In humanitarian response for conflict, violence and natural disasters, ALL actors – across all sectors – have a role and a responsibility to ensure that their programming does all it can to prevent and to reduce the risk of gender-based violence (GBV), based on the fundamental humanitarian principle of do no harm.

The 2015 IASC GBV Guidelines (revised from the 2005 version) are a practical, field-tested tool that recognize the high risk of GBV in crisis-affected settings, and provide guidance for humanitarian actors and communities affected by conflict and disasters on essential actions across all sectors of humanitarian response – resulting in safer and more effective programmes.

To build the knowledge and capacity of all humanitarian actors to prevent and reduce the risk of GBV, the inter-agency GBV Guidelines Implementation Support Team (IST)\(^1\), with the support of an inter-agency advisory Reference Group, are embarking on a series of targeted, country-level roll outs.

**From 24 April – 12 May 2017, with the support of UNHCR, the IST will undertake a series of trainings in Greece: between 24-28 April in Thessaloniki; 2-5 May in Lesvos and 8-12 May in Athens.**

The GBV Guidelines are targeted to non-GBV specialists – that is, national and international humanitarian actors across all levels and sectors of humanitarian response, who can and should undertake actions within the day-to-day operations of their own sectors to minimize GBV-related risks. As such, they do not address the intricacies of GBV-specialized programming, but rather support other sectors to integrate risk mitigation measures into the work they are already doing. **The focus sectors for the Greece roll out are: Education; Health; Protection + Child Protection; Site Management Support; and Shelter + WASH.**

Each focus sector will receive a one day training in each of the three locations\(^2\). The training is focused on building awareness, knowledge and capacity of sector partners to identify and mitigate sector-specific GBV risks during all stages of the humanitarian programme cycle. The key output of each training is a sector-level Action Plan, which sets forth participant-generated key priorities and objectives for GBV prevention and/or risk mitigation that the sector will focus on achieving over the course of the following 6-12 months.

In addition to the sector-specific trainings, **half-day “refresher courses” on GBV core concepts are also being offered to all training participants.**

The trainings will be held in English, though translation to Greek will be available in some contexts. Additionally, the Guidelines have been translated into Greek with the support of UNFPA.

Additional information, including downloadable copies of the Guidelines, Thematic Area Guides and sample training materials are available at [www.gbvguidelines.org](http://www.gbvguidelines.org). If you are a partner of a sector noted above and you wish to participate in a training, kindly contact your sector lead. Should you have any questions regarding the roll out in Greece more generally, please contact the global GBV Guidelines inter-agency coordinator, Erin Patrick, at gbv.guidelines@gmail.com

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\(^1\) The IST consists of a coordinator, 2 training specialists, an information management specialist and a sector specialist.

\(^2\) Specific dates for each sector training are included in the attached calendar.
## FINAL schedule for IASC GBV Guidelines roll out in Greece
### April – May 2017

**NOTE:** all sector-specific trainings are full day, from 09.00 – 17.00

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**THESSALONIKI, 24 – 28 April**

- ½ day GBV core concepts training, 09.00 – 12.30
- Protection+Child Protection training (joint)
- Education training
- Health training
- Shelter+WASH training (joint)
- SMS training
- Debrief with sector leads 09.00-12.30
- **UNHCR to deliver ½ day GBV core concepts training in Lesvos**

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**LESVOS, 2-5 May**

- SMS training
- Health training
- Protection+Child Protection training (joint)
- Shelter+WASH training (joint)
- Education training
- Debrief with sector leads, exact time TBD

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**ATHENS, 8-12 May**

- ½ day GBV core concepts training, exact time TBD
- SMS training
- Protection+Child Protection training (joint)
- Shelter+WASH training (joint)
- Education training
- Health training
- Debrief with sector leads, exact time TBD
- Debrief with government (TBD)