

Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action

Ensuring Implementation



What is the implementation strategy?

To support effective roll-out of the 2015 Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action: reducing risk, promoting resilience and aiding recovery (“GBV Guidelines”), an ‘Implementation Strategy’ was developed by the GBV AoR Guidelines Task Team. The Strategy is designed to maximize levels of interest and awareness around the GBV Guidelines in order to promote their sustained, systematic and long-term uptake by humanitarian stakeholders. It details priorities and activities for the first 2–3 years of Guidelines roll-out, while recognizing there is a need for at least a decade-long commitment from GBV and other actors globally. The executive summary and full Strategy are available for download at <www.gbvguidelines.org>.

What’s included in the strategy?

The Implementation Strategy is organized around **one primary goal**: *to ensure that humanitarian programming in all emergencies is designed and implemented – across all sectors, through all stages and by all stakeholders – in a manner that substantially reduces the risk, promotes resilience and supports lasting solutions to the problem of GBV.*

Two overarching **strategic priorities** – *inclusivity* and *adopting a supportive communications approach* – inform all relevant aspects of how the Strategy is operationalized. *Inclusivity* means engaging all key GBV agencies and other humanitarian sectors/clusters in all aspects of the implementation process. *Adopting a supportive communications approach* means not being directive, but taking a partnership approach that prioritizes building relationships with key people and sectors. It means making materials and language for humanitarian actors highly accessible, emphasizing the benefits that come from addressing GBV through sector programming, and ensuring that the guidance is pragmatic.

The Strategy further details the main activities that will support sustained implementation of the GBV Guidelines. These activities are guided by the following **four objectives**:

Objective 1: *Humanitarian actors are aware of and support the GBV Guidelines, and management and leadership mechanisms for implementation are established globally.*

Objective 2: *All humanitarian strategies and programming are planned, developed and implemented in accordance with the GBV Guidelines.*

Objective 3: *The GBV Guidelines are institutionalized and consistently used by donors, multilateral agencies, NGOs and governments.*

Objective 4: *The extent of implementation of the GBV Guidelines across different humanitarian sectors is monitored and measured.*



How do I know what my responsibilities are for implementation?

In Part 4 of the Introduction to the comprehensive Guidelines there is a table that highlights essential actions for ensuring implementation to be undertaken at pre-emergency/preparedness and emergency/stabilized stages of humanitarian intervention by: 1) Government; 2) Humanitarian Coordinators; 3) Humanitarian Country Teams/Inter-Cluster Working Groups; 4) Cluster/Sector Lead Agencies; 5) Cluster/Sector Coordinators; and 6) GBV Coordination Mechanisms. The actions are further organized in terms of the programme cycle in order to link with the overall structure of each thematic area of these Guidelines. The table is excerpted below.

Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors	Stage of Emergency	
	Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage
1. GOVERNMENT		
Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning		
Identify Guidelines champions in key ministries to catalyse processes to ensure that GBV prevention, mitigation and response is addressed as an immediate life-saving priority across all clusters/sectors of humanitarian action	✓	✓
Make available any existing data on affected populations' risks of and exposure to GBV for inclusion in response strategies and to inform initial assessments (in line with safe and ethical practice for the collection and dissemination of GBV data)	✓	✓
Support the work of GBV specialists (national and international) to undertake mapping on GBV (e.g. nature and scope; risk and vulnerability factors; national legal framework; cluster/sector capacities to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV)	✓	✓
Ensure design and implementation of safe and ethical data collection, storage and sharing	✓	✓
Element 2: Resource Mobilization		
Advocate with donors on the importance of providing resources for life-saving GBV interventions from the start of the response—including for targeted GBV programmes, sectoral prevention and mitigation interventions and cluster/sector coordination	✓	✓
Lead on ensuring that initial assessment reports—which can influence funding priorities for the entire response—include anonymized data on GBV incidents, risks, existing services, etc.	✓	✓
Ensure that different cluster/sector programming policies and plans integrate GBV concerns and include strategies for ongoing budgeting of GBV-related activities	✓	✓
Element 3: Implementation		
► Programming		
As part of leadership and coordination of pre-emergency contingency planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlight ubiquity of GBV and the importance of making GBV prevention, mitigation and response a priority for humanitarian action ▪ Ensure that GBV is always included in regular planning cycles for emergency response ▪ Highlight to all ministries, government agencies and national NGOs the importance of integrating GBV prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors into their programming (without waiting for 'evidence' that GBV is occurring) 	✓	✓

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Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

Stage of Emergency

Pre-Emergency/ Preparedness	Emergency/ Stabilized Stage
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1. GOVERNMENT (continued)

► Programming

Ensure key decision makers are aware of the importance of implementing the Guidelines' recommendations to fulfil humanitarian principles and international humanitarian and human rights law ¹	✓	✓
Promote participatory processes that engage women, girls and other at-risk groups in planning, design, implementation and M&E of humanitarian action	✓	✓
Promote Guidelines trainings for all government staff working on humanitarian response. Support staff in attending orientations/trainings and in implementing the recommendations when they return to the office	✓	✓

► Policies

Ensure that the humanitarian response protects the rights of affected populations in accordance with domestic, regional and international instruments on preventing, mitigating and responding to GBV	✓	✓
Ensure that national and local government policies and strategic guidance reflect good practice on GBV prevention, mitigation and response in line with the Guidelines' recommendations	✓	
Ensure national and local legal frameworks reinforce the government responsibility to protect and promote the rights of citizens to be free from GBV	✓	✓

► Communications and Information Sharing

Appoint focal points within relevant government bodies to drive and monitor awareness of how the Guidelines can be used to strengthen GBV prevention, mitigation and response throughout humanitarian action	✓	✓
Use all opportunities to promote awareness of the Guidelines' recommendations for all clusters/sectors. Reference the Guidelines in relevant meetings and initiatives of all government bodies with national and international humanitarian actors	✓	✓
Integrate training on the Guidelines into staff training packages and orientations	✓	✓
Ensure that there are national protocols that support GBV experts to safely and ethically manage GBV data (collection, storage, sharing and dissemination)	✓	✓
As part of regular information sharing across government, proactively share good practice lessons learned in GBV prevention, mitigation and response in communications (including social media) and at public events	✓	✓

Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors

Promote the Guidelines and related tools in inter-sectoral emergency preparedness meetings to ensure all decision makers are aware of and have access to guidance relevant to their clusters/sectors and geographic areas	✓	
Ensure all clusters/sectors are working together to implement GBV prevention, mitigation and response programming across all areas of humanitarian response	✓	✓

Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Identify at least one relevant indicator from each thematic area section of the Guidelines to include in local and/or national reports	✓	✓
Require regular monitoring reports on actions and results taken to prevent and mitigate GBV as part of the response and use these data in all reporting on implementation of national policies, plans and strategies	✓	✓
Include GBV as a standing agenda item in government reporting meetings	✓	✓
Integrate indicators from the Guidelines in assessments and evaluations	✓	✓

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¹ See 'The Obligation to Address Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Work' in the *(Revised) Guidelines for Integrating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action*



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	Stage of Emergency	
	Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage
2. HUMANITARIAN COORDINATORS (HC)		
Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning		
Take the lead in ensuring that GBV prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors is addressed as an immediate life-saving priority in humanitarian action (whether or not data on GBV are available)	✓	✓
In initial HCT/ICWG discussions on cross-cutting issues, highlight responsibility of all clusters/sectors to integrate GBV risk reduction in their strategies and proposals	✓	✓
Request GBV specialists as part of the overall protection assessment capacity, e.g. within the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) and other assessment teams deploying to the emergency to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead on ensuring that appropriate GBV-related questions are included in initial rapid multi-cluster/sector assessments (with input from GBV specialists on questions and data collection methods) Ensure that GBV is specifically addressed in assessment reports and the overall Protection Strategy 	✓	✓
Support the work of GBV specialists (national and international) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake mapping on GBV (e.g. nature and scope; risk and vulnerability factors; national legal framework; cluster/sector capacities to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV) Ensure design and implementation of safe and ethical data collection, storage and sharing 	✓	
In Preliminary Scenarios of emergencies, ensure that any available data on affected populations' risks of and exposure to GBV are safely and ethically included	✓	✓
Element 2: Resource Mobilization		
Ensure that CERF/Flash and other funding mechanisms address GBV as a life-saving criterion from the start of any emergency. Promote inclusion of the Guidelines' recommendations in the earliest drafts of appeals by all clusters/sectors		✓
Advocate with donors on the importance of providing resources for life-saving GBV interventions from the start of the response—including for targeted GBV programmes, cluster/sector interventions and cluster/sector coordination	✓	✓
Lead on ensuring that initial assessment reports—which can influence funding priorities for the entire response—include anonymized data on GBV incidents, risks, existing services, etc.	✓	✓
Advocate with government to ensure that different cluster/sector programming policies and plans integrate GBV concerns and include strategies for ongoing budgeting for GBV activities		✓
Element 3: Implementation		
► Programming		
Promote participatory processes that engage women, girls and other at-risk groups in planning, design, implementation and M&E of humanitarian action	✓	✓
Highlight the importance of all clusters/sectors integrating GBV prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors into their programming (without waiting for 'evidence' that GBV is occurring)	✓	
Ensure that the government is aware of the Guidelines and has access to copies of both the comprehensive Guidelines and the shorter Thematic Area Guides (TAGs)	✓	✓
Promote trainings for humanitarian stakeholders (e.g. HCT/ICWG, cluster/sector lead agencies and coordinators, cluster/sector programmers, national counterparts)	✓	✓
Support regular inclusion of GBV issues on the HCT/ICWG agendas, with ongoing reports from GBV experts and different cluster/sector coordinators on how the Guidelines' recommendations are being integrated into cluster/sector programming, and with what results	✓	✓

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Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

Stage of Emergency	
Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage

2. HUMANITARIAN COORDINATORS (HC) (continued)

► Policies

Support the revision and adoption of national, local and customary laws and policies that promote the empowerment of women, girls and other at-risk groups and assist government to fulfil its responsibility to protect the rights of citizens to be free from GBV	✓	✓
Advocate for inclusion of GBV risk-reduction strategies into national and local policies and plans and allocate funding for sustainability of these actions	✓	✓
Ensure a 'no tolerance' policy related to sexual exploitation and abuse committed by humanitarian actors, in line with the Secretary-General's bulletin (ST/SGB/2003/13)	✓	✓

► Communications and Information Sharing

Advocate for addressing specific GBV risks in all forums and meetings with national and international stakeholders	✓	✓
Ensure regular reporting on GBV in communications and reports to stakeholders (donors, HCT/ICWG, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, regular emergency funding reports, reports on the Strategic Response Plan, etc.), in-country and globally	✓	✓

Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors

Promote the Guidelines in inter-agency preparedness meetings to ensure that all decision makers are aware of relevant guidance for their clusters/sectors/agencies, as well as the importance of implementing the recommendations to meet humanitarian principles and international humanitarian and human rights law ²	✓	
Ensure that a GBV coordination mechanism is activated to support integration of GBV across all areas of humanitarian response (as well as to support specialized GBV programming by GBV partners)	✓	✓
As part of leadership and coordination of pre-emergency contingency plans, highlight ubiquity of GBV and the importance of making GBV prevention, mitigation and response priority protection issues for humanitarian emergencies	✓	

Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Identify at least one relevant indicator from each thematic area section of the GBV Guidelines to include in country annual reports	✓	✓
Require regular monitoring updates during HCT/ICWG meetings on actions taken to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV	✓	✓
Include GBV in regular monitoring against the different accountability frameworks	✓	✓

3. HUMANITARIAN COUNTRY TEAM/INTER-CLUSTER WORKING GROUP (HCT/ICWG)

Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning

Highlight GBV as an immediate life-saving priority in inter-cluster/sector meetings	✓	✓
Ensure that all assessments, monitoring and other data collection mechanisms include GBV-related questions as well as the disaggregation of data by sex, age and other vulnerability factors	✓	✓
Consult GBV specialists when designing assessments—initial and ongoing—to ensure that data is collected in line with safe and ethical practice	✓	

Element 2: Resource Mobilization

Ensure that programming to prevent, mitigate and—for some clusters/sectors—respond to GBV is reflected in all cluster/sector and multi-cluster/sector response funding proposals for the Flash Appeal, the CERF, and other funding mechanisms	✓	✓
Ensure that reference to/use of relevant GBV Guidelines' recommendations is a criterion for successful funding proposals in OCHA guidance for resource mobilization	✓	✓
Coordinate the pre-positioning of age-, gender-, and culturally-sensitive GBV-related supplies where necessary and appropriate	✓	

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	Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage
3. HUMANITARIAN COUNTRY TEAM/INTER-CLUSTER WORKING GROUP (HCT/ICWG) (continued)		
Element 3: Implementation		
► Programming		
Ensure there are hard copies of the Guidelines (comprehensive and TAG) available in the office and that weblinks are publicized	✓	✓
Regularly discuss GBV risks and risk-reduction responses in inter-cluster/sector meetings, highlighting opportunities for joint cluster/sector approaches to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV	✓	✓
As part of regular information sharing, proactively share good practice lessons learned in GBV prevention, mitigation and response in HCT/ICWG meetings and in other forums	✓	✓
► Policies		
Incorporate GBV prevention and mitigation strategies into cluster/sector policies, standards and guidelines from the earliest stages of the emergency	✓	✓
Put in place necessary actions to protect women, girls, boys and men from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse by all agency staff and partners, and lead advocacy for all agencies/organizations to do the same	✓	✓
► Communications and Information Sharing		
Familiarize agency staff and partners with the Guidelines, championing uptake of recommendations among all humanitarian partners	✓	✓
Attend Guidelines orientations/trainings. Ensure that other staff at all levels can also attend and promote implementation of the recommendations	✓	✓
Include regular reporting on GBV in all communications with stakeholders	✓	✓
For HCT/ICWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all communication and advocacy materials capture the different needs, capacities and voices of women, girls and other at-risk groups with respect to GBV risks, prevention, mitigation and response (in line with safe and ethical data collection, storage and sharing) Support GBV experts to safely and ethically manage GBV data 	✓	✓
For OCHA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include regular reporting on GBV trends as well as prevention, mitigation and response actions in situation reports and other emergency reports (e.g. include paragraph on GBV within the broader protection section of the first situation report) 	✓	✓
Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors		
For HCT/ICWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of HCT/ICWG responsibility to ensure a coherent response to emergencies (and because GBV programming is designated as a life-saving intervention), be proactive in ensuring links between clusters/sectors for safe access to services for GBV survivors (e.g. connecting other clusters/sectors with the GBV coordination mechanism as well as the Health Cluster/Sector) at all stages of the response 	✓	✓
For OCHA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the leader of inter-cluster coordination, ensure that GBV issues are a regular part of HCT/ICWG discussions/communications and that the GBV coordination mechanism gets a seat in the ICWG 	✓	✓
Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation		
Include regular reporting in inter-cluster/sector meetings about strategies used to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV and the results of such strategies	✓	✓
Include evaluation questions relating to GBV prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors in inter-agency Real Time Evaluations, and other evaluation Terms of References	✓	✓

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	Stage of Emergency	
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4. CLUSTER/SECTOR LEAD AGENCIES (CLA)		
Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning		
Ensure Heads of Agencies—particularly of HC (as global protection lead) and UNICEF and UNFPA (as global GBV co-leads)—refer to the Guidelines in HCT/ICWG meetings and other forums to raise awareness and engagement among peers	✓	✓
Element 2: Resource Mobilization		
Leading by example, include relevant GBV Guidelines' recommendations in funding proposals	✓	✓
Element 3: Implementation		
▶ Programming		
Ensure the Guidelines' recommendations are integrated into programme responses across all humanitarian sectors addressed by the CLA	✓	✓
Employ and retain women and other at-risk groups as staff members	✓	✓
Pre-position age-, gender-, and culturally-sensitive GBV-related supplies where necessary and appropriate	✓	
▶ Policies		
Develop and implement agency and global cluster policies, plans and proposals to ensure that GBV prevention, mitigation and (as appropriate) response is integrated across all CLA programmes (e.g. recruitment and HR policies, procurement policies as well as programming response)	✓	✓
▶ Communications and Information Sharing		
In the field, ensure there are sufficient copies of GBV Guidelines for CLA programming staff and partners	✓	✓
Ensure that CLA programme staff and managers have been trained in and use the Guidelines	✓	✓
From the start of the response, include regular reporting on GBV trends and prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors in progress reports	✓	✓
Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors		
Engage with the GBV coordination mechanism's CLAs and the Protection Cluster/Sector as resources for the implementation of the Guidelines across all sectors	✓	✓
Proactively support cross-cluster/sector, multi-agency approaches to addressing GBV prevention, mitigation and response in the HCT/ICWG and other inter-cluster/sector forums	✓	✓
Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation		
Include relevant indicators from the Guidelines in all CLA monitoring frameworks and monitor and report on them regularly	✓	✓
Include evaluation questions relating to GBV prevention, mitigation and—for some clusters/sectors—response services for survivors into agency evaluations	✓	✓

5. CLUSTER/SECTOR COORDINATORS

Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning

Introduce the Guidelines in the first days of the response in cluster/sector meetings (sharing information about the various communication media through which partners can access them, such as print, Internet, phone apps, etc.)	✓	
Work with GBV specialists to develop GBV assessment questions and to advise on appropriate methods of data collection for cluster/sector-specific assessments	✓	✓
Include relevant Guidelines' recommendations in cluster/sector guidance for conducting the 3/4/5Ws	✓	✓

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Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

	Stage of Emergency	
	Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage
5. CLUSTER/SECTOR COORDINATORS (continued)		
Element 2: Resource Mobilization		
Use information collected on GBV risk factors and other GBV-related issues when drafting cluster/sector-specific proposals. Draw on the Guidelines' recommendations (contextualized for the particular setting) to inform funding proposals	✓	✓
Submit joint proposals of cluster/sector partners to ensure that GBV has been adequately addressed in the cluster/sector programming response	✓	✓
Work with national cluster/sector counterparts at different levels of government to ensure that different cluster/sector programming policies and plans include strategies for ongoing budgeting for GBV activities	✓	✓
Element 3: Implementation		
► Programming		
Promote the employment and retention of women and other at-risk groups as members of staff, and advocate for their active participation and leadership in all cluster/sector-related community activities	✓	✓
Work with the GBV coordination mechanism to contextualize the Guidelines for the setting and for each cluster/sector	✓	✓
Advocate for cluster/sector partners to reference the Guidelines to inform their programming responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attend training on the Guidelines and support cluster/sector membership to attend trainings on the Guidelines ▪ Promote guiding principles for working with GBV survivors into all responses ▪ Plan and implement programmes in an inclusive way so that women, girls and other at-risk groups contribute to programme design and implementation 	✓	✓
Develop cluster/sector strategies that specifically note GBV risks and how cluster/sector programmes can address these	✓	✓
Take advantage of GBV specialists to enhance cluster/sector programming interventions	✓	✓
► Policies		
Support the revision and adoption of national, local and customary laws and policies relevant to the cluster/sector that promote and protect the rights of women, girls and other at-risk groups	✓	✓
Develop and implement cluster/sector work plans with clear milestones that include GBV-related inter-agency actions	✓	✓
Drawing, as necessary, upon GBV specialists or cluster/sector staff who have attended Guidelines trainings, incorporate relevant GBV prevention and mitigation strategies into cluster/sector policies, standards and guidelines and circulate them widely (<i>e.g. standards for equal employment of men and women; procedures to share information on GBV incidents; cluster/sector procedures to report, investigate and take disciplinary action in cases of sexual exploitation and abuse</i>)	✓	✓
► Communications and Information Sharing		
Share experience of integrating the Guidelines' recommendations into different cluster/sector responses and how this has contributed to an effective response	✓	✓
Share cluster/sector strategies that address GBV risks with global clusters and in inter-cluster/sector meetings	✓	✓

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Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

5. Cluster/Sector Coordinators (continued)

Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors

	Stage of Emergency	
	Pre-Emergency/Preparedness	Emergency/Stabilized Stage
For all cluster/sector coordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raise awareness of the Guidelines—particularly cluster/sector specific guidance—within cluster/sector working group meetings ▪ Use relevant recommendations to inform cluster/sector contingency planning and response scenario development ▪ Refer to the Guidelines in meetings with national counterparts to ensure they are aware of, and use, them for emergency preparedness and trainings ▪ Designate a focal point to engage with the GBV coordination mechanism and act as a communication channel for each cluster/sector on GBV-related issues ▪ Liaise with the GBV coordination mechanism for updated referral information on where survivors who report GBV can receive appropriate care 	✓	✓
For the Protection Cluster/Sector coordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be a strong ally in implementing the Guidelines in humanitarian action, supporting the GBV coordination mechanism in its leadership of the implementation process and modelling good practice by incorporating the Guidelines' recommendations into protection work 	✓	✓

Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Integrate relevant, contextualized indicators from the Guidelines into regular cluster/sector monitoring activities and share reports with GBV coordination mechanisms, HCT/ICWG and other stakeholders		✓
Develop monitoring systems that allow the cluster/sector to track their own GBV-related activities (e.g. including GBV-related activities in the 3/4/5Ws)		✓
Advocate for the inclusion of questions on the extent to which GBV has been prevented, mitigated and (if relevant) responded to in all cluster/sector assessments and evaluations		✓

6. GBV COORDINATION MECHANISM³

Element 1: Assessment, Analysis and Strategic Planning

As far as possible, ensure GBV specialists—and, where relevant, other GBV surge capacity—are available to support the HC, OCHA and clusters/sectors to develop and contextualize GBV components of assessments (multi-sectoral and sector-specific)	✓	✓
Share any existing data (on the nature and scope of GBV, high-risk groups, vulnerability factors, etc.) to inform assessments, Preliminary Scenario Definitions, and funding proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure that data are collected and shared according to safety and ethical standards ▪ Raise awareness that lack of data does not mean lack of incidence of GBV, and that provision of services often results in increased levels of reporting 	✓	✓

Element 2: Resource Mobilization

Engage and build relationships with donors around use of the Guidelines as part of their funding criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share any relevant GBV data with donor representatives and advocate that GBV Guidelines' recommendations inform their funding decisions ▪ Where appropriate, advocate for funding to GBV-specialized programming proposals and themes 	✓	✓
Develop joint proposals with clusters/sectors, drawing on the Guidelines' recommendations and ensuring comprehensive and coordinated action	✓	✓

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³ The responsibilities listed here are specific to the implementation of these Guidelines. For more comprehensive information about the roles and activities of the GBV coordination mechanism, see: GBV AoR. 2015. *Handbook for Coordinating Gender-Based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Settings*, <www.gbvguidelines.org>.



Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

6. GBV COORDINATION MECHANISM (continued)

Element 3: Implementation

► Programming

	Stage of Emergency	
	Pre-Emergency/ Preparedness	Emergency/ Stabilized Stage
Lead cross-cluster/sector contextualization of the Guidelines in order to promote context-specific understanding of GBV risks and priorities for action	✓	✓
Identify local GBV specialists who can be tapped to provide surge capacity to clusters/sectors to integrate the Guidelines' recommendations	✓	✓
Foster coordination on joint programming responses across clusters/sectors to ensure a comprehensive response to GBV	✓	✓

► Policies

Act as expert advisers to any cluster/sector, agency or national government body developing policies to prevent, mitigate and—for some clusters/sectors—respond to GBV as part of humanitarian action	✓	✓
Act as expert advisers on the review and reform of national and local legal frameworks related to GBV prevention and response	✓	✓

► Communications and Information Sharing

Inform contingency planning and response activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collate existing data on GBV for the setting (nature and scope; risk and vulnerability factors; national legal framework; cluster/sector capacities to prevent, mitigate and respond to GBV) and share with all clusters/sectors and key decision makers Compile information on global and national cluster/sector standards and practices related to GBV risk reduction (identifying those which are in place as well as gaps) and share with the RC/HC, the head of OCHA and the HCT/ICWG 	✓	
Lead on raising awareness of the Guidelines in-country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use all opportunities to introduce the Guidelines Present the Guidelines to all cluster/sector working groups Identify potential Guidelines champions at all levels of decision makers and programmers, and work with them on different mechanisms to catalyse uptake Proactively engage with government actors 	✓	✓
Form strategic partnerships and networks to conduct advocacy for improved programming that meets the responsibilities set out in the Guidelines (with due caution to the safety and security risks for humanitarian actors, survivors and those at risk of GBV who speak publicly about the problem of GBV)	✓	✓
Lead on training on the Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold orientations with key decision makers (e.g. RC/HC, HCT/ICWG members, OCHA Head of Office, government partners, cluster/sector coordinators, donors, etc.) Conduct trainings on the Guidelines with different clusters/sectors and with women's and human rights groups 	✓	✓
Develop a cross-cluster/sector information-sharing protocol to ensure safe, ethical, survivor-centred GBV data management	✓	✓
Collect and keep updated information on local GBV response capacities and referral pathways and share this proactively with all clusters/sectors and key decision makers so that they can refer any survivors to the appropriate channels of support/response	✓	✓
Develop basic GBV messages with all clusters/sectors and disseminate during community outreach and awareness-raising	✓	✓
Be aware of the work of other clusters/sectors in incorporating the Guidelines' recommendations and share any related reports with the wider GBV community	✓	✓
Systematically input into OCHA reporting on integration of the Guidelines' recommendations across the response (and, where available, the results in terms of effective programming)	✓	✓

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Essential Actions to Be Undertaken by Key Actors

6. GBV COORDINATION MECHANISM (continued)

Element 4: Coordination with Other Humanitarian Sectors

Identify GBV focal points to proactively engage with all clusters/sectors, attending their meetings and providing input on how to integrate the Guidelines' recommendations



Provide ongoing support to cluster/sector staff on meeting their responsibilities outlined in the Guidelines



Element 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Share baseline data on GBV with other clusters/sectors (primary or secondary data that were collected prior to or at the start of an emergency) to inform programming



Conduct regular monitoring of the Guidelines' implementation during the response and regularly share results in inter-cluster/sector forums and meetings with donors, national government and other key stakeholders



Advocate for and support the inclusion of the Guidelines' indicators in other cluster/sector monitoring frameworks and evaluations



Advocate for protection-related response evaluations that assess GBV-specific elements



Plan for and conduct periodic reviews/evaluations of the Guidelines' implementation and effectiveness



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