IASC Gender Reference Group

Progress Report - January 2015-September 2015



KEY OBJECTIVES:

- **1. LEADERSHIP ON GENDER EQUALITY -** provide guidance and support, wherever feasible, to all bodies and structures of the IASC to be able to incorporate gender equality into relevant aspects of their work.
- **2. ACCOUNTABILITY TO GENDER EQUALITY** support and champion the IASC's commitment to work in an interagency fashion.
- **3. COORDINATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** Provide the humanitarian community with timely and practical information, tools and resources in order that they can meet its commitments to gender equality towards the goal of gender equality in all aspects of humanitarian action

KEY RESULTS FOR 2015	
1. Consolidated guidance on	In 2015, the GRG has developed and disseminated Gender Alerts for:
gender equality and women's	The Ebola Crisis in West Africa
empowerment in humanitarian	The Earthquake in Nepal
action	Conflict in Yemen
	Inputs to the Gender Alerts were gathered from HQ and the field, across the
	membership agencies – CARE, GBV AoR, GenCap, IMC, OCHA, Oxfam, UNDP. UNFPA,
	UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, WHO and WRC.
2. Gender in Humanitarian	The online training course was streamlined by UN Women so that sector experts could
Action On-Line Training	complete the course by focusing on their own area of interest (WASH, shelter, nutrition
	etc.), but with the option of taking all sectors if so desired. The course now takes 2
	hours, is hosted by UN Women's e-learning campus at
	https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/topics/gender
3. IASC Gender Marker Review	The GRG – in collaboration with OCHA - convened a task team to review the current
	model of the IASC Gender Marker and approved the following recommendations to be
	developed in advance of the start of the 2016 humanitarian programme cycle:
	Define the scope of marker to include age in the guidance and coding
	 Develop Gender Marker to serve as monitoring tool
	Change name of marker to include age
4. Completion of a research study	On behalf of the GRG, UN Women completed and <u>published-online</u> a unique study that
on The Effect of Gender Equality	collected and analysed evidence on the effects of gender equality programming by
Programming on Humanitarian	surveying more than 2,000 crisis-affected households and organizing focus groups in four
Outcomes	case-study locations: Nepal, the Philippines and two sites in Kenya (the county of
	Turkana and the Dadaab refugee camps). Information was collected from women and
	men – as well as key informants, such as humanitarian workers and community leaders –
	in the target communities to determine if the gender-equality programming improved
	their humanitarian outcomes and, if so, how.
	The study also developed a unique new "Gender Intensity Measure" which was used to
	analyse the evidence and assess the degree to which gender equality and women's
	empowerment was perceived to have been integrated into humanitarian programmes –
	by hearing from women beneficiaries themselves.
5. Reprint of the IASC's	In advance of the planned update of the IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action
<u>Handbook on Gender in</u>	Handbook, UN Women printed a final run of 200 copies in English, French, Spanish and
<u>Humanitarian Action</u>	Arabic which were sent by OCHA for dissemination to GenCap colleagues in the field.
6. ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs	UN Women – in collaboration with CARE International and Oxfam – facilitated on behalf
Segment Side-Event	of the GRG a side event at the 2015 ECOSOC HAS on <i>The Role of Crisis Affected Women</i>
	and Girls in Shaping an Effective, Inclusive and Coordinated Future of Humanitarian
	Affairs. The well attended and well received side-event included speakers from the field
	(Syria and Sierra Leone), as well as the AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security
	and Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat.
7. 2008 IASC Gender Policy	A comprehensive review - led by UN Women with support from OXFAM, OCHA and CARE
Review	International - of the IASC's gender policy was completed and presented to the Working
	Group for their feedback on July 26. The following recommendations were agreed on for
	action to be led by the GRG in collaboration with the Working Group:
	Update of the IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action Policy Statement to reflect the
	current humanitarian landscape.
	 Develop an IASC Gender Policy Statement Accountability Framework.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE END OF 2015:

- Finalize the IASC Gender Policy Review report and begin process of updating the policy and develop Accountability Framework.
- Develop advocacy and promotion messages for the World Humanitarian Summit
- Start process of updating the IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action Handbook

GRG PARTICIPANTS IN 2015

UN Entities): OCHA, UN Women, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WHO.

Non-UN: IFRC

INGOs: CARE Intl, Concern, HelpAge, IMC, NRC, Oxfam,

Plan Intl, WRC

Other: IASC Secretariat, GenCap

