

IASC Priority/Task Team Progress Report January 2016-February 2017: IASC Task Team on Accountability to Affected Populations, and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (AAP/PSEA)

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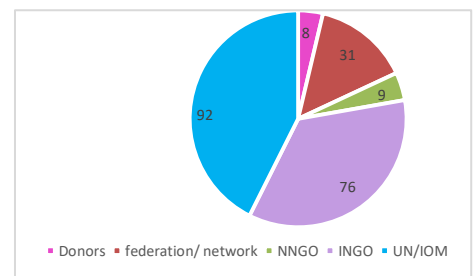
- Foster a culture of accountability and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse at all levels of the humanitarian system.
- Encourage institutionalization of AAP and PSEA within humanitarian organizations, including local and national NGOs, INGOs, Red Cross Red Crescent movement and UN Agencies.
- Support operationalization of AAP and PSEA at collective level as well as individual agency level.

The Task Team has been working on three work streams:

1. Support Humanitarian Country Teams operationalise accountability and PSEA, including provision of technical support (both remotely and on site), capturing and sharing good practice on AAP and PSEA, and dissemination of practical guidance for cluster and the inter-cluster coordination groups on strengthening AAP and Protection throughout the Humanitarian Program Cycle;
2. AAP/PSEA placement within humanitarian procedures and processes in the field: Mapping of current initiatives, interagency projects and key reports related to AAP and PSEA in 2016; Support the reinforcement of the responsibilities on AAP and PSEA for the Humanitarian Coordinator role
3. Ensure the PSEA workstream complements other PSEA-related initiatives and addresses gaps at the field and global levels, strengthen investigation and protection responses to SEA allegations, Support issues raised following the CBCM pilots and during the discussion on global SOPs

Specific focus since 2015: Increasing the active participation of local actors

- The IASC AAP PSEA TT has reached out to several national stakeholders to ensure stronger participation of local organizations at the global level. The task team is now supported by the active participation of the NEAR network, a new global network for local and national organizations launched during the World Humanitarian Summit, Community World Service who assumed a key role among aid organizations in Asia to promote AAP and AMEL from Lebanon, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Mamadou Ndiaye, Director of Senegal based NGO OFADEC, widely recognized for its experience in operationalizing AAP and PSEA became the new co-chair of the task team in January 2016



Breakdown of the 217 recipients on the TT mailing list. Increase in active members with an average 40 participants in each monthly meeting. Mailing list includes 217 recipients from 72 organisations.

TOP ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE January 2016:

Support provided to Humanitarian Country Teams and field operations

- IASC CAAP: final phase of drafting the revised 2011 commitments to reflect key aspects such as the essential role of local actors, the links with PSEA, the widespread adoption of the Core Humanitarian Standards and the changed humanitarian landscape.
- Helpdesk: the task team has been maintaining and promoting a helpdesk to share information and best practice on APP and PSEA with staff of humanitarian agencies who need technical advice. Queries received are responded to within 2 days. Many request for support to set up PSEA networks in countries and implement inter agency community based complaints mechanisms (Myanmar, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda). Some queries related to AAP request for on-site support (Niger, CAR; Chad).
- Joint learning mission to Iraq with STAIT and GPC.
- Development of fiches for cluster and inter-cluster coordination groups with suggested actions to strengthen AAP and Protection through each phase of the HPC. The fiches are based on best practice, and guidance such as the newly released IASC Guidance on Protection and AAP, the CHS, the IASC CAAP, the Minimum Operating Standards on PSEA.
- Provision of support to task team members inter agency projects related to AAP and PSEA
- Dissemination of good practices
- Advocacy session with leadership of federation (IFRC/ Caritas) on operationalisation of AAP and PSEA
- Capitalisation on linkages between protection, protection mainstreaming and accountability
- PSEA session during the Humanitarian Coordinators' retreat co-led by IOM

AAP/PSEA placement within humanitarian procedures and processes in the field

- AAP mapping: This living document maps out Accountability Working Groups at country or regional levels, inter-agency information and feedback mechanisms or call centers, inter-agency projects related to AAP, examples of how AAP is integrated into Humanitarian Response Plans and examples of donors commitments to support AAP
- PSEA mapping is in the final stage and will be added to the AAP mapping.
- Support to the development of guidance on leadership on AAP in Practice, for HC and HCT with the STAIT
- Discussion on the role of the task team to monitor WHS commitments related to AAP and PSEA, and on the outcomes of the "People at the center" session as well as side events related to AAP.
- Outreach to diaspora organisations to discuss their role in strengthening AAP and PSEA in humanitarian operations and organisation of a discussion during 2017 Humanitarian Partnership week.
- Participation to members' event such as ALNAP annual meeting
- Member of the steering committee on communication and community engagement and Transparency international CREATE project.
- Support to the review of CHS alliance project in DR Congo

Support PSEA related initiatives

- Finalisation of the Best practice guide for setting up and maintaining Community Based Complaints Mechanisms with approved Global SOPs in annex and support to the development of training material.
- Communication channels established with the new UN group on improving UN response to SEA and provision of feedback on the draft survivor assistance protocol on SEA.
- Participation of TT co-chair to the CHS alliance conference on investigations
- Sharing of awareness raising material on PSEA
- Reflexion on Challenges and opportunities to mainstream PSEA in confederations with Oxfam, IFRC and Caritas Internationalis
- Support to the STAIT webinar on PSEA
- Side events on PSEA at the WHS and ECOSOC, organised by IOM and Interaction
- Participation to the Senior Focal Point meetings on PSEA
- Development of a 1-pager on sexual harassment, SGBV and SEA

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