

Nepal Earthquake Response  
Inter-Cluster Gender Task Force  
Fifth Meeting

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Participating:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Cash

- The GENCAP Adviser, Anu Pillay, stressed the importance of ensuring that cash interventions are gender-responsive and noted that cash coordination groups (CCG) were being set in the field hubs. She advised on the need to ensure gender focal points are represented in the cash groups and requested the Cash Gender Focal Point to brief the cluster on this. **The GENCAP Adviser will share resources on cash and gender to the googlegroup.**
- Early Recovery cluster Gender Focal Point reported that the **Cash for work guideline included gender issues, is still being drafted and will be shared shortly.**

3. Assessments

- Gender checklists have been shared for cluster needs assessment templates

4. PDNA – gender chapter and gender mainstreaming

- GTF chair, Gitanjali Singh, UN Women Nepal Deputy Representative, informed that the PDNA will be starting next week and is to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. A two day training will be conducted for government colleagues. **UN Women will be leading the chapter on gender equality, but gender needs to also be mainstreamed across all other chapters of the PDNA. Therefore, support is needed from gender focal points agencies leading the other PDNA chapters.** Anu Pillay stressed that it is important for each GTF member to find out what role their agency is playing in the PDNA and how they can ensure gender mainstreaming as it is our responsibility to ensure that gender is well represented. **Gitanjali Singh informed that expert on gender mainstreaming the PDNA, Cecilia Aipira will be arriving next week and that relevant GTF members can seek support from her in this task. Further the PDNA gender checklists will be shared with the GTF. GTF members are requested to inform what PDNA chapter their agency is involved in producing.**

- Once the ToR for the PDNA is finalised it will be shared with GTF members. It was noted that the Care rapid gender analysis will feed into the Gender Equality chapter. **The draft Gender Equality chapter will be shared with GTF members for inputs.** Gitanjali Singh informed that consultations with CSOs, as well as with DPs should be part of process and that this will be ensured if not.
5. Update from small groups and clusters
- Inclusion WG: Planning to provide inputs into gender messaging. Have agreed on ToR for WG and are preparing a 3 month action plan focused on inclusion criteria to be fed into the different clusters. Agreed to focus more on disabilities. Shared decision to form Inter-cluster Inclusion WG with protection cluster and they requested for the Inclusion WG to do official reporting to the protection cluster. **Gitanjali Singh suggested that such reporting be shared with both the protection cluster and the Gender Task Force to avoid additional reporting requirements.**
  - Messaging WG: have received further inputs on messages from GTF members. **Will revise consolidated messaging inputs according to agreed format of division into categories.**
  - Linking with women's groups WG: the common charter of women's demands has been published in Nepali and English and shared with the GTF (<http://epaper.thehimalayantimes.com/Details.aspx?id=2864&boxid=42261388&dat=5%2F14%2F2015> ). The WG is developing their action plan about how to take the women's charter forward and how to engage youth networks. A zero draft of the **mapping of women's organisations** has been shared – this will be further revised by district and an updated version will be shared. Will keep compiling and sharing it. **Please send your inputs to Kirti Thapa ([Kirti.thapa@unwomen.org](mailto:Kirti.thapa@unwomen.org)) or Marie Sophie Pettersson ([marie.pettersson@unwomen.org](mailto:marie.pettersson@unwomen.org)).**
  - Assessment WG: one assessment profile being prepared with all cluster information. Theo Sinkovits from IOM announced that he is looking for help with incorporating gender inputs into the assessment questionnaire and a **meeting will be arranged with Anu Pillay on this.**
  - Gitanjali Singh suggested **inter-cluster GFP meetings as a good way forward** and announced that the upcoming **joint meeting with Gender Focal Points from Shelter and Early Recovery on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am-12noon in the UN Conference Hall.** A joint meeting is being planned for Food and WASH.
  - WASH cluster: Sindhupalchowk sub-hub is preparing 8 week plans for 6 districts. Department of Water supply and Sewerage is preparing their medium and long term plan. This presents an important opportunity for incorporation of gender dimensions; WASH planning for women, elderly and disabled, to ensure their protection - building toilet facilities closest to most vulnerable person (e.g. disabled, old age women). Representation of Gender Focal Person in the Cluster meeting is envisaged important to push the gender agenda and not letting it water down.
  - Shelter cluster: Sample assessment are ongoing but have currently been put on halt to await updates on affected areas after the second earthquake. Prior to assessment did gender analysis of questionnaire including in relation to target groups. The importance of the gender component was well understood within the cluster. Mapping was conducted to identify trends and gaps analysis – will follow-up on this to ensure gender priorities are also being mapped.
  - Food cluster: Requested has been made to ensure gender is regularly on the agenda, including in relation to monitoring. **Invited Anu Pillay to join Food Cluster meeting on Monday.**

- GBV sub-cluster: suggestion has been made not to have too many GBV groups at the sub-hub level but to combine these with the protection cluster. GBV resources (4 Ws, guidelines, referral guide, incident report) have been prepared and are all to be translated into Nepali.
  - Protection cluster: Gender-sensitive parenting orientation needed for single fathers who lost their wives in the earthquake. Suggestion to combine this with GBV orientation. Announcement that MWCSW has highlighted risk of trafficking and focus on quality/quantity/time. So far protection cluster has mainly focused on women and children, but now broadening its focus. Protection Cluster looking for GFPs for monitoring teams. It was noted that the GTF's link with the protection cluster and PROCAP adviser is important, acknowledging the need to ensure overall focus on gender equality more broadly.
  - Health cluster: doing service mapping at local level, will be shared.
  - It was raised as an issue that criteria for adequate outreach to target groups may be different in different clusters and that this needs to be brought up in inter cluster meetings.
  - Field hub presence issue: the missing link between the GTF and the field level work of local NGOs was stressed. Need to figure out how to represent gender at the local level. **Still requesting information from GTF members on GFP deployment at field level – request contact details of local GFPs to represent the GTF at the field level.** Need to work strategically to identify local GFPs to link up with and get information from. **UNICEF suggested that this should be enforced by the UNCT/SMT so that HoAs feel more urged to deploy GFPs at the field hubs. Anu Pillay reminded about the ToR for GFPs that was shared with the GFPs and welcomed feedback on this as well as requests for further elaboration or Nepali translation if required.** It was noted that Gender Assessment checklists have been shared to with the field hubs and that **each agency is responsible for sharing gender checklists further with their field level staff/hubs and to ensure and monitor that they are properly applied.**
  - Gitanjali Singh informed that UN Women is in consultation with GoN and women's organisations to encourage women's participation in monitoring committees as currently the female ratio is very low.
  - **Anu Pillay announced that all GTF members are welcome to contact her for any support, advice and resources needed in terms of gender and humanitarian action.** The role of GFPs in clusters was emphasized as essential in ensuring gender mainstreaming across the response.
6. Gender Bulletin
- Anu Pillay: informed that the drafting of the first Gender Bulletin is ongoing and requested GTF members for further inputs on gender challenges or shortcomings. She stressed that **concrete information from the field level is needed. She also welcome more information on gender impacts on men and boys and LGBT to avoid a sole focus on women and girls.** It was further noted that a broader focus on gender beyond women should be reflected in all GTF documents. **Overall concrete data evidence is needed.** It was stressed that these inputs are also needed to submit for the UN sitreps.
  - Save the Children reported that in Bhaktapur, single women cannot access hospital service and these cases have been referred to WOREC. Save the Children is applying a gender lens in all its emergency response work and is receiving daily reports on gender issues form the field.
  - WOREC reported that in Dhulikel safe spaces have been established and 3 cases of miscarriages and 3-4 cases of bleeding have been reported. Women do not want to go to hospital so WOREC

is providing basic health services. Reproductive health support is needed. Women are facing security issues in the shelter homes and camps and lighting is a key concern. The Protection cluster focal point informed that work is being done on preparing solar lamps for the camps.

- UNICEF informed about their daily radio programme on gender issues from 8:30-9am and 4:45-5pm where anyone can call in to report issues from the field. Contact Anjali Pradhan for more information: [apradhan@unicef.org](mailto:apradhan@unicef.org)