to attend via the following link: Registration form.

Annexes

- List of Participants

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