Providing support to all UNICEF staff and partners on addressing gender-based violence in emergencies

A research and advice service tailored to your needs.
The Gender-based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) Helpdesk is a technical advice and learning service for UNICEF global, regional and country office staff. Managed by Social Development Direct, the Helpdesk is staffed by a global roster of GBV experts ready to provide rapid, tailored support to all UNICEF staff and partners—including GBV specialists, sector programmers, coordinators, and management.

The Helpdesk offers expertise on a wide variety of GBViE issues.
Technical support focuses on questions you may have about existing or prospective programming linked to: 1) integrating GBV risk mitigation in sector response in line with the IASC GBV Guidelines; and 2) undertaking GBV-specialist prevention and response programming in line with the UNICEF GBViE Resource Pack and other global good practice guidance. A range of topics can be addressed, such as:

• Addressing GBV throughout the humanitarian programme cycle
• Capacity building for multi-sectoral response
• Best practices in prevention
• Moving beyond a focus on sexual violence to address other forms of GBV, including intimate partner violence, child marriage, etc.
• Coordinating for more effective prevention, risk mitigation and response
• Undertaking safe and ethical advocacy
• Building accountability across management systems
• And any other inquiries you may have!

The Helpdesk delivers in three ways.
• Rapid programme support: Provided within a week through written responses or email exchanges, mentoring via skype or phone, and/or review and quality assurance of documentation as requested.
• Short learning products: Synthesis of existing evidence and lessons on a specific focus area, such as a country or region, thematic area, or common GBViE programming issue to clarify issues of concern. Report formats include literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, factsheets, blogs, mappings or graphics.
• A quarterly, publicly available Evidence Digest: on the latest evidence on GBViE linked to common questions raised through the Helpdesk and in the GBViE field. This resource provides UNICEF staff at the global, regional and field level with a manageable summary of global news, research, policies and legislation.

Contact the Helpdesk
The Helpdesk query service is intended to support UNICEF global, regional or country office staff and UNICEF implementing partners.

You can contact the GBViE Helpdesk by emailing us: enquiries@gbviehelpdesk.org.uk and we will respond to you within 24 hours during weekdays.

The GBViE Helpdesk is available 09.30-17.30 (GMT/BST), Monday to Friday.