

THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON FACT-FINDING, MONITORING AND REPORTING IN ARMED CONFLICT

Amman-Dead Sea, Jordan

23-24 March 2019

Agenda*

This workshop is designed to enhance the capacity of humanitarian practitioners to more effectively and responsibly conduct – or contribute to – fact-finding, monitoring, and reporting (FFMR) of allegations of violations of international law during armed conflict.

Considering the different roles and mandates of humanitarian actors in relation to this work, this workshop will address relevant legal frameworks and the interplay between international law norms and related fact-finding work on alleged violations, the various mechanisms involved in monitoring and reporting, how the different mechanisms and frameworks interact with each another, as well as their underlying objectives and goals.

The workshop will also look into methodological, policy, and operational questions for ensuring credible and effective fact-finding, monitoring, and reporting activities, including considerations related to humanitarian principles and the neutrality of humanitarian actors.

SATURDAY, 23 MARCH

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, introduction, and overview
9:30 – 10:30	Actors involved in FFMR during armed conflict: Complementary roles and interventions
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	FFMR in armed conflict: Specific challenges and relevant legal frameworks
11:45 – 12:30	Principles of FFMR work: Impartiality, Independence, and Do No Harm
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	Using sources of information and standards of proof: Credible documentation of IHL violations
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 17:00	Case study: Identifying relevant facts and legal qualification
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up/Q&A
19:30	Group dinner

* Provisional agenda as of 13 February 2019; subject to modification.

SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:30	Review of previous day
9:30 – 10:30	Interviewing victims and witnesses to documenting IHL violations
10:30– 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	FFMR on alleged violations of the law on conduct of hostilities
11:45 – 12:45	The 1612 SC Resolution Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Bringing about change through documenting IHL and human rights violations: Advocacy and other strategies
14:30 – 15:15	The interplay between FFMR and judicial mechanisms: Achieving accountability
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:15	Simulation exercise
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks