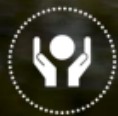


Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse



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Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

- Protection from SEA is our core business (development and emergencies)
- Core Commitments for Children in humanitarian action
- Child Protection and Child Rights mandate

Accelerating Prevention and Response

History

- **Central African Republic incidents (2015)** – renewed impetus
- **Key role of UNICEF in addressing PSEA**
 - ✓ victim assistance
 - ✓ strengthening UN and inter-agency systems

Cases

- **Accountability** – 2017 – 4 SEA allegations involving UNICEF staff, 4 SEA allegations involving implementing partners
- **Victim Assistance** – mid 2015 to now – 245 cases of assistance to child victims of UN entities and their partners (including 8 cases above)

Protection: Higher-risk Settings

- **Risk assessment and mitigation**
 - IASC/UNICEF Gender Based Violence Work ➤ SEA tools
- **Camps**
 - IASC ➤ camp management cluster risk mitigation

Protection: Partners

- **UN Implementing Partner Protocol** – monitored prevention, investigation, corrective action of partners
- **Vetting** – ethical values assessment refinement for safeguarding
- **Training** – partner personnel required to undertake PSEA training
- **Clearer Agreements** – PSEA expectations, consequences

Protection: UNICEF Personnel

(To be covered by DHR in more detail)

- **Vetting**
- **Training**
- **Re-attestations**

Response: Reporting

- **“Notification Alert”** – 24-hour escalation from country office to executive level
- **Incident management/ reporting tools under development** – Primero (incident management); U-Report
- **Community-based complaint mechanisms** – 7-country roll-out

Response: Victim Assistance

- **GBV Programs: Services/support facilitated** – basic material, psycho-social, medical, school reintegration and/or livelihood support, legal
- **Victim Assistance Protocol** – field-tested in four countries in 2017, for broader roll-out in 2018

Response: Investigations

(Also addressed by OIAI)

- Investigator training: SEA complete; additional child-interviewing scheduled
- Collaboration with UN Office of Internal Oversight Services – strengthened coordination for referrals for investigation
- Psychosocial support to victims, before and after investigations

Global Goods

- UN SEA Working Group: Victim Assistance Protocol, Implementing Partners Protocol
- IASC AAP/PSEA Task Team: Collaboration with IOM to roll out community-based complaint mechanisms in 7 countries
- Field PSEA Networks: strengthening

Thank You