

Strengthening Ways of Working for Protection Outcomes: Development of an Evaluation Framework for the Prevention of SGBV

Why focus on the prevention of SGBV?

In light of emerging initiatives to design strategies to prevent sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), this presents a unique opportunity to apply results-based approaches to SGBV prevention and to develop guidance related to measuring results and outcomes. While there are some notable efforts underway, practitioners struggle to measure the results and outcomes of prevention programs. Measuring something that *didn't* occur can be difficult, leading to an over-reliance on activity-based measurement rather than measuring outcomes in the form of SGBV risk reduction. Compounding this gap, there is also a relative lack of investment in the evaluation of protection outcomes, with systemic guidance still at a nascent stage. The objective of this project is to facilitate the collaborative development of an evaluation framework that would guide approaches to measure SGBV prevention outcomes across crisis contexts.



Project Activities:

- Formation of an **Advisory Group** that includes key practitioners, academics and other experts to guide the project. This will include NGOs with lengthy experience and diverse expertise in preventing SGBV in the field.
- **Scoping exercise** to collect current practice, successes, and lessons learned.
- **Three field level case-studies** that will analyse the various dimensions of SGBV prevention programming through consultation with affected communities, local and national NGO, field staff, and other stakeholders.
- **Draft evaluation framework** through consultative process that includes **workshops at field, regional, and HQ levels**.
- Development of a **dissemination strategy** ensuring broad accessibility to front line humanitarian actors.
- **Methodology for piloting the evaluation framework** to be carried forward post-project.

CHALLENGES IN EVALUATION*

- Measuring the counter-factual (i.e. what didn't occur)
- Variation in protection approaches
- Understanding cause-effect relationships
- Unpacking and interrogating the causal logic or theory or change
- Collecting, storing, and analysing data in an ethically sound way
- Specifying the evaluation questions
- Selecting the appropriate evaluation approaches and methods
- Breaking down siloes between monitoring and evaluation processes and programs

*See ALNAP's Guide: [Evaluation of Protection in Humanitarian Action](#)



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This project is expected to:

- **Stimulate discussion and action** among humanitarian actors on how to achieve meaningful protection outcomes in the form of measurably reduced risk of SGBV;
- **Develop collective solutions to SGBV prevention** by bringing together expertise from diverse contexts and disciplines to grapple with challenges in evaluating SGBV prevention programs and measuring the reduction of risk;
- **Contribute to the number of practitioners applying results-based approaches to protection** in practice for preventing SGBV;
- **Produce and widely disseminate**, including in an interactive online format, a working evaluation framework for SGBV prevention; and
- **Develop an agreed methodology** to begin piloting the evaluation framework in the field.

GOAL: Framework for evaluating prevention of SGBV and an action plan for field-based pilots

TIMELINE: April 2019 – March 2021

PARTICIPANTS: InterAction will form an Advisory Group of interested NGOs and other stakeholders to provide technical input and strategic guidance

Key project activities and deliverables

Provisional and subject to change at any time

