

## Protection Working Group Meeting

### MINUTES

<b>Date/Venue:</b>	10 October 2017, 15.00 – 17.00 hours, UNHCR Meeting Room, Cox’s Bazar	
<b>Participants:</b>	Action Aid Bangladesh, BDRCS, BRAC, Care International, East-West Management Institute, Handicap International, ICRC, IFRC, IOM, IRC, ISCG, Oxfam, Plan International, Relief International, Solidarités International, Terre des Hommes, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF Detailed participants list attached.	
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions, announcements, review of minutes</li> <li>2. Updates from GBV and CP subsectors</li> <li>3. PSWG TORs and membership</li> <li>4. Protection referral pathways and service mapping</li> <li>5. The Protection Sector HRP</li> <li>6. Mainstreaming of Protection in other sectors</li> <li>7. Updates</li> <li>8. Reminders</li> <li>9. AOB</li> </ol>	
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussions and agreed points</b>	<b>Summary of Action Points</b>
<b>1. Introductions, review of minutes</b>	<p>Minutes of previous PSWG meetings (03 October 2017) accepted without comments.</p> <p><b>Update by UNHCR Protection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A boat carrying 60 refugees capsized on 08 October at some two kilometres from the Bangladeshi shore due to overcrowding. Twenty survivors were found and were provided medical aid. Further assistance, including psychosocial support was also given to them at Kutupalong camp after transfer.</li> <li>• In collaboration with the Bangladesh Army, humanitarian aid organizations have maintained a presence at main entry points (such as Anjumanpara, Shah Porir Dwip and Ulubonia) as of 09 October, to provide immediate assistance upon arrival and identify protection or health needs that require immediate follow-up.</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Updates from GBV and CP subsectors</b>	<p><b>Update by CP:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child Protection Case Management Task Force was set up by the Child Protection Sub-sector to develop tools and procedures for case management of children at risk, including UASC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update by GBV:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consult with the ISCG on the best approach of community legal aid structure</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services in spontaneous settlements are scaling up, with the existing GBV task force revitalized to reinforce the whole system. Proper referral pathway to also be strengthened and connected with other areas in protection.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update by operational Protection partners:</b></p> <p><b>HI:</b> PSN and EVI identification exercise continues in Kutupalong, Balukali makeshift settlements and Kutupalong extension site. Information Desks for family reunification purposes are established in two registered camps, with logistic and technical supports of UNHCR. Also, mobile information teams are mobilized to provide information on services in new sites. HI is preparing to set up mobile child friendly spaces in makeshift settlements. Psychosocial support and provision of assistance for persons with disabilities continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNHCR:</b> increased field presence, border monitoring and protection monitoring. Following up on survivors of boat incident. Protection assessment with partners ongoing. 105 community structures mapped in Kutapulong extension.</li> <li>• <b>BRAC:</b> 16 Child Friendly Spaces up and running while more activities including sports will soon be included.</li> <li>• <b>IOM:</b> Legal aid services available and safe shelters, for all including GBV and human trafficking cases scaling up. Meanwhile, community justice structures under consideration to reinforce equal representation of refugees in the community. However, best to align this initiative with existing community camp structures.</li> <li>• <b>Action Aid:</b> Services in Women Centre, referral and psychosocial support are ongoing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency contact details to be collected and distributed for urgent protection, GBV, and CP referrals, as an immediate emergency measure and in the absence of finalized referral pathways. (done)</li> </ul>
<p>3. <b>PSWG TORs and membership</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief presentation of skeleton of Protection Working Group ToR</li> <li>• Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Efficient coordination system is key to ensure the two subsectors can function as an integral part of the Protection Sector.</li> <li>- In order to avoid confusion or duplication of effort, a clear definition of 'Protection' should be included.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed TORs to be drafted and distributed for feedback by protection working group lead. (done)</li> </ul>
<p>4. <b>Protection referral pathways and service mapping</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a clear and recognized need for more systematic Protection, GBV and Child Protection referral pathways.</li> <li>• For protection cases (outside GBV and Child Protection coverage), a revival of the existing task force proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection Referral Pathways taskforce to be reestablished (done - first</li> </ul>

		meeting 14 Oct. Participants UNHCR,IOM, SI, HI, TAI. Task force to report back at 17/10 meeting.)
<b>5. The Protection Sector HRP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Response Plan has been finalized by the ISCG, with a small likelihood of revision by sector members. Information Management is working on a simple reporting format for generic protection activities, to be shared with operational protection partners under the HRP, to allow for systematic tracking of progress; to be shared with operational protection partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting tool under development.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Mainstreaming of Protection in other sectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No feedback to last week’s request for expressions of interest of Protection Working group members to participate in a small group to set out modalities for mainstreaming protection by applying a “protection lens” in the work of other sectors. Renewed call for expressions of interest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please inform Working Group lead (Blanche Tax) by e-mail if interested.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Updates</b> <b>a. Registration</b> <b>b. Protection Sector inputs in Site Planning Matrix</b> <b>c. Assessment and Protection Situation Analysis</b> <b>d. civ-mil coordination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Registration:</b> Family counting exercise by RRRCm with UNHCR support, ongoing. Up to yesterday (9 Oct.), 9,984 families (representing 43,574 individuals) counted, and provided with laminated family cards. MoHA registration also ongoing, new registration sites (closer to where new arrivals reside) being opened.</li> <li><b>Protection Sector input in Site Planning Matrix:</b> The Sector has provided inputs on facilities needed for protection purposes to the Physical Site Planning Task Force. Precise figures were not possible at this stage considering several uncertainties in terms of usability of the physical space, number of people per zone, location of latrines, mosques, etc. Engagement on this issue will continue once parameters become clearer.</li> <li><b>Assessment and Protection Situation Analysis:</b> Focus group discussions ongoing in the context of a rapid protection assessment, implemented by UNHCR, CODEC, SCI, TAI, to inform protection strategies and obtain a snapshot of key protection concerns. Results will be presented to Protection Working Group.</li> <li><b>Civ-mil coordination:</b> ISCG has updated sector leads that coordination meetings between aid agencies and representatives of the Bangladesh Army will also take place at the ground level, in 4 zones as established by the Army. ISCG to provide further feedback on this mechanism and how it will work. Suggestion to invite ISCG’s civ-mil coordination focal point to the Protection Working Group, in light of possible protection issues related to the role of the Army</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To invite the ISCG civ-mil coordinator for next meeting.</li> <li>Request for registration team to provide details on family counting and registration processes in next meeting.</li> <li>Protection assessment results to be presented at 17/10 meeting.</li> </ul>

	in the humanitarian aid effort.	
<b>8. Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for weekly Situation Report remains on Thursdays, unless informed otherwise by the ISCG.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Weekly inputs on 4W to be sent by COB on Thursdays.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unconfirmed information on DC meeting, where it would have been communicated that no psychosocial support activities would be allowed 1-1.5 months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISCG to follow up and confirm / clarify this information.</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> On 11 October, the ISCG announced that the deadline has been shifted to Fridays COB.

**ATTACHMENT**

**List of Participants**  
**Protection Sector Working Group Meeting**  
**10 October 2017, 15.00 hours, UNHCR Meeting Room**

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