



GBV in Emergencies Thematic Working Group

Gender-Based Violence Prevention Network

1.1 Vision

The GBV in Emergencies Thematic Working Group (TWG), part of the GBV Prevention Network, seeks to promote improved approaches to emergency response and preparedness among GBV practitioners through shared resources, expertise and learning.

1.2 GBV in Emergencies TWG Objectives

- To provide members with innovative approaches and tools for GBV response in emergencies
- To develop strategies for strengthening GBV emergency response and prevention capacity at the local level
- To advance learning based on field-level application of GBV response tools in emergencies
- To advocate for increased interest and investment in protecting women and girls from GBV in emergencies, and creating the space for their contribution to reconstruction and peace.

1.3 GBV in Emergencies TWG Leadership

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) will serve as the lead of the GBV in Emergencies TWG, with support from the GBV Prevention Network Coordinating Office. In this role, IRC commits to advancing specific activities and outputs decided by the group and in line with the Network's overarching vision, objectives and values.

As outlined by the GBV Prevention Network TWG terms of reference, IRC shall serve for a maximum of two terms of two years each. At the end of each term, TWG members will have the opportunity to nominate and vote for new leadership.

IRC will inform the Network Coordinating Office in writing if unable to complete its term. In this case, members will nominate a new TWG leader.

1.4 Roles and Responsibilities of the TWG Lead

The main roles and responsibilities of the TWG lead are:

- Serve in this leadership position on a voluntary basis for two years;
- Guide the group to develop a strategic direction in line with the GBV Prevention Network's values, vision and objectives based on their regional experience and expertise on that theme;
- Guide the group to plan and implement activities of interest to the group on an annual basis that are relevant to the theme;
- Lead in the development of an annual work plan (with persons or organizations responsible indicated), expected outputs and outcomes from the activities suggested above which all members consent;
- Communicate via email or phone with members of the group on a monthly basis to maintain connection, dynamism and follow up on activities/commitments;
- Provide overall leadership in the implementation of agreed activities;

- Help identify resources, opportunities and potential collaborations that would benefit the thematic group and allow the group to carry out its mandate; and
- Advise the Network's Leadership Committee on possible strategic directions for the GBV Prevention Network.

1.5 Expected Deliverables

The TWG lead will be responsible for providing the Coordination Office with the following deliverables:

- An annual brief on the agreed strategic direction of the group;
- A copy of the TWG annual work plan with expected outputs and outcomes;
- Make submissions to the Network website on a quarterly basis – update, plans, publications, activities, etc.; and
- A brief annual report on the progress of the activities and outputs mentioned above. (This report, based on a standard format provided by the Coordinating Office, should be provided by January 10th of each calendar year.)

1.6 Activities and Expected Outcomes of the GBV in Emergencies TWG

The following list is not exhaustive, but illustrates suggested activities that the GBV in Emergencies TWG will undertake:

- Provide field-based practitioners with opportunities for training to effectively and rapidly launch a response to GBV in emergencies
- Engage members in exchange of field-tested program models and tools to support improved GBV response in emergencies
- Hold workshops through which members share field-based learning and have access to technical expertise to support them in developing context-specific emergency toolkits
- Liaise with other TWGs and outside experts to further dialogue and learning around engaging men in emergency-affected contexts with the goal of reducing risks to women and girls
- Develop recommendations targeting senior humanitarian practitioners, UN agencies, donors and national governments, underscoring the importance of meeting women and girls' essential needs while also promoting early recovery and enabling their contribution to reconstruction and peace
- Produce and disseminate member-led case studies and inter-agency documents that further learning and promote TWG policy recommendations

BACKGROUND & MEMBERSHIP

The GBV Prevention Network's 2006 regional dialogue brought together more than 100 activists and practitioners. During this meeting, members agreed to form groups that would cater for specified interests within the Network. Thematic Working Groups were instituted as a Network strategy to bring members together in areas of their own specific thematic interest.

Membership in the GBV Prevention Network is free and is open to all levels of member organizations, including community-based organizations, local NGOs and international NGOs. Members are expected to adhere to the beliefs and values of the GBV Prevention Network (<http://www.preventgbvafrica.org/content/values-vision-and-objectives>), and must commit to the following:

- Communicating with the GBV Prevention Network secretariat via phone, e-mail or post at least twice during the year.
- Sending in at least one electronic resource to post on the web site, or one piece for the newsletter, once during the year.
- Being a champion of the GBV Prevention Network by talking about it in different forums and meetings.
- Giving at least one presentation per year about the GBV Prevention Network.
- Participating actively in the GBV Prevention Network's activities.
- Sharing and practicing in the GBV Prevention Network's beliefs and values.