

Increasing women's participation in camp governance structures

IOM conducted baseline study and training on GBV mainstreaming in camp coordination and management in Zamboanga

From May 17th to June 1st, 2016 in Zamboanga City, IOM conducted a research study on Women's Participation in Camp Governance Structures in one transitional site, namely Mampang camp, as part of its global mission that aims at increasing women's participation in camp governance and camp-like settings. This study is currently being rolled out in five country operations (Nigeria, Ecuador, South Sudan, Iraq and the Philippines) and will result in designing evidence-based small projects that will aim at improving women's participation. This component falls under IOM's GBV mainstreaming project funded by the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, with the objective of reducing GBV-related risks in camps and camp-like settings.

The study was conducted in the transitional site of Mampang to identify current status of women's participation in camp governance structures and perception of their safety. The survey engaged a total of 180 persons including internally displaced persons staying in these sites and local service providers. The initial findings of the study were presented at *Stakeholders' Meeting* with representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development, City Social Welfare and Development Office, other relevant government units and partner organizations of the UN agencies and NGOs. The participants affirmed the results and discussed how to address the needs of the vulnerable people, especially those in the transitional site.

The study was followed by *Training on Mainstreaming Gender-based Violence (GBV) in Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Operations*, conducted in Zamboanga City from 1st to 3rd June. The three-day training programme covered: GBV guiding principles, mitigation of GBV in CCCM throughout emergency response and recovery, psychological first aid and protection referral mechanisms. Overall, 30 people (such as officials of the CSWD, City Administrators Office, other local government units, representatives of partner NGOs and officials of DSWD Field Office IX) actively participated, and learned how they could incorporate and strengthen aspect of reducing GBV incidences in camps and camp-like settings.

At the closing ceremony, Zamboanga City Mayor Beng Climaco commended the mission: "[IOM's work] really gives us inspiration and hope that the world listens to Zamboanga, and that the world cares." Building on the successful completion of this training, IOM will continue to promote mainstreaming of GBV and empowering of those vulnerable to GBV in any emergency settings.



(Top) IOM Caroline Masbongi facilitating the Training for enumerators © IOM 2016



(Middle) IOM David Preux presenting the study's initial findings at the Stakeholders' Meeting © IOM 2016



(Bottom) Participants with Mayor Beng Climaco, Asst. Regional Director for Operations Nene Usman of DSWD Field Office IX and IOM Chief of Mission Marco Boasso © IOM 2016