



## IASC GRG MEETING, 19 January 2017

### Meeting Chair

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<b>Participants</b>	
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Howard Mollett – CARE International	Fabrizia Falcione -UNFPA
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### 1. Update on IASC policy revision and handbook revision

UN Women recalled the outcome of the IASC Gender Policy review consultancy work carried out in 2015, and then updated the GRG on the policy revision. The TOR for this work was approved at the last IASC Working Group meeting last October. UN Women has already identified three consultants to carry out the work: two will work on the policy update, and an additional one will establish the accountability framework.

UN Women updated the Group on the Gender Handbook revision. The revision is now at its final stage. The working draft has been finalized by Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, and has been shared with the Steering Committee and clusters for extensive inputs. A designer will be hired to lay out the publication, and a copy editor is being engaged to polish the text. The draft handbook will be field tested in 2 countries in February and March. After the field test, the draft will go through final editing and designing before being presented to the WG for endorsement.

Oxfam elaborated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the handbook revision. Part A and Part B of the Handbook will be field tested in 2 countries, in 5 sectors, with the roll-out of the training module.

UN Women then added that ECHO contract will end in early 2018, which allows for some time for raising funds, and if successful, the training will be rolled out in additional countries. UN Women will also develop an online platform engaging the same designer for the publication, which will allow for synergy of style between the two formats. The website will be more expansive with detailed content, while the publication is a more concise and practical tool.

In the Q and A session, the following major points were exchanged:

- Q: what is the process of selecting field test countries? A: The country should have established presence from either UN Women or Oxfam. Balance is given to different types of crises: protracted or conflict. Due to time and budget constraint, the selection needs to be strategic. GRG will be posted of the final selection.
- Field testing is important. However, even if budget is not an issue, there is time restraint.
- Online vs. physical handbook: physical handbook will provide concise and practical guidelines; online platform is richer with more resources, and can be adapted and updated easily.

**Action points:**

- UN Women will share the final TOR of the IASC gender policy revision
- Oxfam will share the description of field test
- Handbook training will be rolled out in 2 countries – GRG needs to look at fundraising for the handbook in different countries to maximise impact

## 2. F2F and Policy EGM – dates, locations

Annual face to face meeting is traditional for the GRG to plan out the annual workplans, with the venue rotating between Geneva and New York. The GRG needs to decide dates in February. Ideally, the GRG F2F should piggy back with the Expert Group Meeting for the IASC policy update. In addition, GRG can have a consultation with civil society women's groups in mid-March as they will be in New York attending CSW.

The following key items should be considered to be included in the 2017 workplan:

- IASC Policy Update and Handbook revision will be on the agenda
- SOPs to respond to L3 emergencies—this task was worked on before but was never finalized. GRG as the global COP of gender and humanitarian action should add value when there is a system wide emergency
- Gender Alerts are very useful. GRG should continue with them
- There will be a quick review of last year's workplan at the meeting
- Clarity regarding the IASC Gender Marker
- Look at the 5 core gender commitments at the WHS to see how we may want to engage on them alongside the Grand Bargain

**Action points:**

- UN Women to send out a Doodle poll to determine the date and venue of the F2F meeting
- Core members should have an additional meeting in advance of the face to face meeting to plan and delegate tasks for the meeting. UN Women and HIAS will set it up.

