**IASC**

**Inter Agency Standing Committee**

Minutes of IASC Sub-working Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action

09 September 2009

Participating: Winrock International, IMC, WHO, UNHCR, UNFPA, NRC, OCHA, ARC, INTERACTION and WFP. CARE International was not able to attend and send apologies.

Co-chairing: Amelia Peltz (Winrock International) / Henia Dakkak (UNFPA)

**1. GenCap (Kate Burns, OCHA)**

* 11 GenCaps in the field
* 2009 GenCap’s funding at critical levels (Financial Crisis).
	+ - There are more requests than planned
		- Fund raising in Progress
		- Secondary roster NRC
* On October 7 the Steering Committee will meet to plan for 2010

**2. E-Learning (Julie Montgomery, INTERACTION)**

* Preview Period: From August 18 to September 1st
	+ By 1st September all feedback was received.
* By the end of September the course should be up and running with all comments received in the preview period included.
* By early October the module will be launched to be trialed among a group of field based volunteer from different agencies.
* The comments coming from the field based volunteers will be included in the module.
* Timeline for the finalization of the product extended until the end of the year.
* The work will not be finalized with the release of the product, we will have to distribute and promote it (This area needs to be discussed in the next face to face meeting)

 **3. Face to Face Meeting, (8-9 October 2009)**

* Meeting to be held in NY City
* UNFPA, Winrock and CARE Int. will prepare letters of invitation.
* Proposed items to be discussed in the Face to Face meeting:
1. GenCap (NRC)
2. Interface between the Protection Cluster and the Gender sub working groups
3. E-learning
4. Fund Raising
	* GenCap
	* E-learning
5. Gender and Climate Change
6. Sex Disaggregated Data
7. NGOs update on GBV – which areas need to be strengthened? – Normative guidance?
* Henia has requested for additional funding to bring Siohban as resource person. It is suggested to discuss other relevant speakers that could participate in the Face to Face.
* A skeleton of the proposed face to face agenda to be circulated early next week.
* Thursday 18 of September, at 6:00 p.m NY time, conference call to discuss the logistics of the face to face meeting and set up an agenda. The conference call participants will be: Henia, Amelia and Julie. Kate Burns will participate by email. An announcement will be circulated on the SWG listserve to see if others want to participate in the call.

 **4. Climate Change**

* We shall produce a guidance note on the links of Gender and Climate Change.
* UNDP has developed 4 or 5 papers on this topic that we might want to look at, and make sure that we do not duplicate existing work.
* A suggested topic for the coming Summit in Copenhagen could be: Climate Change, Gender and Humanitarian Response
* The Population and Development branch of UNFPA has been working on the preparation of the Copenhagen Summit. UNFPA will share the outcome of the preparation.

 **5. AOB**

* Some members of the Gender SWG mentioned that they are not receiving emails, especially WHO and UNHCR.
* Suggested and agreed that UNFPA will set up a database of IASC Gender SWG members with: Full name, position, agency, location, email, telephone, fax, Skype, area/areas of expertise.

Meeting ended at 10:15