

Inter-Agency Standing Committee

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks Session Proposals (updated 14 April 2021)

Date	Theme	Topic	Organizer(s)	Objective	Description	Speakers
19 April 2021 14:00-15:00 GVA Time	International Response	Beirut Port Explosions - International Frontline Response in a Pandemic	Emergency Response in Pandemic INSARAG UNDAC	Sharing of challenges and good practices in international response in a pandemic by first responders. The distinguished panelists will aim to showcase that, while communities and national actors were first to respond, international actors were able to successfully respond to the Government's request for international assistance by surging in international staff despite movement restrictions put in place, circumnavigate and flexibly adopt the health and safety requirements to respond effectively in a global pandemic environment.	The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly impacted the work of humanitarian response. International response teams have adapted and adopted new approaches and guidance to ensure the continuation of an effective and safe response to support the people in need. The session will be hosted under the priority topic "emergency response in a pandemic" which will be facilitated by IASC's Peer-2-Peer. It will provide participants a perspective through the lens of international front-liners and experts mobilized as part of the international response to Beirut port explosions on 4 August 2020.	Moderated by: Ms. Aida Mengistu, IASC's Peer-2-Peer Speakers: Ms. Edem Wosornu, Chief of the Response Support Branch (RSB), Coordination Division, OCHA Mr Peter Muller, Humanitarian Affairs Officer – UNDAC Global Lead, Emergency Response Section, Response Support Branch, OCHA Geneva

						<p>Mr. Oleg Grozovsky, International Rank Rescuer Centrospas Team, EMERCOM of Russia, Team Leader of INSARAG Heavy Classified Team</p> <p>Ms. Virginie Lefevre, Program and Partnerships Coordinator, Amel, National NGO from the LHDF Network</p> <p>H.E. Ambassador M. Salim Baddoura, Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva</p>
19 April 2021 15:00-16:00 GVA time	Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)	Establishing an inter- agency rapid deployment mechanism for MHPSS in humanitarian settings:	MHPSS Reference Group, UNHCR	Raise awareness of the MHPSS rapid deployment mechanism	Presentation of MHPSS rapid deployment mechanism and experiences and lessons learned from 17 deployments in 2020	MHPSS Reference Group co-chairs

		what did we do and what did we learn?	Netherlands Enterprise Agency Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands		Discussion of opportunities and challenges in supporting inter-agency MHPSS coordination at the country level, with a specific focus on refugee settings Open discussion on how surge support can contribute to further consolidation of MHPSS in emergencies	
20 April 2021 14:30-15:30 GVA time	Data responsibility	Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility	RG1 sub-group on data responsibility	Socialize Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility and discuss the safe, ethical and effective use of data in support of humanitarian response	Discussion of how Operational Guidance on Data Responsibility could be further utilized Consideration of feedback from users on areas of further progress	IOM, OCHA, UNHCR (RG1 sub-group on data responsibility), Stuart Campo
21 April 2021 15:00-16:00 GVA time	MHPSS	Inter-Agency Response to Mental Health and Psychosocial Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic	MHPSS RG	Socialize MHPSS tools to support the COVID-19 response	Overview of tools developed by the IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings to support the COVID-19 response Presentations from co-chairs of two country-level MHPSS Technical Working Groups about their experience using these tools to scale up support on the ground	Dr. Fahmy Hanna, Dr. Carmen Valle Trabadelo MHPSS Reference Group, Co-Chairs

<p>21 April 2021 15:30-17:00 GVA time</p>	<p>Counterterrorism</p>	<p>Collective advocacy on the humanitarian impact of counterterrorism measures</p>	<p>IASC RG3,</p>	<p>Socialize the IASC counterterrorism database and the practical solutions outlined in the internal solutions proposal</p>	<p>Panel discussion on core areas of work for mitigating impact of counterterrorism measures; deepen the evidence base of the humanitarian impact of counterterrorism measures advance practical advocacy solutions regarding counterterrorism measures; discussion on effectively engaging Member States in a sustained dialogue on counterterrorism measures, including within the United Nations counterterrorism architecture (</p>	<p>Mr. Michel Anglade, IASC Results Group 3 co-chair</p>
<p>22 April 2021 10:00-11:00 GVA time</p>	<p>Accountability to affected people (AAP)</p>	<p>High-level panel on AAP</p>	<p>H2H, RG2</p>	<p>Review lessons learned and changes needed to ensure that AAP commitments are met</p>	<p>Review of lessons learned from high-level commitments on AAP Discussion of changes needed to ensure that AAP commitments are met</p>	<p>Mervat Shelbaya, Head of IASC Secretariat Pascale Meige, Director, Disasters, Climate, Crises, IFRC NDMO Director in Fiji National NGO/CSO Najat Rochdi, Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon</p>

<p>22 April 2021 11:00-12:30 GVA time</p>	<p>AAP</p>	<p>Feedback data is useless! (Until someone acts upon it)</p>	<p>H2H, RG2</p>	<p>Review lessons learned from efforts to translate community feedback into action</p>	<p>Presentation of how community feedback data is being used by humanitarian actors and how feedback impacts programming</p>	<p>Facilitated by Ground Truth Solutions and IFRC Speakers TBD, from CAR and Zimbabwe Red Cross</p>
<p>23 April 2021 15:00-16:00 GVA time</p>	<p>Gender</p>	<p>Disrupting power and organizational culture – taking gender equality and women’s empowerment beyond protection”. The event is open to gender and humanitarian stakeholders.</p>	<p>The IASC Gender Reference Group</p>	<p>The GRG will facilitate space for conversation with and between gender experts, Women Led and Women’s Rights Organisations, and interested humanitarian stakeholders, on the need for feminist humanitarian action, to challenge systems of operation that maintain the status quo, and perpetuate existing power balances. Then discussion will be the opportunity to explore what more must be done, individually and collectively to drive forward a more feminist, and equal world for women and girls, and people affected by crisis - in all their diversities.</p>	<p>The Interagency Humanitarian Evaluation on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls report is the latest to tells us that while we have made notable progress, as a system we have not made enough strides to address gender inequalities in humanitarian action.</p> <p>Is it about leadership? Is it about accountability? Is it about inclusion? Is it about protection? Or is much more?</p> <p>Where does accountability, leadership, decision making, participation, and dismantling of unequal power structures come in?</p> <p>And what should be the individual and institutional responsibilities to engender a more feminist approach to humanitarian action?</p>	<p>Moderated by Julie Lafreniere and April Pham, GRG co-chairs</p> <p>Speakers: WLO/WRO (from Feminist Humanitarian Network - TBC)</p> <p>Madhumita Sakar, GenCap Advisor, Somalia</p> <p>CCCM</p> <p>WLO/WRO (from UNWOMEN - TBC)</p>

					The IASC Gender Reference Group will examine all these queries, with the findings of the IAHE on GEEWG as a background, setting the foundation for upcoming conversations that critically examine the humanitarian's system approach and achievements on gender equality.	
26 April 2021 14:00-15:15 GVA time	AAP	Stories of adaptation and anticipation in the post-2020 humanitarian landscape	H2H, RG2	Learning from adaptation successes and failures and sharing lessons	<p>Review of the role of donors in catalyzing and supporting change</p> <p>Discussion of collective accountability perspective Discussion on community feedback trends and qualitative AAP data across 70 countries. This will be an opportunity to influence advocacy, global Covid-19 response strategies and resource allocation</p>	<p>Ellie Kemp, Head of Research, Evidence and Advocacy, Translators without Borders</p> <p>Claire Goudsmit, Senior Auditor, HQAI</p> <p>Peter Marial, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Greater Bar El Ghazel Zone in South Sudan, World Vision International</p> <p>Victor Onama, Design, Monitoring and Evaluation (DME) Manager, Somalia,</p>

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26 April 2021 15:00-16:00 GVA time	Localization	Strengthening participation, representation, and leadership of local and national actors in IASC humanitarian coordination mechanisms	RG1	Raise awareness on the draft guidance on strengthening participation, representation and leadership of local and national actors in humanitarian coordination mechanisms Discuss challenges, opportunities and common approaches to strengthening localization in humanitarian coordination structures	Presentation on the work of RG1 sub-group on localization, with focus on strengthening participation, representation and leadership of local and national actors in IASC humanitarian coordination mechanisms	Stella Ogunlade, UNHCR and/or Nimo Hassan Somalia NGO Consortium
27 April 2021 11:00-12:30 GVA time	AAP	Localization is an imperative for accountability to affected people	H2H, RG2	Discuss the significance of national and local organizations regarding AAP, share and learn good partnership practices, and analyse remaining challenges for aid actors to be fully accountable to people affected by crises	Discussion of how the Covid-19 pandemic and the roll-out of the vaccine have highlighted the importance of meaningful, two-way community engagement in the communication of risks, prevention, services and treatment	Local partner (CHS Alliance member) H2H Network Local standards focal point Ahmed Ibrahim, ALDEF HOT Open Street Map affiliates leading local

						response in Nigeria/ Uganda/ Liberia
27 April 2021 14:00-15:00 GVA time	Climate change	Climate and environment charter	IASC RG3 and IFRC,	Garner humanitarian organizations' interest in signing the Climate and Environment Charter	Presentation of the two-page draft Climate and Environment Charter, followed by discussion	IFRC
27 April 2021 14:00-15:30 GVA time	Humanitarian development collaboration	Humanitarian development collaboration linkages to peace enabling, adaptive and transformational change through joint programming	RG4	Identify approaches, opportunities and challenges that inform ways of working and can facilitate effective humanitarian development programming	Discussion of challenges and opportunities for progress in humanitarian development collaboration Sharing of lessons and practices to facilitate effective humanitarian development programming, focusing on joint analysis of needs, vulnerabilities, risks and capacities; coordination; financing; and linkages to peace	Marta Valdez, Rachel Scott (IASC RG4 co-chairs), UNDP (tbc: HC/RC, DCO, OECD)
29 April 2021 13:30-15:00 GVA time	AAP	Peer pressure: how digital democratization is transforming communication as aid	H2H, RG2	Review the impact of the communication revolution on affected populations	Discussion of the challenges and opportunities inherent in horizontal communication as a means to enable better coordination and give greater recognition to locally led communication efforts	CDAC coordinating, TBD
4 May 2021 07:00- 08:30GVA time	Gender-based violence (GBV)	How climate change fuels gender-based violence: zooming in on tools and data for gender-inclusive early warning systems	GBV Area of Responsibility	Explore how climate change impacts GBV, as well as challenges, lessons learned and opportunities for mitigation	Discussion of how GBV risks, including harmful practices, are exacerbated by climate hazards. This will provide an appreciation of how the current climate- change related frameworks or	GBV Area of Responsibility START Network partners

		and effective GBV early action intervention models			approaches within the humanitarian system support GBV prevention, mitigation and response efforts. In addition, it will provide opportunity to understand protection and GBV-related concerns for early warning, impact projections and anticipatory action, as well as provide opportunity to share field-level experience on effective intervention models on anticipatory action through inter-agency GBV coordination mechanisms	UNFPA Women-led Organisations from Bangladesh
4 May 2021 15:00-16:30 GVA time	Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)	Strengthening inter-agency efforts to prevent and address sexual exploitation and abuse across the humanitarian response	UNFPA PSEA Championship	Identification of gaps, presentation of new guidance and efforts made by IASC chairmanships	<p>Discussion of lessons learned from the 2020 PSEA Championships and collective efforts to prevent and address sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) at the country level</p> <p>Presentation of GBV/PSEA mapping analysis on linkages to inter-agency GBV referral mechanisms</p> <p>Discussion of gaps and challenges related to improving safe and ethical access for SEA survivors to GBV support services</p> <p>Discussion of United Nations Protocol on Victim Assistance and associated efforts to address implementation of the protocol</p>	UNFPA

