Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action

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Presentation Objectives

1. Learn about the revision process for the 2015 GBV Guidelines

2. Become familiar with the general structure and content of revised Guidelines

3. Learn about the implementation strategy for the Guidelines
Who is familiar with this book?
Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action

Reducing risk, promoting resilience and aiding recovery
Background to the revision process

- Led by UNICEF & UNFPA for the GBV AoR
- Two+ year process of intensive global and field consultations, 2013/2014
- Roll out supported by global Reference Group
Key changes and additions: context

• Address risks across all humanitarian contexts, including disasters
• Not restricted to sexual violence
• Target audience: primarily non-specialists
  ✓ Key message: should not add to workloads!
  ✓ Can be used as a mainstreaming tool to make current programming safer and more effective
Purpose

To assist humanitarian actors and communities affected by armed conflict, natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies to:

*coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions for the prevention and mitigation of gender-based violence (GBV) across all sectors of humanitarian response.*
Prevention & Risk Mitigation

**Prevention = taking action to stop GBV from first occurring**

- scaling up activities that promote gender equality
- working with communities to address practices that contribute to GBV

**Risk Mitigation = reducing the risk of exposure to GBV**

- ensuring sufficient lighting and security patrols are in place when establishing displacement camps
- placing locks on the inside of latrines
Evidence (data) not required for action

The actions in the Guidelines are relevant from the earliest stages of humanitarian intervention (including preparedness) and in any humanitarian setting, regardless of the "known" or "official" prevalence and/or incidence of different forms of GBV.
Key changes and additions: accountability

- Incorporate lessons learned from implementation of 2005 Guidelines
- Emphasize responsibility and accountability across types & levels of actors

✓ “Ensuring Accountability” section and standalone document
Key changes and additions: structure

• Reflect changes in humanitarian architecture since 2005 (clusters!)
• Recommendations arranged according to Humanitarian Programme Cycle
• ‘Essential’ rather than minimum standards
• Provide suggested indicators
Structure of the Guidelines
Part 1, Introduction:

• Overview of GBV: what is it (definition), why does it happen and who is affected?

• The obligation to address GBV in humanitarian work

• Ensuring implementation of the Guidelines: responsibilities of key actors
While humanitarian actors must analyze different gendered vulnerabilities that may put men, women, boys and girls at heightened risk for violence and ensure care and support for all survivors, *special attention should be given to females due to their documented greater vulnerabilities to GBV, the overarching discrimination they experience, and their lack of safe and equitable access to humanitarian assistance.*
Structure of the Guidelines
Part 2, Background to Thematic Areas:

• Content overview of Thematic Areas: essential actions tables, coordination recommendations and indicators
• Overview of Humanitarian Programme Cycle elements
• Guiding principles and approaches for addressing GBV
What is the HPC?
HPC adapted for the Guidelines

1. Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning
2. Resource Mobilization
3. Implementation (Programming, Policies, Communication and Information Sharing)
4. Coordination
5. Monitoring and Evaluation
Structure of the Guidelines
Part 3, Thematic Area Guidance

• 13 Thematic Areas, loosely following clusters/AoRs and key sectors
• Outline links with existing sector standards
• Follow the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC)
Comprehensive book and the “TAGs”

- TAG = “Thematic Area Guide”
- Portable
- Sector-specific Essential Actions poster
Implementation Strategy & Ensuring Accountability

GOAL
Humanitarian programming in all emergencies is designed and implemented - across all sectors, through all stages and by all stakeholders - in a manner which substantially reduces the risk, promotes resilience and supports lasting solutions to the problem of GBV.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Inclusivity
Adopting a Supportive Communications Approach

OBJECTIVE 1
Humanitarian actors are aware of, understand, and consistently use the Guidelines

OBJECTIVE 2
All humanitarian programming is planned and implemented in accordance with the Guidelines

OBJECTIVE 3
The Guidelines are consistently used in donor funding criteria and agency funding proposal guidance

OBJECTIVE 4
Extent of implementation of the Guidelines across different humanitarian sectors is monitored and measured
Global Protection Cluster
GBV Prevention and Response

For more information:
http://www.gbvguidelines.org/