

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) GBV Guidelines and IOM co-facilitated, in partnership with International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), the training for members of Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) and Shelter Clusters in the Philippines on the *Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence (GBV) Interventions in Humanitarian Action*. The Guidelines are a global field-tested tool that recognise the high risk of GBV in crisis-affected settings which is a widespread international public health and human rights issue. They provide guidance on essential actions for GBV prevention and risk mitigation through 13 thematic area sections each covering a different sector of humanitarian response. Published in 2015, the Guidelines were developed by a 16-agency Reference Group with the support of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Global Protection Cluster. This training was part of the first phase of the global roll out which targeted an initial 11 countries: the Central African Republic, Colombia, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, South Sudan, Turkey (cross border for Syria) and Ukraine.

The training for the CCCM and Shelter Clusters, following the training for other clusters in the Philippines, focused on thematic area specific actions that all national and international humanitarian actors can utilise in their day-to-day operations to combat GBV. These actions vary depending on the work context, but examples include GBV mitigation strategy in programme design, facilitating GBV prevention through coordination across sectors, and advocating law and policy reform. In order to fulfil these wide actions, the training built competency in core GBV principles such as the ‘do no harm’ approach, GBV contextualisation in emergencies, managing sensitive personal information and the appropriate use of the referral mechanism. While the training was not an exhaustive course in GBV prevention and mitigation, it did provide the means to utilise the resources provided by the guidelines to appropriately mainstream GBV programming, from design to implementation to evaluation.

The participants of this training were representatives from key partners and agencies in the CCCM and Shelter Clusters, including: the Department for Social Welfare and Development, International Federation of the Red Cross, Save the Children, Catholic Relief Service, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. After the initial training sessions built GBV prevention competency, the participants were asked to group together to create action plans. The action plans integrated the technical knowledge of the sectors with guidance and consideration of the risks of GBV. The GBV action plans will soon be reviewed, with the support of the IASC and Global Protection Cluster, ahead of implementation by the participating agencies and departments.



(Above) Participants identify GBV risks on a CCCM training poster © IOM 2016



(Above) Patrick Elliott, IFRC Operations Manager, with some opening remarks © IOM 2016



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(Below) GBV Guideline Training Specialist Jessica Izquierdo, left-front row, with trainees © IOM 2016