

UNFAO Somalia Commitments to Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) of Affected Populations



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Current commitments

- UN DG Bulletin- Introduced special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. (ST/SGB/2003/13)
- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crises. This agency being the primary mechanism for inter-agency coordination of humanitarian assistance, also commits to PSEA , and re-affirm their determination to prevent future acts of sexual exploitation and abuse by our personnel (2006) .



IASC Commitments

- The IASC Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse,(June 2002)
- The four IASC Minimum Operating Security Standards for PSEA.(March 2013)
- Core Humanitarian Standards, AAP/PSEA Helpdesk .



PSEA in FAO

FAO is committed to:

Preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) by FAO personnel and implementing partners by:

- Developing a framework for effectively addressing issues of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse within FAO
- Ensuring adherence to the PSEA standards set by the SGB by all FAO personnel
- Establishing responsibilities on the implementation of PSEA procedures and activities



PSEA in FAO

- Raising awareness and building capacity of FAO personnel on PSEA
- Establishing PSEA complaints mechanisms for FAO personnel
- Ensuring investigation procedures on SEA are in place
- Raising awareness of community members on PSEA and FAO policies and procedures to deal with it
- Establishing community based complaints mechanisms (CBCM)



PSEA in FAO

- Staff orientation manual
- The FAO Ombudsman and Ethics office is FAOs independent, confidential, neutral, impartial and professional resource for all personnel everywhere and is FAOs key point of PSEA rights and the dignity of all peoples underpin FAO's commitment to preventing and addressing acts of sexual exploitation and abuse. These principles are enshrined in the FAO Staff Regulations and Rules.
- PSEA staff trainings for (Nairobi and field offices) done in May .



PSEA of beneficiaries

- Explicit reference in Letter of Agreements(LoAs) by the Service Provider who should take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of any beneficiary of the services provided under the Agreement, or to any persons related to beneficiaries, by its employees or any other persons engaged and controlled by the Service Provider to perform any services under the Agreement.
- PSEA training to Implementing Partners before start of projects.



Monitoring of PSEA in FAO

- Our work/activities are aligned to the UN SEA.
- FAO shares guidance to IPs when launching new projects .e.g. for CFW Program
- Use of Hotline to receive complaints /Suggestions.



Useful Resources

- FAO's AAP Guidance Note:
http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/emergencies/docs/Guidance%20Note_Accountability_Publi.pdf
- IASC Six Core Principles on PSEA :
<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/focal-points/documents-public/plan-action-and-core-principles-codes-conduct-protection-sexual-abuse>
- IASC Minimum Operating Standards for PSEA:
<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/protection-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/documents-public/guidelines-implement-minimum-operating>
- CHS PSEA : <http://www.chsalliance.org/what-we-do/psea>



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