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Refugee Sector Gender Focal Points Network Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 2 December 2021 [MS-Teams]



Attendees (8)

- Co-chair SGFPN [UNHCR]
- Co-chair SGFPN [UN Women]
- SGFP Food Security Sector [WFP]
- SGFP Livelihoods Sector [IRC]
- SGFP Shelter Sector [UNHCR]
- SGFP WASH Sector [Help]
- SGFP SRH Sub-Sector [IFH]
- UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit

1. Welcome Remarks and Agenda

The SGFPN Co-chairs from UN Women and UNHCR welcomed the participants, introduced the meeting agenda, and invited participants to add agenda items under AOB.

- Welcome
- Review of action points from the last meeting
- Gender Monitoring Dashboard cumulative Q1/Q2/Q3 2021
- SGFPN Work Plan: assessing implementation of 2021 and forward thinking for 2022
- AOB

2. Progress of Action Points from the Previous Meeting

Action Points	Responsible	Status
Contact UNHCR IACU on any support regarding establishment of Gender Monitoring Dashboard.	SGFPs	Ongoing Shelter, Food Security and SRH collaborated with UNHCR IACU designated Inter-Agency Focal Points in developing the GMD 2021
December SGFPN meeting to be organized in hybrid format (in person and via Teams).	SGFPN Co-chairs	Conducted virtually on MS- Teams due to the small number of SGFPs confirmed physical attendance
Contact IACU (Information Management) to request access to ActivityInfo to be able to extract data for Q4 Dashboard.	SGFPs + UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (IACU)	Ongoing
Compile Q4'21 Gender Monitoring Dashboard.	SGFPs	Due in January 2022

3. Gender Monitoring Dashboard Cumulative Q1/Q2/Q3 2021

The UNHCR SGFPN Co-chair provided a briefing on the background and objective of the Gender Monitoring Dashboard (GMD), as well as the process of developing it. The development of SGFPN GMD was delayed, and the UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit (IACU) took initiative to produce the cumulative Q1, Q2 and Q3 2021 GMD. As of 2 Deceber, the Gender Monitoring Dashboard have been completed for seven out of eight sectors (the Education GMD is in progress) and one sub-sector (SRH). The analysis indicated that all sectors used gender planning and monitoring tools (i.e., GAM, AGD, SADD). However, gender disaggregated data was not available in some activities (e.g., family planning -activities, 'blanket' distributions such as water distributions). Overall, it was found that coordination between stakeholders is established and strengthened and that there is equal inclusion of all groups. Yet there is still a need to further verify some of the Gender Monitoring Dashboard data using additional tools (e.g., focus group discussions). The key challenges with the Gender Monitoring Dashboard exercise remain the lack of data for some sectors and delays in reporting. An overall challenge has also been the limited commitment and capacities, or different priorities and availability of SGFPs within sectors to support the Gender Monitoring Dashboard exercise.

Overall recommendations highlighted were to: encourage partners' reporting; ensure the regularity and continuity of the Gender Monitoring Dashboard exercise; enhance engagement of SGFPs in this exercise; further analyze indicators vis-à-vis gender sensitivity, further verify Gender Monitoring Dashboard findings with qualitative exercises in the field (e.g., FGD, qualitative surveys); focus on translating gender gaps and challenges identified within sectors into opportunities; ensure further gender disaggregation for specific activities (e.g., 'blanket' services in the Shelter sector); enhance accessibility to services, including for persons with special needs (e.g., Protection, GBV and Shelter); use the dashboard findings for the sectors and SGFPN planning; consider review of the set gender indicators; use dashboard findings in fundraising, advocacy with donors, submission to JHF, etc.

The UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit shared the key findings and recommendations based on the example of the Health sector GMD.

The SGFP from SRHR sub-sector further shared experience in preparing the Gender Monitoring Dashboard for the SRHR sub-sector, highlighting the importance of the tool to inform gender-responsive programming and advocacy within each sector, yet also stressing lack of sex disaggregated data some of the gender indicators as a key gap.

In terms of next steps, it was agreed that SGFPs will follow-up further with the UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination Unit and their respective sector/sub-sector coordinators in preparation of 2021 Q4 dashboards for their respective sectors in January 2022.

4. SGFPN Work Plan: Assessing Implementation of 2021 and Forward Thinking for 2022

The UN Women SGFPN Co-chaired shared the key achievements and progress in implementing the SGFPN workplan in 2021. This was followed by an interactive exchange of opinions around the following questions / areas:

- What worked well
- What did not work well
- What have been challenges of implementation
- What are the opportunities and recommendations

The following key points were raised and recommendations made for the future SGFPN planning:

- Improve capacity building activities and gender related trainings, preferably in-person and both in English and in Arabic
- Enhance SGFPs' engagement with sectors including through development of the Gender Monitoring Dashboards,
 Multi-Sectoral Gender Profile and sector-specific gender work plans and trainings
- More sharing of good practices and success stories of gender equality activities within each sector in regular SGFPN meetings and in the potential knowledge products.
- Continue and expand focus on gender and localisation including engagement with JONAF and women's CSOs.

- Conduct mapping of overall gender equality initiatives/projects within all sectors. Use Gender Monitoring Dashboards as an advocacy tool.
- In 2022, focus on feasible and achievable activities.
- The challenges to find data for sector meetings demonstrate the need to further improve project indictors with respect to gender

SGFPN Co-chairs will prepare a draft SGFPN workplan 2022 based on these inputs and the progress updates on the SGFPN workplan for 2021 and share with the SGFPs for their inputs This will be further discussed during the next SGFPN February 2022 meetin.

5. AOB

It was agreed that given some SGFPN members will be on leave during the first week of January 2022, the next regular SGFPN meeting will be scheduled for 3rd February 2022.

Action Points	Responsible	Deadlines
Coordinate with the UNHCR Co-chair regarding the development of Q4 2021 Gender Monitoring Dashboard.	SGFPs + SGFPN UNHCR Co- chair	January 2022
Coordinate with the UNHCR Co-chair regarding access to ActivityInfo platform to extract data for Q4 Gender Monitoring Dashboard.	SGFPs +UNHCR SGFPN Co-chair	January2022
Develop Q4'21 Gender Monitoring Dashboard.	SGFPs	1 st half of January 2022
Prepare SGFPN draft workplan 2022 and share with SGFPs for inputs	SGFPN Co-chairs	January 2022

Next SGFPN Monthly Meeting

The next SGFPN monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, 3 February 2022, at 11:30 -13:00

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