

# New Inter-agency GBV Risk Mitigation Online Course

Building upon the last five years of rolling out the GBV Guidelines, the inter-agency GBV Guidelines Reference Group (RG)<sup>1</sup> and Implementation Support Team (IST)<sup>2</sup> are pleased to announce a new online course on integrating GBV risk mitigation interventions in humanitarian action. This informational announcement offers an overview of the online course.

**GBV risk mitigation comprises a range of activities within humanitarian response that aim to first identify GBV risks and then take specific actions to reduce those risks.** The COVID-19 response has further illuminated the criticality of integrating GBV risk mitigation into all humanitarian programmes. **ALL humanitarian actors, regardless of mandate or sector, have a responsibility to mitigate GBV risks in their work** keeping with the Centrality of Protection and principle of Do No Harm.

## Course Content

This course will equip participants with the knowledge and practical skills to integrate GBV risk mitigation into humanitarian action. Learners will be supported to:

1. Build their skills on identifying GBV risks within their sector and/or agency programming;
2. Identify entry points for GBV risk mitigation and learn strategies to effectively mitigate GBV risks within sector programmes to improve outcomes;
3. Engage meaningfully with women, girls and other at-risk groups to reduce risk and improve safety;
4. Understand and learn to apply principles of safe and ethical data collection, information sharing and analysis of GBV risks to improve programming;
5. Develop and be able to deliver key messages on GBV risk mitigation to specific audiences;
6. Build a solid understanding of securing resources and crafting budgets for GBV risk mitigation;
7. Develop skills on safely and appropriately responding to disclosures of GBV incidents and making referrals.

## Course Candidates

Irrespective of sector or region, humanitarian staff with an interest to learn more about GBV risk mitigation are encouraged to apply.

<sup>1</sup> The GBV Guidelines RG is comprised of approximately 15 member agencies: Action Against Hunger, CARE, CDC, GBV AoR, IMC, IOM, Irish Consortium on GBV, IRC, NRC, Oxfam, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and WRC.

## Course Structure & Dates

**Course applications will be accepted from 22 February- 8 March 2021 at [www.gbvguidelines.org](http://www.gbvguidelines.org). Accepted participants will be notified by 29 March 2021**

The online GBV risk mitigation course will be run in real time and as such will be highly interactive. **This course will commence on 12 April 2021 and end on 16 July 2021.** The course is divided into three modules and will break for one week between modules.

<b>Module 1</b>	Programme Design, Implementation and Monitoring & Evaluation	Five weeks
<b>Module 2</b>	Resource Mobilization and Advocacy	Four weeks
<b>Module 3</b>	Responding to a GBV Disclosure	Three weeks

It is not mandatory to take all three modules - course applicants will be asked to take a quick quiz about their current roles to help them determine which of the three modules are most important for them. Most applicants will be steered towards Modules 1 & 3, with Module 2 only recommended to practitioners with resource mobilization and/or advocacy responsibilities.

## Course Modality & Time Commitment

The e-learning course will be accompanied by weekly one-hour webinars delivered by the GBV Guidelines IST and supported by additional subject matter expert facilitators from GBV Guidelines RG member agencies and other partners. The selected cohort will learn together, from the facilitators and from each other - via videos, assignments, webinars and discussions - throughout the duration of the course. Between self-paced e-learning and weekly webinars, it is anticipated that participants will need to spend approximately 5-6 hours per week on the course in total. The course is currently offered in English only.<sup>3</sup>

## Participation Costs

**With generous support from UNICEF, this course is free of cost and open to all humanitarian staff across all sectors around the globe**

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<sup>2</sup> Currently, there are five IST members, hosted by CARE, IOM, UNFPA and UNICEF in addition to the inter-agency GBV Guidelines Coordinator.

<sup>3</sup> Efforts are underway to develop a parallel version in Arabic, and additional languages will follow depending on resources.