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1. SGBV

- SGBV working group is currently working on a standardized training tool kit.
- OHCHR and OCHA are requested to ensure that the different training provided by different agencies in anticipation of future emergencies include a protection component. **Action point: contact Chris from IOM for information on future training.**
- SR welcomes inputs from cluster members on GBV Essential Information Package shared with working group and cluster members. **Action point: to send inputs to UNFPA.**
- SR shared standard incident report form (from IASC guidelines) and suggested to adapt it to the Nepali context. **Action point: UNFPA/OHCHR to explore modalities of a database to register incidents. UNFPA to acquire more information on already existing SGBV specific referral mechanisms.**
- MS suggested to broaden the mandate of the SGVB working group beyond emergency context.

2. Conflict related IDPs

- SP raised the issue of NRC's forthcoming departure from Nepal and the importance to continue to advocate for an improvement of the situation for conflict related IDPs in Nepal. This issue is currently discussed at RC/head of agencies level. **Action point: NRC/OHCHR to follow the discussion and report to protection cluster.**
- SP updated on the assessment of conflict related IDPs carried out by NRC: first assessment results are expected by mid-May.
- SP flagged the difficult situation in Bara district, where communal tensions are high. NRC advocated for keeping a strong presence of security forces in the most problematic areas. **Action point: OHCHR to inform its regional office and instruct close monitoring (in coordination with local partners, such as NHRC and NGOs/ human rights defenders) and to explore possible areas for protection cluster support (including funding).**

3. Issues from IASC meetings

- LH briefed on the IASC response to the request from the protection cluster to conduct a risk and hazard assessment in the Far Western Region. IASC did

not see the necessity for an assessment and opted for the establishment of an early warning system and provision of adequate shelter. SR informed about the existence of a UNDP disaster contingency plan for the Far Western Region. **Action point: OCHA to share UNDP plan with cluster members and Protection Cluster to advocate for inclusion of early warning system and adequate shelter.**

- Koshi floods: SR flagged the importance to monitor that women and vulnerable groups have equal access to the benefits of return and early recovery programmes (Government return packages, food for work and land distribution programmes etc.). **Action point: OHCHR to inform protection monitors to draw attention to those issues and to advocate for an assessment of female headed households. OHCHR to share the weekly reports from protection monitors with cluster members.**

4. Protection cluster contingency plan

- First draft has been circulated among participant of the workshop. The plan will be tested for the first time during the upcoming earthquake exercises. Lessons learned drawn from the exercise will later be incorporated.

5. Protection training module

- UNFPA, UNICEF and OHCHR will share a first draft for a standardized protection training module with protection cluster members in early May. The module will be used for 3 regional workshops planned in June for stakeholders from most emergency prone districts.

Next meetings:

SGBV working group: 28 April at 14.30 pm at OCHA.

Protection Cluster: 7 May at 11.00 am at OCHA.