IASC Associated Entities on Gender Reference Group
Progress Report (November 2019 – April 2020)

IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee

2020 Priority Areas of Work – *Reprioritized in light of COVID-19*

[*List below the workplan with concrete deliverables, both as originally planned and reprioritized in light of the COVID-19. Recognizing that the COVID-19 calls for system-wide reprioritization and resequencing of priorities and has an impact on the ability of the Associated Entities to deliver, please note below:* **(a) areas of work that can be delivered as planned, (b) activities that will have to be postponed, and (c) new activities/ deliverables that will need to be taken onboard in support of the COVID-19 response**]

The following report provides details on (a) updated 2020 priority areas of work and (b) an update on progress around deliverables that were carried over from 2019. In light of the COVID-19 response, the GRG has not reprioritized its work so much as it has decided to include COVID-specific messaging in its ongoing capacity building, outreach and influencing.

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK	"ORIGINAL" CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	"REPRIORITIZED" CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	STATUS	LEADS	PARTNERS
Support the roll out of the 2017 IASC Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls in Humanitarian Action Policy and Accountability Framework	Disseminate findings of the 2018 Gender Accountability Framework Report through targeted briefings, events, and webinars *(carried over from 2019)*	Ongoing. The last webinar held was in March 2020; report continues to be circulated to partners and relevant stakeholders and used for advocacy.	Will continue until the publication of the 2019 Accountability Framework report	UN Women	GRG co-chairs, PM of Ireland to the UN
	Produce the Gender Accountability Framework Report covering 2019	Ongoing. Data collection has begun, but some delays due to COVID-19.	Scheduled to be produced and released by end of year, but might be delayed.	UN Women and GRG co-chairs	
	Publish the 2019 Gender Accountability Framework Report online (IASC, ReliefWeb, UN Women websites)	Not begun as depends on finalization of the report.	Will be completed, but date of completion unknown at this time.	UN Women and GRG co-chairs	
Enhance the capacity of humanitarian actors in gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls	Contribute to building capacity on gender in emergencies at global, regional and country levels (webinars or face-to-face, if travel restrictions allows) (*Carried over from Nov 2019*)	Ongoing. Partly carried over from Nov 2019 but key work of the GRG so has not end date. However, face to face trainings will have to be adapted with more reliance on online self-paced courses on gender in humanitarian actors.	Ongoing work; no end date as core function. But current focus on COVID and gender.	UN Women and relevant GRG members (OCHA, CARE, UNICEF, Oxfam)	

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		Related to COVID: GRG produced the Global Gender Alert and began series of webinars on gender and COVID.			
	Advocate collectively on the importance of a gender lens in emergencies (panels, events, etc.)	Focussing on Covid-related advocacy. GRG will develop and share key advocacy messages on gender and Covid-19	COVID advocacy points to be completed in May but broader advocacy work ongoing.	All GRG members	
	Participate in the RG2 Inclusion Thematic Expert Group (TEG)	GRG co-chairs joined TEG in April.	Ongoing. No specific end date.	GRG co-chairs	
	Contribute as appropriate to the RG2 tools - Results Tracker (which includes indicators for the Gender Accountability Framework) and the Global Platform	Partly completed – UNW provided feedback on behalf of the GRG for the results tracker but GRG co-chairs will continue to feedback to RG2.	Ongoing.	GRG co-chairs and UN Women	
Strengthen role of GRG as Community of Practice for collective thinking and coordination on gender in emergencies	Review and update GRG TOR, membership application process and email lists	Not yet begun.		Oxfam, OCHA	
	Share existing tools/resources/information that is relevant to responses, such as gender analyses	This work has begun with specific focus on gender and COVID. GRG reaching out to other groups and relevant non-GRG members to strengthen GRG membership (MHPSS, GBV AoR, GBV Call to Action, Disability and Inclusion, SEA, RG#4 on nexus)	Ongoing	All GRG members	
	Identify gaps in learning (e.g. impact data)	Refocussing work to develop a gender analysis tool to respond to global health epidemics.	Not yet begun	UN Women, Care and WRC	
Provide strategic and technical advisory to global policy platforms to inform gender in humanitarian action	Review and integrate gender considerations in key global processes where relevant, and feasible, including IASC mechanisms.	Input has already been provided into some global documents, with specific focus on COVID.	Ongoing	GRG co-chairs.	

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