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Gender-Based Violence Information Management System

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In recent years, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), Sphere, and other humanitarian working groups established important guidelines for GBV in emergencies. Humanitarian practitioners have focused more attention on GBV in both emergency and development contexts and have made strides toward meeting survivors' multidimensional needs, empowering women and children in particular, and decreasing their vulnerability to exploitation and abuse.

Reliable data is crucial to informing the humanitarian response to gender-based violence. Until recently, the humanitarian community has not had a tried-and-tested approach for the collection, management and sharing of GBV-related data generated through service delivery. This has hindered programming potential, inter-agency coordination and advocacy efforts.

A robust GBV information management system now exists. This website was created to help introduce the humanitarian community to its potential.

The GBVIMS initiative was originally launched in 2006 by UNOCHA, UNHCR, and the IRC. Since then, UNFPA, UNHCR and IRC has counted on technical guidance from the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) Sub-Working Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action throughout the development of the GBVIMS.

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Translating the Gender-Based Violence Information System

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Thanks to UN Online Volunteer Dominique MacNeill from France, the website of the Gender-Based Violence Information System (GBVIMS) (www.gbvims.org) is now available in French.

The GBVIMS is an inter-agency partnership of various UN agencies and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and enables humanitarian actors responding to incidents of gender-based violence to effectively and safely collect, store, analyze and share data reported by GBV survivors.

“The French translation is especially important given many of the organizations that might use the GBVIMS are from French-speaking countries, and Dominique did quite a remarkable job”, says Kristy Crabtree from the IRC. Dominique, a translator by trade, appreciated the collaboration.

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