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The event served as an opportunity to discuss the findings of an OCHA Discussion Paper and Policy Brief on gendered dimensions of food insecurity – including the alarming trends of mass un-schooling of girls and increased levels of gender-based violence in the concerned regions, current humanitarian responses and concrete recommendations for practitioners, donors and other partners. A number of concrete actions were put forward, in particular pertaining to more support to women-led organizations, which some UN Security Council members were keen to take forward. You can read the policy brief [here](https://www.unocha.org/sites/unocha/files/OCHA%20Policy%20Brief_Gender%20and%20Food%20Insecurity%20in%20the%20Sahel%20and%20the%20Horn%20of%20Africa.pdf).    Photo : High-Level Roundtable Side Event on Food Insecurity in the Sahel/Horn of Africa hosted by OCHA. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Women and Girl Leaders in Dialogue on the Margins of CSW67**  There was a closed-door event hosted by CARE, OCHA, and UNFPA with women-led organizations from Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, DRC, Kenya, Liberia, Nepal, Nigeria, and Uganda, in partnership with other GRG members including UNICEF, UN Women. The event focused on WLO leaders’ perspectives on the need to see humanitarian crisis as more than just one isolated event, but rather linked to other drivers, and triggers, with work required when crisis hits but also work pre- and post-crisis across humanitarian, peace and development, and that this work must be more centered on support to local women’s organizations.    Photo : Women and Girl Leaders in Dialogue on the Margins of CSW67, hosted by CARE, OCHA, and UNFPA  **Gender Equality in Crisis Contexts: Women’s voice, agency and leadership in Afghanistan and Ukraine**  UN Women held a flagship event to provide visibility to the issues faced by women and girls in two of the most high-profile ongoing crisis settings. Speakers joining from Afghanistan highlighted the systemic repression and removal of women from public life, the importance of bringing women and human rights issues to the negotiation table with the de facto authorities, and the many challenges women’s organizations face in their day-to-day work in the country*.*Speakers from Ukraine stressed the needs of the millions of women and girls who have been displaced by the conflict, the gender-based violence they face, and the continued uncertainty and lack access to economic opportunities. The women activists from both countries called for more long-term funding for women’s civil society organizations to ensure that they can continue work and reach the most vulnerable women and girls. | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****News/Updates**** | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Welcoming our new GRG Co-Chair**  CARE International logo  **We are pleased to announce that, as of April 2023, CARE International is the new non-UN co-chair to the IASC Gender Reference Group! Isadora Quay will represent CARE International as co-chair from Scotland with support by Vanessa Jackson from New York. Thank you to outgoing co-chair, ActionAid – Anu Pillay and Grace Ireri – for two years of support in coordinating and delivering on the GRG’s work priorities.**  **2021 IASC GAF Report**    **The 2021 IASC Gender Accountability Framework (GAF) Report was endorsed by OPAG in March with thanks to the Working Group, made up of member agencies (CARE International, Oxfam, UNICEF and UNOCHA in addition to UN Women). The report is now published on the** [IASC Website](https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-gender-and-humanitarian-action/iasc-gender-accountability-framework-report-2021)**. We are also hosting a webinar on the margins of HNPW to present the findings of the report on April 13 at 2-3pm Geneva / 8-9am EST.** [Link to join Webinar](https://unwomen.zoom.us/j/97003353628?pwd=WXF5RXVJbGZUSzRFQ2grU1dIamNzdz09)**.**  **Upcoming GRG Meetings in 2023**  Wednesday, **April 12**, 9am EST – Virtual  Wednesday, **July 12**, 9am EST – Virtual  Wednesday, **Oct 11**, 9am EST – Virtual  **Recruitment / Consultancies**   * **UNFPA**: Regional Emergency GBV Adviser - <https://bit.ly/3KdUKWP> * **Oxfam**-Québec: Feminist MEAL consultancy / Consultation en SEAR féministe - <https://bit.ly/3JJB8bK> * **Save the Children**: Literature Review and Roadmap for Addressing Child, Early, and Forced Marriage and Unions (CEFMU) in Fragile Contexts - <https://bit.ly/3K1yzmN> * **ActionAid**: Global SHEA and Safeguarding Coordinator - <https://bit.ly/3ZBQoxb> * **UN Women**: Gender in Humanitarian Action Trainer - <https://bit.ly/3zuRDnj> * **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**: Adolescent Girls Specialist - <https://bit.ly/40EayYP> | | |  | | --- | | **Member Spotlight**  **We would like to give a warm welcome to two of our newest members, IMPACT Initiatives and Feminist Humanitarian Network!**  [No photo description available.](https://www.impact-initiatives.org/)  [**IMPACT Initiatives**](https://www.impact-initiatives.org/) is a leading Geneva-based think-and-do tank which aims to improve the impact of humanitarian, stabilisation and development action through data, partnerships and capacity building programmes. They recently onboarded a gender inclusion specialist, Cosima, who will be supporting the piloting of new approaches which better capture sex- and age-disaggregated data.  Image  [**Feminist Humanitarian Network**](https://www.feministhumanitariannetwork.org/) is an international network of feminist leaders committed to a transformed humanitarian system that promotes a feminist agenda. The network is currently comprised of [83 members](https://www.feministhumanitariannetwork.org/our-members) including: grassroots and national feminist and women’s rights organisations; national and regional feminist and women’s networks; international NGOs, federations and organisations headquartered in the Global North; and individuals working to redress power inequalities within the humanitarian system.  **2022 GAF Report Working Group**  As we celebrate the endorsement of the [2021 GAF report](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Finteragencystandingcommittee.org%2Fiasc-reference-group-gender-and-humanitarian-action%2Fiasc-gender-accountability-framework-report-2021&data=05%7C01%7Cgrg.secretariat%40unwomen.org%7Ca70c87f764ea4fbb1d9508db2c8d71c5%7C2bcd07449e18487d85c3c9a325220be8%7C0%7C0%7C638152758231199254%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wsL%2FvSb0nE2juhSZ9h2lyJd05XL3DOalVnhEGVHgfT8%3D&reserved=0), we’re already looking ahead towards the initial desk review phase of the 2022 GAF report. As was done last year, we are convening a working group to support the Gender Desk in the review of the HRP/HNO reports, IASC outputs, cluster documents, etc. that were published in 2022. The working group from last year was a huge help in getting the review of documents/outputs in time for publication – thanks to IOM, UNICEF, CARE, IMPACT, and GenCap for volunteering to join the working group!  **Gender Policy Five-Year Review Update**  The GRG is in the process of updating the IASC’s 2017 Gender Policy. The update aims at reflecting the key gender in humanitarian action normative changes, as well as the changes in the IASC architecture and ways of working, since the original Policy was developed in 2017. The update is led by two highly experienced consultants, Mireia Cano and Mariangela Bizzarri, who were also members of the team that conducted the [Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls in Humanitarian Settings](https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/inter-agency-humanitarian-evaluations/inter-agency-humanitarian-evaluation-iahe-gender-equality-and-empowerment-women-and-girls-geewg-2020) and are currently in the process of conducting IASC Consultations. | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****What we are reading**** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Adolescent girls in crisis: Experiences of migration in Central America and Mexico**    Photo : Plan International  This report by Plan International shows how girls experience the effects of crises and emergencies differently and that external factors have an impact on their growth and development. The objective of the report is to prepare advocacy recommendations based on the analysis of the impact of forced migration and social or gender-based violence on the rights to education and protection of adolescent girls in the Northern Triangle of Central America, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras and Mexico. Read the executive summary/full report here: [Adolescent girls in crisis: Experiences of migration in Central America and Mexico](https://plan-international.org/latin-america/publications/adolescent-girls-in-crisis-migration/).  **Sex, Age (and more) Still Matter**    This report, jointly launched by Tufts University, UN Women and CARE, examines the progress made since the first report since the first Sex and Age Matter report was published in 2011 and how it has been uneven – particularly how the collection and analysis of sex-, age, and disability disaggregated data do not consistently inform programming and require further commitment and investment. Read the executive summary/full report here: [Sex, Age (and more) Still Matter](https://www.care.org/news-and-stories/resources/sex-age-and-more-still-matter/). The link also leads to the webinar event recording which featured the Executive Director of UN Women, the Secretary-General of CARE International, and included a panel discussion with representatives from IRC, Outright International, and a disability rights advocate from Cameroon, who highlighted where some progress has occurred and where a more concerted effort is needed to include more of the most marginalized groups, such as persons with disabilities and members of the LGBTQI community.  **Beyond Hunger: The gendered impacts of the global hunger crisis**    Photo : Girls eat their lunch at primary school in Kilifi county, Kenya. Plan International  This report by Plan International presents new evidence on the gendered impacts of the current global hunger crisis from eight of the countries most affected. The causes and consequences of food insecurity are closely entwined with gender – the most food insecure countries are also the most unequal. Gender inequality plays a role in how food is produced and consumed, shapes the strategies people employ to cope, and influences the manifold impacts of hunger and food insecurity on the protection and wellbeing of those affected. Read the executive summary/full report here: [Beyond Hunger: the gendered impact of the global hunger crisis](https://plan-international.org/publications/beyond-hunger/).  **We Welcome Your Feedback!**  For comments and suggestions for the next GRG Newsletter, please email GRG.Secretariat@unwomen.org. | | | | **Rapid Gender Analysis Policy Brief: Türkiye & Northwest Syria Earthquake Response**    Photo : Grayscale Media/CARE  In February CARE published a Rapid Gender Analysis on the Turkiye-NW Syria earthquake response. It explores existing gender, age and disability data and information to understand pre-existing vulnerabilities and capacities and how best humanitarians can respond to meet people’s different needs. Read the RGA here: [Rapid Gender Analysis Policy Brief: Türkiye & Northwest Syria Earthquake Response](https://www.care-international.org/resources/rapid-gender-analysis-policy-brief-turkiye-northwest-syria-earthquake-response).  **Why Wait? How the Humanitarian System Can Better Fund Women-Led and Women’s Rights Organizations**    Women’s rights and women-led organizations (WROs/WLOs) are a critical driving force in providing effective gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services to women and girls impacted by conflict and displacement. Although rhetorical recognition of WROs/WLOs has grown at policy levels, funding to WROs/WLOs remains incredibly low. Following on from [**“Why Not Local?”**](https://www.rescue.org/report/why-not-local-gender-based-violence-womens-rights-organisations-and-missed-opportunity-covid), the report, *Why Wait? How the Humanitarian System Can Better Fund Women-Led and Women’s Rights Organizations*, provides analysis from across three contexts: Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Ukraine. It reveals the pervasive systemic barriers preventing WROs/WLOs to access humanitarian funding. Read the full report here: [Why Wait? How the Humanitarian System Can Better Fund Women-Led and Women’s Rights Organizations](https://www.rescue.org/resource/why-wait-how-humanitarian-system-can-better-fund-women-led-and-womens-rights-organizations).  **One year since the escalation of the Ukraine war: Making International Funding Work for Women's Organizations**    Photo : Collective centre in Western Ukraine where mostly women and children stay who fled from areas of active conflict. CARE Petr Stefan/PIN  To mark the one-year anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine, CARE International published an analytical briefing paper which provides an overview of the key and systemic funding challenges faced by WROs and WLOs in Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, and Romania. Its content, including its recommendations, is informed by the direct contributions from CARE’s WRO/WLO partners and other women’s organizations operating in those countries. Read the full paper here: [One year since the escalation of the Ukraine war: Making International Funding Work for Women's Organizations](https://www.care-international.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/Briefing%20Ukraine%20Conflict%20Making%20Funding%20Work%20for%20Women%27s%20Organisations%20%281%29.pdf).  **oPt Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) Gender and Inclusion Brief**  This brief by IMPACT Initiatives, covering the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), uses MSNA data to produce a gender-specific analysis around the different experiences of male & female-headed households and aims to capture the specific needs of women, girls and boys. Amongst other things, some particularly striking findings revolves around challenges to access to sexual and reproductive health services and increased fear of eviction amongst female-headed households in comparison to male headed-households in the West Bank. Read the full brief here: [Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment Gender & Inclusion Brief](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.impact-repository.org%2Fdocument%2Freach%2F1f020183%2FOPT2201_MSNA_2022_Gender_Brief-2.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cbrooke.pascarella%40unwomen.org%7C5df594d986ed41e991e408db3036d390%7C2bcd07449e18487d85c3c9a325220be8%7C0%7C0%7C638156784618296846%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4n%2Bzo0Ct31faLgUj01W6Ddo8ksLTL9B2Ou1wdFGbKpw%3D&reserved=0).   |  | | --- | |  | |  | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |

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