

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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Reporting of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

- **“Notification Alert”** – 24-hour escalation from country office to executive level.
- **Incident management/reporting tools under development** – U-Report.
- **Community-based complaint mechanisms** – 7-country roll-out (2017); ongoing priority. (2018)

Victim assistance

- **Services/support to victims** – based on needs; package includes basic material, psychosocial, medical, school reintegration and/or livelihood support, legal.
- **UN Victim Assistance Protocol** – field-tested in 4 countries in 2017, for broader roll-out in 2018; collaboration with UN Victims' Rights Advocate.

Investigations

(Also addressed by DHR)

- **Investigator training** - additional training on child-interviewing underway.
- **Collaboration with UN Office of Internal Oversight Services** - strengthened coordination for referrals for investigation.
- Psychosocial support to victims, before and after investigations.

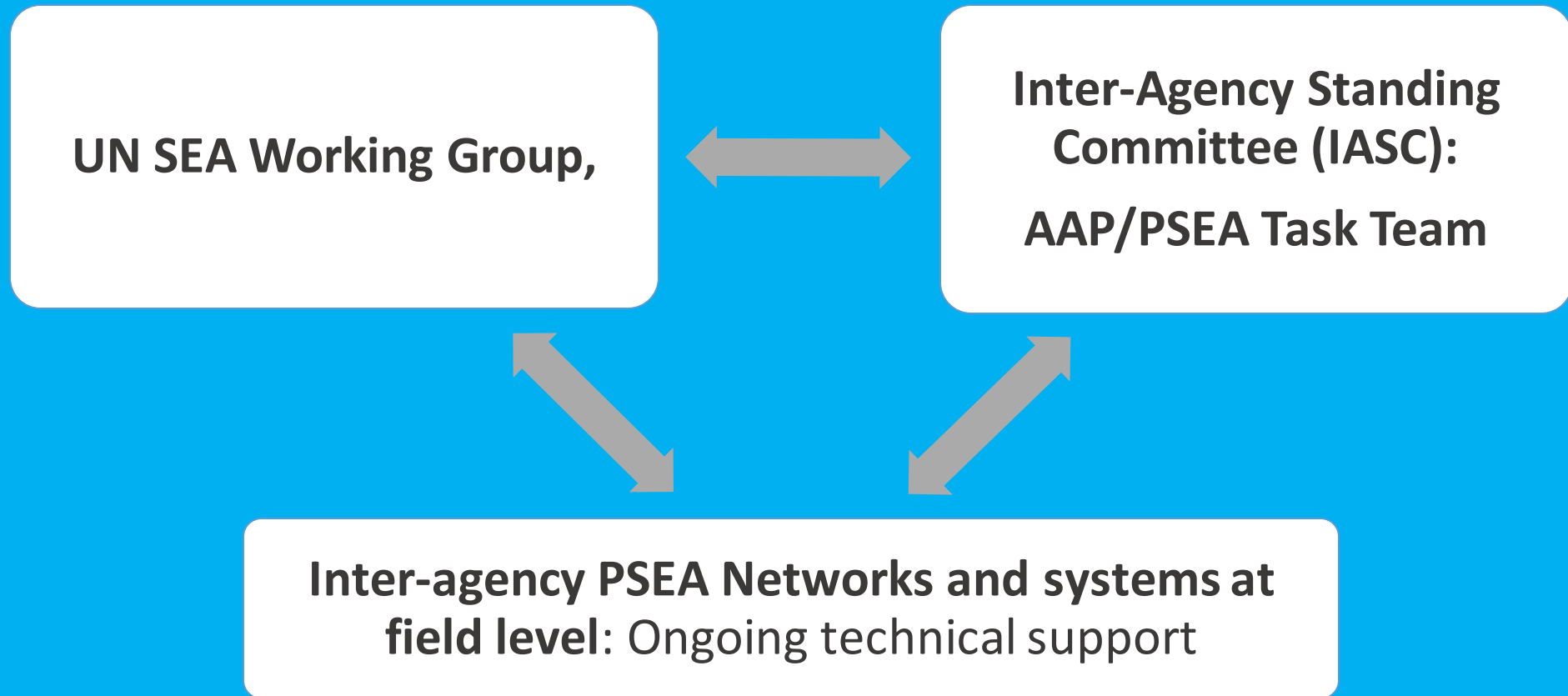
SEA Cases

- **Accountability** – 2017: 4 SEA allegations involving UNICEF staff, 4 SEA allegations involving implementing partners; 2018 Q1: 1 SEA allegation involving UNICEF staff; 3 SEA allegations involving implementing partners.
- **Victim Assistance** – mid-2015 to now – more than 245 cases of assistance to child victims of SEA.

Prevention and Risk mitigation

- **UNICEF Personnel:** Vetting, training, re-attestations
- **Implementing Partners:**
 - **UN Protocol on SEA Allegations involving Implementing Partners** – UNICEF co-led; endorsed by the UN High Level Steering Group on SEA; Protocol sets new standards for UN partners on SEA prevention, reporting, investigations, corrective action.
 - **UNICEF implementation of the Protocol** – immediate steps include updated partnership agreements, screening checklist and toolkit for partners, training, field monitoring.
- **Risk assessment and mitigation (under development):**
 - Adaptation of **IASC GBV Guidelines** and related tools for SEA risk assessment and mitigation, including in camp settings.

UNICEF engagement in a system-wide approach on PSEA



Progress review and next steps:

- **Independent review of UNICEF's work on PSEA (July 2018)**

Gaps, challenges and approaches:

- **Culture change:** internal and external studies; encouraging 'speak up' culture
- **Personnel, partner and programme risk mitigation:** better vetting of UNICEF personnel; partner risk assessment and capacity building; PSEA-conscious programming
- **Internal and external coordination:** internal formalizing of roles and improved information-sharing; stronger inter-agency field engagement (esp. humanitarian)
- **Strengthening internal and external reporting:** better internal systems, clearer expectations of partners and their personnel, better information for beneficiaries
- **Promotion of a victim-centered approach, including "do no harm" principle**

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