

Minutes of the IASC AAP PSEA Task Team Meeting, 3 August 2017

1) Introduction

Preeti Law (Co-Chair)

The Task Team has done some excellent work on guidance, tools, some support missions, STAIT team missions and has aligned itself well to the transformative agenda. Now is the time to look at how we take the work to the next level and consider how we link in global developments. Today is a chance to look at the workplan and agree on how to take this forward until the end of the year. Some areas to consider: what we can do at the collective level, rather than focus on our organisations; how to focus on field operations and local partners especially the first responders who will be there for the long-haul; ideas about quick wins at the field level in order to advance the operationalization of AAP; and how we are going to make connections to global initiatives – e.g. Grand bargain – participation revolution etc.

2) Aim and Outline of Meeting

Tanya Axisa (Coordinator)

Aim: We are not trying to re-write the work plan but recognize that given the break between coordinators and the global priorities it is time to revisit, refresh and revitalize the activities. Today is about looking at what is currently happening, identifying the priorities and pinning down some commitments.

Today is only about workstreams 1 and 2 (AAP and PSEA). Workstream 3 (PSEA) will be discussed on September 6 during the PSEA focused meeting.

3) Refreshing Workstreams 1 and 2

Tanya Axisa (Coordinator) and Francesca Fraccaroli (OCHA)

Please see the matrix below that aims to capture the inputs provided in the questionnaires and our discussion in this meeting. This includes:

- Member activity against each workstream as provided through recent questionnaire and in the meeting
- New/refreshed mini-workstreams that were discussed and agreed in the meeting
- Organization commitments made during the meeting

ACTIONS: Please feel free to email me any additions in these 3 areas, including any additional ideas you may have for mini-workstreams.

We strongly encourage your organization to look at workstream 2 (areas with red text) and commit to working with us on the HPC mini-workstream both at the global level and in the field. In addition, we would like to ask organisations to show interest in the synergies with other global initiatives and indicate if you would be available to input into some of these key initiatives as TT representatives to mainstream AAP and PSEA into their upcoming policies, guidance and tools.

Refreshed Workplan Matrix Aug-Dec 2017

WORKSTREAM 1: CAPTURING/SHARING GOOD PRACTICE ON AAP/PSEA	ACTIONS	EXAMPLES	Summary of member activity	Priority ?	AGREED MINI-WORKSTREAMS	ORGANISATION COMMITMENTS
	1.1 Provision of remote technical support	Helpdesk Webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASC AAP/PSEA – helpdesk receiving very few requests; not advertised enough etc. • IOM/interaction PSEA webinars • CDAC receives and responds to CE related questions from the field • IFRC webinars to support National Societies development of their PSEA policies • UNHCR distance support – e-learning and training • UNICEF webinars • CHS webinars on AAP and self-assessment 	Yes Status Quo	A group will be formed to revitalize and better market the helpdesk. New potential webinar around ‘how organizations can access support on AAP and PSEA (helpdesk etc.)	IMC, OCHA Visual information Unit, UNHCR CHS to share info on helpdesk with members Interaction
	1.2 Generate evidence on impact of AAP and PSEA	Members submit examples for advocacy purposes AAP/PSEA marker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gFSC shares best practice with TT • UNHCR created advocacy posters for staff and partners – plus upcoming ‘no-excuse’ cards • UNHCR community of practice for PSEA • CDAC participates in Grand Bargain conversations and holds own forum on being ‘participation ready’ • CDAC guidelines and policy papers • WVI conducting study on value-added of AAP; to be finalized in September • IFRC through RBM • CHS through self-assessment tool • UNICEF through development of a benchmark for minimum expectations 	Status Quo	Members will submit examples of evidence in impact of AAP and PSEA to the Task Team. Need to look at how donors incentivize AAP/PSEA e.g. through RBM– rather than having a marker alone.	All members requested to share examples of good practice etc. with TA IFRC and UNICEF to link with IASC AAP/PSEA to share findings and think about collective mechanisms
	1.3 Maintain a user friendly and updated information repository	Website, dissemination of best practise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM updates 2016 PSEA toolkit on IASC website • gFSC has own dedicated webpage • UNHCR community of practice for PSEA; field examples collected and shared • IASC website – may need some changes 	Status Quo	Capture good practice around how AAP/PSEA is mainstreamed into the HPC and highlight success stories on website etc. Review IASC website	OCHA, IASC CDAC

WORKSTREAM 2: SUPPORT TO OPERATIONALISATION OF AAP AND PSEA	ACTIONS (note: it was agreed that 2.1 and 2.2 should be switched to provide a more logical flow)	EXAMPLES	Summary of member activity	Priority ?	AGREED MINI-WORKSTREAMS	ORGANISATION COMMITMENTS
	2.2 Provide recommendations on AAP/PSEA placement within humanitarian procedures and processes in the field	Integrate into TORs and HPC documents etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gFSC supports country (esp on HRPs) • ICCG and IASC AAP/PSEA mapping of AAP in 2017 HPC • IFRC – will follow from development of PSEA policies and adoption from National Societies • IASC AAP/PSEA identification of potential entry points for mainstreaming AAP into global processes – Urban, Protection, Preparedness, Cash , Disabilities and Gender groups • GPC and IASC AAP/PSEA will conduct mapping of countries in which AAP fits under the Protection cluster • GPC Task Team on Protection mainstreaming developing a toolkit with AAP as key component • IASC/PSEA links to Grand Bargain Participation Revolution • CDAC recently produced guidance that include recommendations – e.g. management of rumours 	Yes	<p>1. A group will be formed to focus on how we can mainstream AAP/PSEA into the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC). Will focus on: joint needs assessments, HNOs, HRPs, OECD DAC criteria, AAP, gender and protection mainstreaming as entry points.</p> <p>2. The Task Team will commit to feed into other ongoing global initiatives to mainstream AAP/PSEA into strategies, guidance and tools; in particular through the following entry points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASC Urban Reference Group • GPC Protection Mainstreaming WG • IASC Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness Reference Group • IASC Task Team on inclusion of persons with disabilities • IASC Gender Reference Group • Cash Working Group 	<p>OCHA, Global Protection Cluster (GPC), UNICEF, CHS</p> <p>Members to contact TA if interested in any of these areas and prepared to input/mainstream AAP into their processes</p>
	2.1 Provide direct technical assistance on AAP/PSEA	In-country support from TT members to HCTs etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM rolling out PSEA toolkit through CBCM trainings • IOM responds to direct requests around operationalizing PSEA • gFSC has 2 focal points, who support countries (training, info, best practices etc.) • ICCG and IASC AAP/PSEA mapping of AAP in 2017 HPC • IFRC supporting 15 National Societies to prepare their PSEA policies • UNHCR training for field staff on PSEA • CDAC provides foundation trainings and online training 	Yes	Members to provide field based support based on activities defined in 2.2. For example, TORs could be developed for support to HCTs on mainstreaming AAP into National level HPC processes etc.	

4) AOB

a. Introduction of Transparency International (TI)

Larissa Schuurman (TI)

TI has been working on integrity and corruption issues in humanitarian aid since 2006. One of the products is the handbook on preventing corruption in humanitarian operations (published 2010 and updated 2014) and related e-learning course. The ongoing ECHO funded project in collaboration with Humanitarian Outcomes provides analysis of corruption risks in 4 emergencies and recommendations for how to improve integrity; this included over 500 key informant interviews with a focus on service delivery. They encountered a number of challenges, including around the conceptual understanding of corruption and the reluctance of some respondents to openly discuss corruption.

TI defines corruption as ‘the abuse of trusted power for private gain’; it is not just about financial power but includes SEA as well. Corruption risks were found in all 4 case study countries. Common risks were found in procurement and HR processes. Challenges of engaging affected populations were noted in all studies; with related impacts on the quality etc. of the programmes. The link between AAP and corruption is very complex; it is rare to find reports of specific corruption practice due to fear of reprisals, community pressure, not having enough or having too many complaint mechanisms. Some good practice was identified; these were organization specific; not collective, for example, the establishment of risk management units; communication and transparency of assistance to local populations through local media and through dedicated accountability officers. Main conclusions: there is a need to strengthen collective strategic efforts, and to identify space where frank conversations are allowed; and provide incentives for reporting at donor and community level. There is a recognized tension between highlighting corruption risks and prioritization of aid to vulnerable populations. TI is looking at how it can support the TT efforts to engage on these issues.

Reflection from the Co-Chairs: This is a good example of how important collective mechanisms are; we need to take our work to the next level; agencies to share their experiences so we can see how we can adapt these to collective mechanisms.

b. Update on IASC AAP Commitments

Tanya Axisa (Coordinator)

The final draft (agreed by the TT) has been shared by the IASC WG Chair with the WG for comments by 21 August. This will then be shared with the IASC Principals for endorsement.

c. Update on IASC ‘Light Review’

Tanya Axisa (Coordinator)

A desk review was undertaken and meetings held with Subsidiary Body Co-Chairs and Coordinators to look at the work of the Task teams in light of certain criteria. By the end of August, a small group will be producing some recommendations on the Subsidiary Bodies for the IASC WG.

Next Meeting dates:

- 6 September 2017 PSEA focused
- 5 October 2017 AAP/PSEA
- 2 November 2017 PSEA focused
- 7 December 2017 AAP/PSEA

Meeting Participants:

Organisation	Name	Call in	In Geneva
IASC AAP PSEA TT Co-Chair	Preeta Law		X
IASC AAP PSEA TT Co-Chair	Mamadou Ndiaye	X	
IASC AAP PSEA	Tanya Axisa		X
CDAC Network	Sarah Mace	X	
CHS Alliance	Genevieve Cyvoct		X
FAO	Bruna Bambini	X	
IASC Secretariat	Bernard Muinde	X	
OCHA	Francesca Fraccaroli		X
IFRC	Tina Tinde		X
IMC	Michael Gall	X	
IRC/GPC	Marie-Emilie Dozin		X
Transparency International	Larissa Schuurman		X
Trocaire	Deirdre Mc Ardle	X	
UNHCR	Scott Pohl		X
UNHCR	Shruti Sreeraman Patrachari		X
UNICEF	Kate		X
WHO	Evan Drake		X
World Vision	Elie Gasagara	X	

Note: Apologies for any errors in above table