

IASC Priority/Task Team Progress Report January 2014-March 2016: IASC Task Team on Accountability to Affected Populations, and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (AAP/PSEA)

KEY AIM: Create a system-wide “culture of accountability”: institutionalization of accountability to affected populations, including Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, in function and resourcing within each humanitarian organization alongside system level cohesion, coordination, and learning.

The Task Team has been working on different work streams, namely **work with, and support, Humanitarian Country Teams** operationalise accountability and PSEA at a collective level; **engage with donors** in advancing the AAP/PSEA agenda, including the strengthening of requirements for funding recipients to demonstrate progress on accountability and PSEA; and **develop a broader advocacy strategy** to ensure that all humanitarian actors are aware of their roles and responsibilities with regard to AAP & PSEA, and disseminate good practices and **pilot inter-agency community-based complaints mechanisms**

TOP ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE EARLY 2014:

Support provided to Humanitarian Country Teams and field operations

- Deployed WFP and Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) staff to **support L3 emergencies** in Philippines and CAR, including developing AAP Action Plans on behalf of the Emergency Directors Group.
- Support provided to Iraq and Niger HCTs
- **Supported field operations with AAP/PSEA guidance and advice**, including Myanmar, CAR, Philippines and DRC for interagency project
- **Set up a Help desk** to share good practices and rapidly respond to technical queries from partners
- Included AAP in Disaster Risk Reduction strategies in multi-agency projects including local governments.
- AAP and PSEA **experts** participated in the STAIT webinar on accountability with over 500 participants from 60 countries.
- AAP included in **SRP and HNO guidance, Indicator Registry, Response Monitoring, Humanitarian Coordinator training and guidance** and in the **Humanitarian Coordinators' Compacts**.
- **HC Retreat** in Montreux included a session on AAP. **RC's training** in June included AAP as part of session on crisis response and early recovery.
- Increased links with some Clusters to support them in operationalising AAP and co-development of a **workshop with global cluster coordinators group on Accountability**
- Development of **guidance with suggested activities to strengthen AAP** through each phase of the HPC for cluster and intercluster coordination groups
- PSEA DVD - “**To serve with pride**” has been disseminated.
- Meeting of PSEA focal points was convened by PSEA Champion William Swing in April 2015
- Support to the **development of global SOPs** that articulate how agencies can cooperate at the field level in interagency feedback mechanisms, as well as in referring SEA allegations outside a CBCM context.
- Advocacy towards clear and comprehensive communication from agencies' HQ to the field on cooperation modalities for case handling and allegation referrals to address cases in a safe, timely, and effective manner.

Task team membership

- The IASC AAP PSEA TT has reached out to several national stakeholders to ensure stronger participation of local organizations in the Task Team at the global level
- Mamadou Ndiaye, Director of Senegal based NGO OFADEC, widely recognized for its experience in operationalizing AAP and PSEA became the new co-chair of the task team in January 2016

Inter-agency community-based complaints mechanisms (CBCMs)

- Interagency CBCMs have been fully established in Melkadida refugee camp, Ethiopia, and in North Kivu, DRC based on extensive consultations with community members.
- By Dec 2015, the CBCM in DRC had received and processed 200 complaints, 37 of which were SEA allegations (none of which involved peacekeepers). The CBCM in Ethiopia received 81 non-SEA complaints and 6 SEA cases.
- The task team supported the facilitation of a workshop on lessons learned from the pilot in Ethiopia and DRC with participation of other countries
- Lessons learned from the workshop, combined with the recommendations from the final evaluation of the pilot project have informed the **community-based complaints mechanisms Best Practice guide**, which will be finalized in May 2016

Promoting awareness and good practices

- Inclusion of AAP/PSEA in Humanitarian Coordinator's Handbook.
- Advocacy with partners and donors to highlight the essential linkages between AAP and PSEA, and increased collaboration at policy and field level
- Capitalisation on linkages between protection, protection mainstreaming and accountability in training and advocacy in order to avoid fragmentation of essentially linked areas of work for greater and more sustainable impact. Specific work on the recommendations of the Whole of System report on Protection.
- Advocacy work through webinar and initial development of a PSEA campaign
- Development of good practice 2 pagers on collective accountability including case studies and specific PSEA language used by organizations in contractual agreement with staff and partners

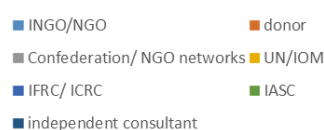


Engagement with donors

- Donor meeting to discuss role of donors in advancing the operationalisation of AAP & PSEA

Engagement with WHS

- **Support provided to WHS Secretariat** on how to better advance AAP/PSEA and engage communities in the WHS



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