

SGBV Sub-Working Group

Syrian, African and Iraqi Refugee Response in Egypt

Summary of meeting minutes

Date: 20 Oct 2014

Venue: UNHCR Cairo, Zamalek Office

Chair: UNHCR

Agencies present: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, ACSFT, Care International, Caritas, Refugee Egypt, MSF, EFRR

1- Updates on SGBV activities/issues:

- SGBV case management panel: The SGBV case management panel, chaired by UNHCR, was established to create a confidential space to discuss and coordinate response to complex SGBV cases. Meetings will be held prior to the SGBV SWG, so that identified trends, gaps and coordination issues can be reported to the SGBV SWG.
 - ✓ *Follow-up*: During the next meeting, additional guidelines and procedures regarding required informed consent will be discussed.
- UNICEF reported that the Child Friendly Space located at the UNHCR FO Alexandria is now operational. In Damietta, one CFS is open, three more will be opened soon.
- UNFPA, in association with the Arab Medical Union, has almost completed the training series for medical practitioners. Furthermore, UNFPA is working with the Johns Hopkins University to develop a screening tool for SGBV cases.
- UNHCR: In order to prevent and respond more effectively to the issue of early marriage in the refugee community an *Early and Forced Marriage Task Force* has been created. The first meeting will focus on drafting ToR, initial strategy and work plan and will take place end of October. The TF will report back to the SGBV and CP SWGs and will be co-chaired by UNHCR and UNICEF.
- UNHCR: An IA Task Force, comprising UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, StARs and Care International, will review and finalize the current draft SOPs with a view to endorse those as soon as possible. The Task Force will hold its first meeting on 10 November and report back to the SGBV SWG.
- Caritas: Caritas is planning an event under the title '*I refuse to be exploited*' on 15 October. It is working around the national definition of exploitation. Caritas further noted that the general security situation is having a negative impact on refugee women.

2- Update on SGBV/CP Campaign:

The key priority areas for the SGBV/CP key messages campaign were agreed amongst all participants. The messages will be developed based on these topics and presented at the next SGBV SWG.

- ✓ *Follow-up*: Care, Caritas as well as the CP SWG to develop key messages with the communities and present them at the next SGBV SWG.

3- 16 Days of Activism against VAW:

The UNHCR global focus on this year's '*16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women*' (VAW) is on '*Protecting Rights and Preserving Childhoods: Working Together to Address Child Marriage*'. The SWG agreed to focus on the UNHCR global as well as the national topic (yet to be confirmed); activities should aim at raising awareness of SGBV prevention and response in refugee and impacted communities.

- ✓ *Follow-up*: UNFPA to inquire about the national topic for the 16 Days campaign; all members to provide update regarding concrete activities at the next SWG.

4- AOB:

Next SGBV SWG meeting: **10 November 2014**