Protection Working Group Meeting
14 January 2020, 15:00-17:00hrs, UNHCR Conference Room, Cox’s Bazar

Participants: AAR Japan, ACF, ADWG, BBC MA, Caritas, Care Bangladesh, CAID, CBM, CRS, CSI, DRC, GBVSS, HI, ICRC, IOM, Light House, NGO Platform, NRC, OKUP, OXFAM, PSEA Network, Relief International, SCI, TAI, UNHCR, Winrock, WFP.

Other attendees: Shelter/NFI Sector
Detailed participants list available upon request

Agenda

1. Welcoming, Introductions, Review of Pending Action Points
2. Operational updates / outstanding Protection issues
3. Updates on JRP-2020 and Reporting for 2019
4. ADB Roads
5. Research Presentation: Mainstreaming disability in Humanitarian Action
6. PSEA (Standing Agenda Item)
7. AOB

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Review of pending action points from previous meeting: Feedback on the draft tool on Gender Tip-Sheet: A final call for PWG members to provide feedback on Gender TIP sheet was made by Sector Coordinator.</td>
<td>PWG Coordination team to share the updated PWG products and key other contact list: PWG Coordination Team and IM colleagues are involved in updating the regular products such as camp protection focal points contact details, partner’s presence, 5Ws mapping, Referral pathway and the newly developed Service Mapping</td>
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tool. Once finalized, it will be shared with the members by end January. Considering cyclone and monsoon season, Coordination Team is also working on reviewing the PERU and RPA teams and will be working on revisiting existing emergency assessment tools. The meeting further urged protection partners/agencies to provide updates in the event changes are made within PFPs, PERU, and RPA team in order to ensure preparedness and forward planning.

**Protection Sector Service Mapping Exercise**

PWG Coordination Team received inputs for all the 34 camps through kobo link. PWG IM is conducting an analysis on the inputs provided and will share with PWG Task Team once the analysis is completed. Based on the endorsement provided by PWG TT, final product will be shared during the next PWG meeting.

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<td><strong>Fencing around the camps and messaging.</strong></td>
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<td>As per the update requested from the PWG members, the forum was updated on developments and the follow-up at Dhaka level. Updates will be provided as developments occur.</td>
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<td>JRP 2019 Protection Sector year-end report will consist of two major components comprised of 5w products and Narrative contributions by the partners. While PWG partners have provided 5ws products report as per the 2nd January deadline, reports to 2 indicators still needs to be verified one last time: # of dedicated protection staff trained on enhanced technical protection skills AND # people at heightened risks identified and supported through protection case management mechanism (not including CP and GBV).</td>
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PWG Coordinators to update on the messaging on fencing once received from ISCG /r HoSoG.

PWG partners to cross check internally on the mentioned two indicators and report to PWG IM if additional information is to be provided.
Hence, it was recommended for PWG partners to conduct a last-minute verification to make sure that all inputs needed under these two indicators are reported to PWG IM colleagues.

In regards to the narrative report, the Coordination team shared the kobo link with PWG and the deadline for PWG partners to submit inputs is on the 15th of January.

**JRP 2020 Objectives and Indicators**

Based on feedback received from SEG revision, Sectors were requested to provide revisions. Protection Sector has gone through the document and provided the needed revisions to ISCG. Revisions to the 2020 JRP indicators monitoring framework was revised and shared with ISCG IM team. Finally the forum was briefed on new developments with the JRP including a new 4th Strategic Objective now included in the 2020 JRP:

SO4: Work towards achieving sustainable solutions in Myanmar.

Support Rohingya refugees to build the skills and capacities that would help with their sustainable return and reintegration in Myanmar when conditions become conducive, including in improving their access to education and skills development activities; ensure Rohingya refugees have access to safe, transparent, and consultative communication mechanisms regarding solutions and the situation in Myanmar; in Myanmar, continue to encourage and support the Government to address the root causes of the crisis, including through implementation of the Rakhaine Advisory Commission recommendations, and create the conditions that would be conducive for safe, voluntary and dignified return.

While there is an inclusion of the 4th Strategic Objective, this will not significantly change the current proposed objectives under Protection Sector. As such, the following are the Sector’s objectives.

1. Monitor and advocate for access to territory, prevention of refoulement, respect for refugee rights, while enhancing continuous registration and documentation for all refugee women, men, girls and boys, in order to contribute toward sustainable solutions.
2. Promote a community-based approach to the response, support community self-protection mechanisms and facilitate meaningful access to specialized services for persons at heightened protection risk, including girls, boys, women and men of all ages who have diverse needs and vulnerabilities, with the aim of mitigating exposure to protection risks, strengthening the resilience of affected communities in order to build skills for return and reintegration, and placing communities at the centre of the response, in line with Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) principles.
3. Support system strengthening, by supporting Government and local partners, promoting peaceful coexistence and enhancing social cohesion within and between the refugee and host communities.
4. Boys and girls including adolescents facing life-threatening risks of abuse, neglect, violence, exploitation, and severe distress have access to well-coordinated and gender-sensitive quality child protection services.
5. Improve access to quality survivor-centered services by responding to individual needs, preventing and mitigating GBV of risks, and empowering women, girls and survivors of GBV.

6. Promote an integrated and multi-sector Protection, Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) approach.

4. **ADB Roads**
   PWG Coordinator informed the meeting that, there are several packages on ADB Roads development. Different package would affect different camp facilities and households. First package that is going to start from February will affect camps 1E, 1W, 2E, 2W, 7, 9, 12, 15 & 19. It will not only affect the households but also affect some facilities. From Protection Sector Point of view, protection facilities in camps 15 and 19 will be affected. Protection Sector, SMS and IOM to engage on the decommission of the protection facilities in camps 15 and 19.

   Caroline Funke, researcher at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict at Ruhr-University Bochum in Germany gave a presentation on her research that was conducted in Cox’s Bazar in January. It is part of the project “Phase 2- Leave No One Left Behind! Mainstreaming of Disability in Humanitarian Action” that is carried out in cooperation with Handicap International - Humanity and Inclusion Germany and Christian Blind Mission (CBM) Germany. In line with the project, the field research aims at identifying factors that promote and effective anchoring of disability inclusion in humanitarian action. The objective is to understand what motivates organizations to mainstream disability, what keeps them engaged in this process, what challenges they face and to discover good practices being implemented. This research is not an evaluation of a particular organization, project or program. Findings are meant to further inform disability mainstreaming efforts in humanitarian action and will (anonymously) be published in scientific journals. A report will be shared with donors, policy makers, and humanitarian actors. Carolin is interested in learning about the experiences of organizations' efforts in mainstreaming disability and is looking for staff from humanitarian actors who are interested in participating in an interview to share their experiences.

6. **PSEA (Standing Agenda Item):**
   PSEA Network Coordinator informed the meeting that,
   1. PSEA Network has finally endorsed the referral pathway. It is yet to be validated by the HoSOs at Cox level.
   2. An extensive TOT on PSEA is also being conducted by the network for agencies. The overall objective is to engage more people to be trained on this issue and ensure awareness on SEA by a broader range of stakeholders as well as refugees. As an inter-sectoral joint initiative, the network is trying to have some people at field level who have PSEA knowledge and support as a Peer if required.
7. **AOB:**

1. **New Videos from BBC Media Action:** BBC Media Action, requested all to use the recent video which illustrate creative initiatives by refugees and use the videos to inspire others. Partners were requested to look at the link and explore options of further dissemination at community level.

   PWG Coordination team to share the link of Video documentary prepared by the BBC Media Action ‘Our Heroes’.

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