



16 Days of Activism Against GBV Activities Report

UNHCR Ethiopia 2020



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UNHCR Sub-Office Assosa

Panel Discussions:

Participants were invited from different humanitarian agencies, government administrative entities from nearby woredas, girls, boys, men, women and refugee leadership structures. Around 200 participants (100 M/100 F) from each camp attended through various panel discussion session.

During the 16 Days of Activism campaign, panel discussions engaging a diverse range of participants took place in all 5 refugee camps of Assosa. The agenda was on the impact of COVID-19 on increased risks and threats to GBV; early marriage, intimate partner violence, physical violence, rape, its possible causes and consequences. A Community Well-Being Initiative (CWI) team, held a panel discussion on the causes and consequences of intimate partner violence, what actions are expected from each segment of the community and other

stakeholders in and out of the camp. Participants were invited from different humanitarian agencies, girls, boys, men, women, refugee leadership structures and government representatives.

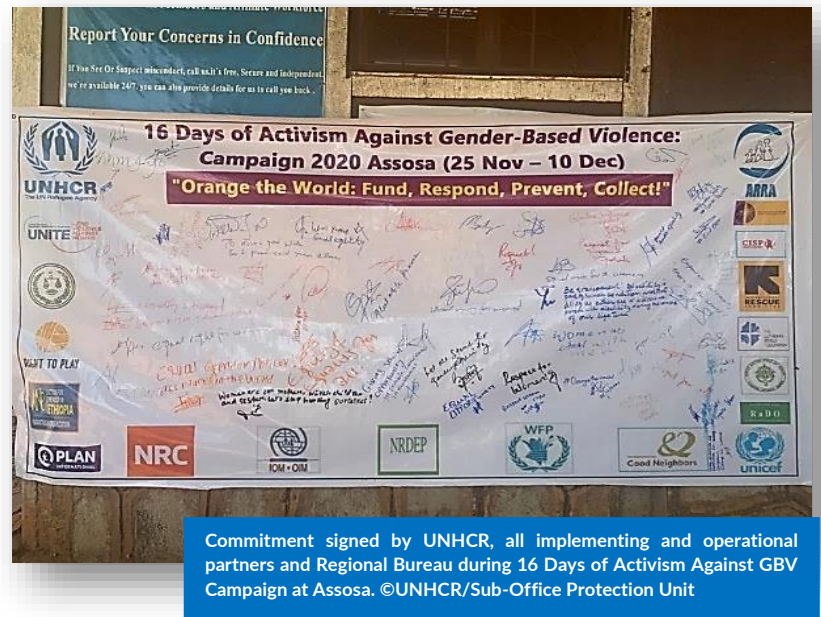
During the panel discussions, all COVID-19 precautionary measures were considered. The discussion was also an opportunity to have a common understanding on prevalence of GBV in relation to COVID-19 and prepare action points for all stakeholders, which must be materialized. Refugee participants mentioned alcoholism, cultural and religious barriers as root causes of intimate partner violence in the camps. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase of reported incidents in the camps. Finally, an action point was agreed among the participants, which needs to be cascaded to the community in particular by leaders of different community structures.

Sub-Office Assosa for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign

Joint Commitment signature against GBV by all stakeholders in Assosa:

Target Populations/Audience:

Representatives of UNHCR, ARRA and all implementing and operational partners, including the Regional Bureau; 10 implementing partners, 5 operational partners and the Bureau of Women Children and Youth Affairs (BoWCYA).



Objective and expected impact:

Raise awareness with stakeholders on the 16 Days of Activism Campaign, theme of the year and to demonstrate solidarity during the COVID-19 crisis while making a joint commitment by all stakeholders to end GBV.

with the theme and logo of all stakeholders serving in Assosa Operation. The event commenced from November 25, the first day of 16 Days Campaign and ended on 10 Dec, the last day of the campaign. The banner was passed to all stakeholders one by one during the campaign and the stakeholders actively participated in the activity. Various commitments with signatures were made by writing on the banner by the representatives of the stakeholders.

Details of the activity:

A banner for joint commitment signatures was developed by UNHCR



UNHCR Sub-Office Melkadida

Training on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

From 25 to 27 November 2020, International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted a three-day training on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in Dollo Ado town. A total of 16 (4 female and 12 male) partner staff from ARRA, UNHCR, Save the Children, RADO, and IMC attended the training. The definition of PSEA, the impact of the involvement of humanitarian actors in PSEA and basic principles of survivor-centred approach were discussed.

The objectives of the training were to underline, how the involvement of humanitarian workers in acts of sexual exploitation and abuse is a grave violation of our responsibility to do no harm and to protect people affected by crises. Also, to refresh the understanding on standards of the code of conduct concerning sexual exploitation and abuse, including what qualifies as prohibited behaviour and the consequences and impact of sexual misconduct in the humanitarian realm. The

zero tolerance on sexual exploitation and abuse policy was discussed.

The training also provided direction on how service providers can prioritize the needs of survivors of violence to come at the

forefront of any response. Since reporting of SEA cases is mandatory, reporting mechanisms were discussed to ensure that service providers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to perform their duties



Partners attending the training. ©IMC/ Yeworkuha Midkessa, GBV Manager

World AIDS Day

International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Buramino camp celebrated World AIDS Day on 1 December 2020 in coordination with the ARRA Health Centre with 19 female and 11 male participants from the community. As the Day has become one of the most recognized international health days, it gave an opportunity to raise awareness and celebrate increased access to treatment and prevention services among other benefits.

The ARRA health representative in his message underlining the theme “Solidarity, Shared Responsibility”, said that on this day, people around the world unite to show

support for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to remember those, who lost their lives to AIDS. The representative stressed the importance of eliminating stigma and discrimination and upholding gender-responsive approaches in all response activities. In addition, key messages from IRC, UNHCR, RaDO, SCI, the Central Refugee Structure (RCC) and the women’s association were conveyed.

While in Hilaweyn, IRC in coordination with its own community outreach workers, conducted a mini campaign on HIV/AIDS as part of the 16 Days of Activism. As intimate partner violence is one of the most

recurrent GBV type in the camps, awareness was provided on the issue in addition to prevention of HIV/AIDS. The refugee community structures, especially the Women's Association, were engaged in the awareness campaign. Community

members using megaphones went to different blocks mobilizing the community to stop intimate partner violence and discrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS.



Celebration in Buramino Mini campaign on World AIDS Day
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UNHCR Sub-Office Gambella

Drawing contest among youth group and exhibition in Kule refugee camp/Gambella

As part of men and boy's engagement activity, the office organized a drawing competition for boys and male youth, aged 14 to 17 on the theme "my perception of Gender-Based Violence". The objective was to raise their awareness on gender-based violence by reflecting their perceptions through drawings and to create a forum for discussion on GBV through the exhibition of their products.

Of all the participants, twelve boys' drawings were chosen to be showcased at the exhibition. Of these, three were identified as winners and received prizes in line with such recognition. The he



A young boy explaining his drawing to the public
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remaining nine had also received different presents in recognition of their participation – on Human Rights Day.

Song by Girls Club Members in Pugnido II refugee Camp/Gambella

The Adolescents' gender club members from Pugnido II refugee camp performed a song delivering messages about the importance of girls' education and the consequences of early marriage. In their song, the group expressed the desire to further their education and become doctors, teachers' politicians, nurses and engineers among others

The objective of the activity was to use the channel of music to capture the attention of the audience to better convey messages on girls' education.

75 refugees (40 women and 35 men) attended the performance of the members of the adolescents' gender club.



Song by Gender Club members about the importance of girls education and the impacts of early marriage. At Pugnido II refugee camp. ©UNHCR/ Ayehubizu Gedefaw, Snr. Protection Ass.



UNHCR Office Afar Region

World AIDS Day 1 December 2020

The office celebrated World AIDS Day, which included drama, Questions and Answers Contests among the participants, and a prize was organized for the winner.

World AIDS Day is aimed at supporting people living with HIV and AIDS, commemorating those, who passed away as a result of the illness, and celebrating successes in the response such as increased access to treatment. Hosting the event reminds the public

that HIV/AIDS continue to be a global challenge and that collectively, there is a need to increase awareness, combat prejudice and advocate for support nationally and globally.

In 2020, the world's attention has been focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on lives and livelihoods. COVID-19 is showing once again how health is interlinked with other critical issues such as reducing inequality, human rights, gender equality, social

protection and economic growth. With this in mind, this year the theme of World AIDS Day is “**Global solidarity, shared responsibility**”.

The main event to commemorate World AIDS Day 2020 was held in

Aysaita in the Afar region as a part of the 16 Days of Activism. At the centre of the 2020 World AIDS Day was the need to celebrate and acknowledge the vital role that communities have played towards the response to HIV/AIDS. There was mass testing of participants for HIV/AIDS



HIV testing in Aysaita

World Disability Day - 3 December 2020

The EECMY coordinator focused on the NGOs’ and the Government of Ethiopia’s commitment to promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and their inclusion in development in Ethiopia. Each year since 1992, a variety of events are held in many countries on World Disability Day with the theme for 2020: ‘Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19’.

This year, World Disability Day was commemorated by EECMY and other stakeholders in Aysaita. With various shows including drama, poetry, music, and dance performed by a person with disabilities followed by a panel discussion on how best to mobilize support for tangible action with and for persons with disabilities. More than 300 refugees and stockholders participated in the celebration.

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The One Stop Centers in AA are government run facilities that provide protection services to nationals and to refugees as well, as part of the CRRF approach. UNHCR supports them with building capacity, and in the #COVID19 emergency, provides materials to staff and #GBV survivors.



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Preparations for #16Days of Activism against gender-based violence has started in Gambella. Meetings were organized with partners & communities to discuss early marriage, sexual exploitation and mental & psychosocial consequences on #GBV survivors
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We start the #16Days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence to protect refugee and displaced girls and women from the risks they are exposed to during and after displacement.
 #orangetheworld #GBV #GenerationEquality



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Today we start the #16Days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence. #GBV has been a long-standing priority for UNHCR towards preventing and mitigating the risks of more than 400K refugee women and girls in Ethiopia.
 #orangetheworld #16Days #GenerationEquality



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During the **#16Days** of Activism against **#GBV** which is celebrated from 25 November to 10 December, our partner supporting **#GBV** interventions in Melkadida, the IMC, holds a discussion with refugee women association members on female genital mutilation and its negative impacts.



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Good to see refugee girls engaged in the **#16Days** of activism campaign in the Gambella Region **#OrangetheWorld**



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The One Stop Centers are providing services in an equal manner to host communities and refugees **#GVB**

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Awareness raising activities on the **#16DaysOfActivism** to tackle **#GBV** are underway in the refugee camps of Gambella. Partners, **@ArraEthiopia** & donors as **@FCDOGovUK** & **@StatePRM** work together to eliminate forms of discrimination which increase risks of violence for displaced 🙏



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