### Meeting Minutes

**Protection Working Group BARMM 2nd Meeting**  
**April 2019**

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| Chaired by           | Asec. Hadja Pombaen Karon-Kader, MSS-BARMM  
                        | Mr. Mohamed Abdul Wahab, Head of Field Office, Mindanao, UNHCR Philippines |
| Participants         | Refer to attendance form |

| Meeting Agenda       | - Finalization of Terms of Reference  
                        | - Current IDP protection situation in BARMM areas – Maguindanao, Lanao, and Sulu provinces  
                        | - Update from Joint CP and GBV Working Group  
                        | - Any other business |

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| - Finalization of ToR| - Proposed amendments from Save the Children and UN OCHA were taken up for discussion.  
                        | - It was resolved that the latest version of the PWG Terms of Reference already covers children’s rights and the relevant supporting documents related to this thematic area.  
                        | - It was decided that membership to the PWG will be limited to agencies and organizations that have protection-related functions.  
                        | - It was agreed that the term “vulnerable groups” need not be specified any further than it already is, since it might unnecessarily limit the people whom the PWG can help.  
                        | - UNICEF also suggested revisions to the document.  
                        | - “To facilitate information sharing” was added to the general objective.  
                        | - The “specific objectives” were reviewed for additional input.  
                        | - “Verifying” was added to “consolidating” and “sharing” in specific objective 1a. UNICEF raised that urgent information must be shared whether or not it is verified, and the PWG members can assist each other in verifying the said information.  
                        | - Coordination and cooperation with local government units and non-governmental organizations was also emphasized during the meeting.  
                        | - There was a suggestion to outline the roles and responsibilities of the chair and secretariat in the PWG TOR, and to include a provision regarding capacity building. |
| - **Current IDP protection situation in Maguindanao, Lanao, and Sulu provinces** | - It was also suggested to indicate means for the data collection and management, as well as frequency of meetings. Later on, a point regarding coordination and collaboration in terms of information management was also raised in relation to this suggestion.
- There was an appeal to allocate time for child protection and gender-based violence training.
- The importance of a unified protection assessment in areas of concern was raised, with an emphasis on collaboration and coordination with government.
- Meeting re joint capacity building and development for members and partners (specific meeting for efforts regarding this).
- PWG members to share protection-related training plans for the year for alignment and collaboration; begin involving new BARMM areas.
- A meeting was agreed upon to discuss the last two items (joint protection assessment, and capacity-building plans) and scheduled after the elections and after Ramadan, before the June 26 meeting. [tentatively June 10, Monday afternoon]

| - **Updates from Joint CP and GBV Working Group** | - IDP Protection Assessment Reports (IDPPARs) were presented to the PWG and partners were asked to update the document with information based on their own data and the activities they held in response to the said cases of displacement. These IDPPARs were selected for discussion due to the protracted nature of the displacement.
- A number of partners have provided updates, and the PWG shall request for a copy of the documentation of their activities.
- PWG partners will send relevant information via email so that the IDPPARs will reflect efforts and initiatives related to the displacement.

| - **Any other business** | - Presentation provided by UNICEF.
- A meeting was tentatively scheduled on June 10 to discuss capacity building among partners, and to share protection-related plans for the year so that the PWG members can align with each other and collaborate better. It was also raised that there is a need to ease in the new BARMM areas and include them in the discussion in terms of protection concerns and capacity building. |