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

- 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