



## THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN ARMED CONFLICT

Nairobi, Kenya  
7-8 April 2019

### Agenda\*

*Despite the numerous initiatives launched in recent years to address sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) during armed conflict, such as the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, SGBV remains widespread in times of war. This workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of experienced humanitarian practitioners to address and respond to SGBV in the context of their protection and assistance work. It first provides as a background an analysis of the forms of SGBV and the relevant international legal frameworks prohibiting such conduct, with a primary focus on international humanitarian law (IHL) and international criminal law (ICL).*

*On that basis, the following sessions explore the various types of responses in dealing with SGBV cases in practice, taking into account the various roles played by humanitarian actors and other professionals in this regard. Topics to be covered include the documentation of SGBV cases, the response to sexual violence encountered in the context of other humanitarian work, the design of a rights-based protection SGBV strategy, and specific issues such as accountability for acts of SGBV by UN Peacekeepers, relevant use of the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) on Grave Violations against Children in Situations of Armed Conflict, and how to address SGBV committed by armed non-state actors*

### SUNDAY, 7 APRIL

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee and registration
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Welcome, introduction, and overview</b>
9:30 – 10:15	<b>Understanding the prevalence and forms of SGBV in conflict</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Definitions</li><li>– Difference between sexual violence and gender-based violence</li><li>– Misconceptions about SGBV in conflict</li><li>– Causes and impact during and after an armed conflict</li></ul>
10:15 – 11:15	<b>The role of international law in the prevention of and protection against SGBV in conflict</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The complementarity between IHL, IHRL, ICL, and other international legal frameworks prohibiting SGBV</li><li>– The obligation of prevention and protection against SGBV under IHL and IHRL</li><li>– International norms and rights at the heart of protection work</li><li>– The strategic use of international law to address SGBV in conflict</li><li>– Available mechanisms and responses</li></ul>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Addressing SGBV cases in protection and assistance work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The concept of protection and SGBV</li><li>– Beyond the legal dimension: tools and mechanisms to respond to SGBV against beneficiaries in humanitarian settings</li><li>– Different roles and mandates of actors: first response, service provision, documenting and reporting on SGBV cases, assistance to survivors</li></ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Prohibited acts of SGBV under IHL, ICL, and IHRL</b>

\* Provisional agenda as of 21 February 2019; subject to modification.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The requirement of a link to the armed conflict</li> <li>- SGBV as a violation of IHL vs. SGBV as a war crime</li> <li>- The IHL obligations to prevent, suppress, and prosecute</li> <li>- Acts of SGBV as international crimes</li> <li>- The case of rape as torture under IHRL</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:15	<b>Case study</b>
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Wrap-up/Q&amp;A</b>
19:30	<b>Group dinner</b>

### MONDAY, 8 APRIL

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Review of previous day</b>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Documenting SGBV in conflict: Methodology and principles in judicial and non-judicial settings</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Reporting on sexual violence against children in conflict within the 1612 Resolution Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism</b>
11:45 – 12:45	<b>Addressing the accountability gap for UN peacekeepers committing acts of SGBV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application of international law to peacekeepers (UN and Regional Organizations)</li> <li>- The challenges to the responsibility of peacekeepers under international law</li> <li>- Cases of SGBV committed by peacekeepers</li> </ul>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	<b>Designing a rights-based protection strategy against SGBV</b>
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:15	<b>Case study</b>
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Final wrap-up and Q&amp;A</b>