PSEA Network Meeting Minutes
10:00 – 11:30 Wednesday, 2 October 2019
UNICEF Conference Room 4

Discussed

SEA Referral Pathways: The Network discussed the development of the SEA referral pathway which is a priority for Strategic Executive Group (SEG). The PSEA Network Coordinator explained the aim, which is to have a Community Based Complaint Mechanisms and a strategy ensuring that complaints from the field reaches the respective investigation unit. The PSEA Network Coordinator explained how the scheme for the SEA referral presented during the previous meeting was re-elaborated and presented to the Heads of Sub Offices to initiate conversations on the pathway. The PSEA Network Coordinator then presented the evolution of the SEA referral pathways and then explained the suggested and amended scheme, which suggests that referrals coming from complaint desks at field level can be sent directly to the PSEA FP or the PSEA Network Coordinator in complex cases or when an organization does not have a PSEA FP. The new scheme suggests PSEA FPs share with PSEA Network Coordinator information about the ongoing cases (following criteria for data sharing to be discussed further) to ensure data and trend analysis at the level of the Network to ensure correct SEA prevention and mitigation strategies are activated.

Members asked for clarification on when the PSEA Network Coordinator would be contacted instead of the PSEA FP. More narrative will be provided in the referral SOP, the role of the PSEA Network Coordinator is of TA for complex cases and to be directly called when the agency PSEA FP is unknown. The Network suggested to add a connection (a dotted line) between the staff complaining about a colleague and the PSEA Network Coordinator when the agency PSEA FP is unknown and cases are complicated.

The Network asked the members if they agree on providing a time-frame for referring cases from complaint desks to the PSEA FPs and the Network agreed with the 48 hours timeframe, which might be extended for specific cases provided a paper-trial is given for the delay.

IASC principles: The PSEA Network Coordinator informed the Network about the change of language made by IASC on the six principles, noting how principle 4 changed and sexual relationships between staff and beneficiaries moved from “strongly discouraged” to “prohibited”.

PSEA Network Coordinator suggested members to touch base with the legal department of HQ to inquire about changes at the level of the code of conduct.

AOB: TDH extended invitation to PSEA Network members on a training for CP caseworkers on sexual abuse of boys. The training will be held from 13th-16th of October.

Actions:

- Network members will provide feedback on the referral pathway – if any - by Sunday, October 13.
- PSEA Network Coordinator will evaluate according to the feedback provided whether to hold another Network consultation or present the scheme to the HOSOG on Monday, October 14.

Next PSEA Network Meeting will be on October 16, 2019 at UNICEF conference room 4

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