IASC RG2 Meeting Minutes
(Meeting for RG2 Members and Leads of Deliverables)
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AGENDA

1. Meeting Introduction
2. Review of IASC RG2 2019 Report prior to OPAG Presentation *(due 11ᵗʰ October)*
3. Review of IASC RG2 Working Plan vision for 2020
4. AoB

DISCUSSION

1. **Meeting Introduction**

   Aim of the meeting:
   - Discuss the **2019 progress component of the OPAG Report** draft and seek any **changes or additions** from leads of deliverables.
   - Present the **2020 component of the report with proposed indicators** to be discussed and present the **next steps** for finalizing the 2020 workplan.

2. **Review of IASC RG2 2019 Report**

   Discussion:
   - **Pag. 10, 'Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities'**: To be noted that the Guidelines are '**under endorsement process'.**
   - **Point 3, under PSEA Section**: To be noted that discussions, work around Implementing and Acceleration plans, and Interagency Technical Support with PSEA Technical Specialists are '**ongoing'**.
     - *In addition to bringing together technical expertise, there is a need to ensure adequate **NGO and INGO participation and contribution of expertise**.*
   - **Point 5:** The term '**outstanding**' needs to be reconsidered. There is **ongoing discussion and work** to develop a common tool to harmonize standards, to be used by both UN partners to assess their protocols and those of their partners, and for NGO self-assessment. While **expectations might need to be clarified**, the tool is expected to be finalized in the next cycle. At present, a small task team is working to find a **methodology** with which to accept agencies' assessments based on different tools to the greatest degree possible so as to avoid duplication of labor and effort, and working towards the creation of a **common tool** to facilitate the process in a close future.

- The **final draft** of the report will be finalized on the **9th of October** based on outstanding inputs raised and then shared with the co-chairs and IASC Secretariat to refine any outstanding areas. It will be shared with **OPAG on Friday the 11th of October**, and discussing and presented in the **OPAG Meeting of 7th- 8th November**.

Action Points:
- **UNICEF** will provide some additional information regarding **field missions**.
- **(Point 5) UNCHR** will provide a line regarding the **ongoing process of developing a common tool** to harmonize standards.

3. <u>**Review of IASC RG2 Working Plan vision for 2020**</u>

- The **2020 IASC RG2 vision**, which focuses on **3 priority areas** to sustain a more integrated approach than that of 2019, brings on board **feedback received** from ERC, OPAG and the IASC Secretariat, which noted:

    - A need to show **transformative change**
    - A need for more **coherence**
    - A need for more **integration** between activities and more integrated plans
    - A need to show the **added value of RG2**
    - A need for **greater focus towards targeted audiences** *(predominantly HCs and HCTs)*

Discussion:

The **2020 Priority Areas of Work** and their **Concrete Deliverables** (problem statement + collective change needed) have been outlined in an internal document for IASC RG2 members' operational needs.

- **Point 2, first section, last bullet point:** The **expertise of GBV AOR** in engaging with victims and survivors of PSEA should be further captured. GBV AOR is important at service delivery but also an important point of critical reflection on victim/survivor-centred policies and processes.
- Regarding **'Quality and Actionable Complaints',** the **entry point for change or strengthening needs to be clarified**: Is it the reporting mechanism and the humanitarian personnel recording the disclosure (in the sense that they are capacitated and trained to gather the right amount of information optimally, sensitively and successfully); is it the building trust among affected people and encouraging them to make actionable disclosures by proving real zero tolerance towards SEA; or is it both?
- Regarding the **objective 'Risk of SEA reduced':** Tools like the IP Protocol approach SEA as a structural phenomenon. To ensure coherence, it should be clearer that the point refers to **what it is done** in a certain environment, not the environment per se.
- **Point 3:** Need for additional discussion with/regarding the **Global Protection Cluster.**
- **Point 2, 'Accountability and Inclusion':** Need to expand language on **Inclusion**.
- **Point 1, Ultimate Goal:** Specific and actionable activities and deliverables need to be devised.
- Need to consider **how to approach and engage other actors** while addressing the OPAG/IASC feedback of 'greater focus towards targeted audiences'.
- **Point 3.3:** Modify 'response level' to include '**organizational** and response level'

The **parts that specific organizations come to play** in the 2020 Workplan Framework (colored in red in the shared document) and **gaps to be yet filled** have been outlined**.**
- **Point 2.2:** Rewording of 'investigations funds' to **'investigations pools'.**

- Reflect in the working plan **decisions and processes made at IASC Principal's level**, particularly regarding the implementation and acceleration plan on PSEA, including support to HC and HCTs.
- It is key to **operationalize standards** into a policy or common approach towards **provision of assistance to victims or survivors of SEA.**
- Need to ensure **compliance with Grand Bargain Indicators** to avoid a multiplicity of indicators.
- Rewording of 'CFMs' to **'Functioning CFMs',** since there can be optimally structured CBCMs and yet very different actual processes of receiving and dealing with information.
- Need to consider **data sharing agreements.**
- Need to consider **a common language in information provision campaigns** to ensure they are timely and relevant.
- **Attention** has been raised towards **reducing accountability to accountability mechanisms** in RG2 Meetings. There is a need to lift the language and re-engage with concepts framing the **Participation Revolution** such as participation, engagement, and safeguarding, despite the constraints to concretize them in action plans.

Action Points:
- **UNFPA's Humanitarian Office** will review the language used in the '**Risk of SEA Reduced'** point
- **CHS Alliance** will send some wording for **point 2.2**

4. AoB

A small working group will develop an **initial draft of the 2020 workplan**, including indicators, for sharing with the RG2 group ahead of the next meeting on the **6th November (UNHCR 3-5pm).** If anyone would like to join the group please contact Tanya.

Additions and/or changes will be requested before release of its final version at the end of November/start of December.