

UNFPA – Gender based violence in emergencies

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## A few key messages

- In emergencies all women and girls are at risk of GBV
- Addressing GBV in emergencies requires a survivor centred, comprehensive multisectoral approach
- One is too many: Evidence of GBV in emergencies is not required for action
- GBV in emergencies is everyone's business:

"All humanitarian personnel have the responsibility to assume GBV is taking place, to treat it as a serious and life-threatening protection issue, and to take action described in to minimize GBV risk through their sectoral interventions, regardless of the presence or absence of concrete "evidence".

- Revised GBV Guidelines (2015)



Advocating to prevent risk of GBV in evacuation camps following the Mount Agung eruption, Indonesia



Working with communities to prevent and respond to GBV in the Marawi conflict, Mindanao



## Integrating SRH and GBV services in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

#### UNFPA is responding in Cox's Bazar where:



1.2 million people affected



294,000 women of reproductive age



58,800 pregnant women (NPM 6, IOM, Oct)



1,580 likely to experience obstetric complications during delivery in the next 3 months



All women and girls, including adolescent girls at risk of GBV

#### **UNFPA** is providing:



Deployment of Midwives



Mobile Reproductive Health Camps



Reproductive Health Kits



Clinical Management of Rape



Dignity Kits



Psychosocial Support



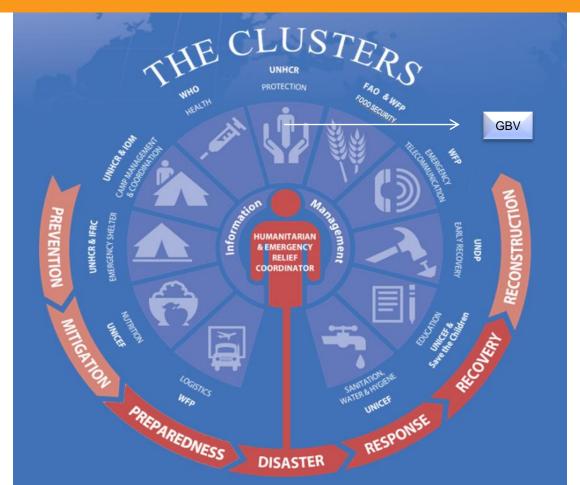
Women Friendly Spaces



Protection & Awareness Messaging



## **GBV** in emergencies coordination







# Preventing and responding to GBV from the frontlines

- Coordination: Participate in GBV subclusters and task teams
- Provision of multi sectoral services:
   Know who is doing what
- Referrals for Life-Saving Care: including accompaniment to emergency medical services for survivors of sexual assault
- Emergency Case Management: services and referrals by service providers.
- Outreach and Community Mobilization: mitigate risk of GBV through support and engagement of community watch groups
- Interlink with other services: for example integration of SRH and GBV services
- Advocate for GBV

#### **Useful tools**



Reducing risk, promoting resilience and aiding recovery











### MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS<sup>1</sup>

#### I. Purpose and Audience

At its best, media reporting on sexual and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV) in emergency contexts facilitates advocacy with decision makers and communities to ensure protection for refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other vulnerable groups and supports fundraising for comprehensive GBV programs. However, media reporting on GBV in emergency contexts – when it fails to take into account basic ethical and safety principles – can also put GBV survivors, their families and those who are helping them at risk.





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