GBV Accountability Framework:

Advancing Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies

The Real-Time Accountability Partnership

A multi-stakeholder initiative that takes advantage of the momentum created by commitments that bring global attention to GBV in emergencies:

- Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies launched by governments, donors and humanitarian organizations in 2013
- Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines for Integrating GBV
- Interventions in Humanitarian Action released in 2015

The Real-Time Accountability Partnership

The Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies requires donors, states and humanitarian agencies to publicly state and consistently meet their commitments to implement strategic and programmatic actions to address GBV from the start of humanitarian emergencies.

Action taken through the implementation of the GBV Accountability Framework is an evidenced-based and field-driven approach by which members are delivering on their Call to Action commitments.

The GBV Accountability Framework can also be used by a range of implementing agencies in humanitarian and emergency contexts by international organisations, donor states, international and local NGOs.

Goal: All humanitarian actors prioritize and integrate the prevention of and response to GBV across sectors from the outset of an emergency, and this response is coordinated across all humanitarian assistance and protection actions.

reinforces the Call to Action by translating high-level commitments into action by humanitarian leadership.

HOW

GBV Accountability Framework

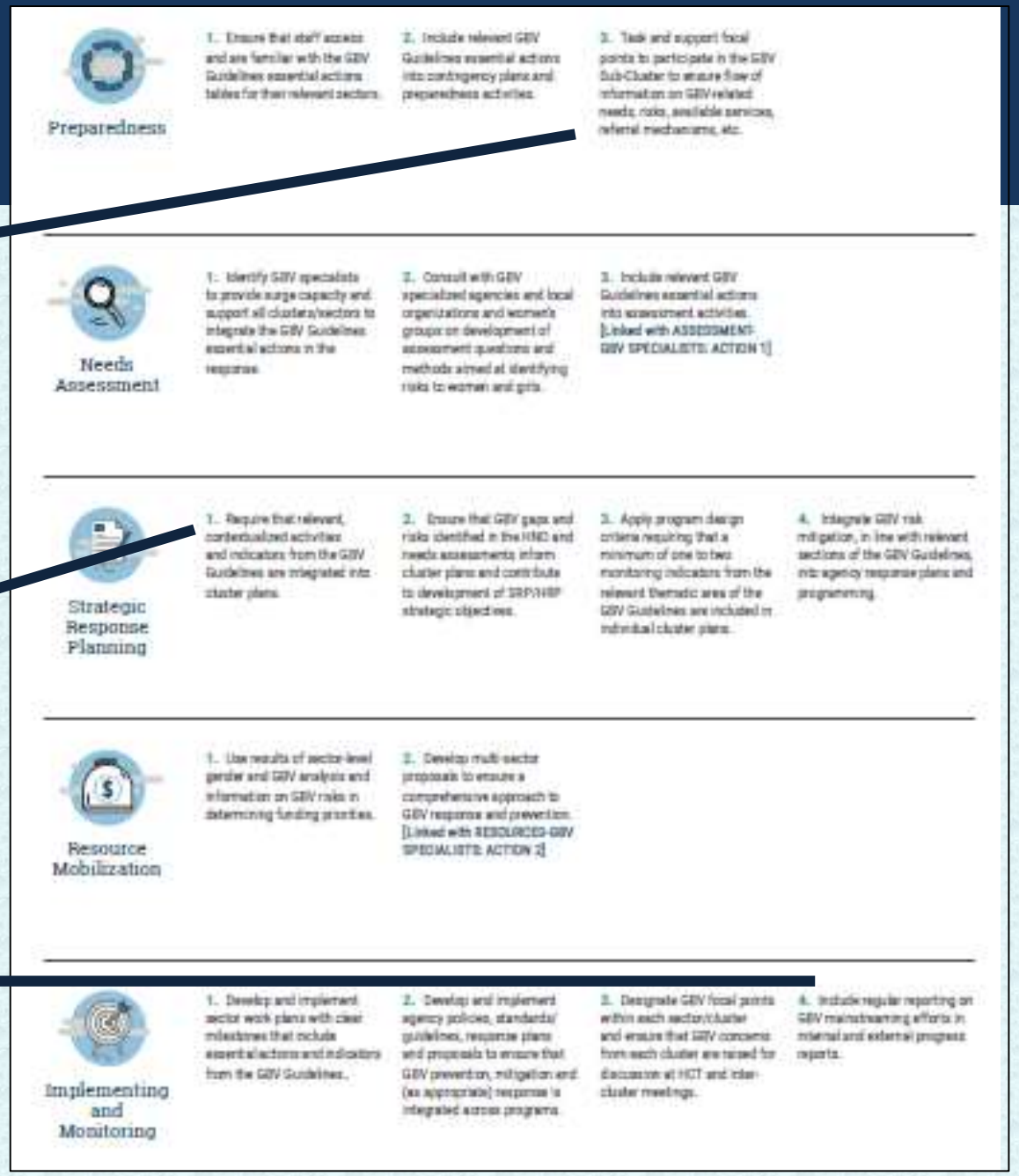
- Donors
- HCs
- HCTs
- Mainstream agencies / Cluster leads
- GBV coordination leads
- Specialized GBV agencies

GBV Mainstreamers

Task and support focal points to participate in the GBV Sub-Cluster to ensure flow of information on GBV-related needs, risks, available services, referral mechanisms, etc.

Require that relevant, contextualized activities and indicators from the GBV Guidelines are integrated into cluster plans.

Include regular reporting on GBV mainstreaming efforts in internal and external progress reports.



Preparedness	1. Ensure that staff access and are familiar with the GBV Guidelines essential actions tables for their relevant sectors.	2. Include relevant GBV Guidelines essential actions into contingency plans and preparedness activities.	3. Task and support focal points to participate in the GBV Sub-Cluster to ensure flow of information on GBV-related needs, risks, available services, referral mechanisms, etc.	
Needs Assessment	1. Identify GBV specialists to provide surge capacity and support all clusters/sectors to integrate the GBV Guidelines essential actions in the response.	2. Consult with GBV specialized agencies and local organizations and women's groups on development of assessment questions and methods aimed at identifying risks to women and girls.	3. Include relevant GBV Guidelines essential actions into assessment activities. [Linked with ASSESSMENT-GBV SPECIALISTS: ACTION 1]	
Strategic Response Planning	1. Require that relevant, contextualized activities and indicators from the GBV Guidelines are integrated into cluster plans.	2. Ensure that GBV gaps and risks identified in the HNO and needs assessments inform cluster plans and contribute to development of SRP/HRP strategic objectives.	3. Apply program design criteria requiring that a minimum of one to two monitoring indicators from the relevant thematic area of the GBV Guidelines are included in individual cluster plans.	4. Integrate GBV risk mitigation, in line with relevant sections of the GBV Guidelines, into agency response plans and programming.
Resource Mobilization	1. Use results of sector-level gender and GBV analysis and information on GBV risks in determining funding priorities.	2. Develop multi-sector proposals to ensure a comprehensive approach to GBV response and prevention. [Linked with RESOURCES-GBV SPECIALISTS: ACTION 2]		
Implementing and Monitoring	1. Develop and implement sector work plans with clear milestones that include essential actions and indicators from the GBV Guidelines.	2. Develop and implement agency policies, standards/ guidelines, response plans and proposals to ensure that GBV prevention, mitigation and (as appropriate) response is integrated across programs.	3. Designate GBV focal points within each sector/cluster and ensure that GBV concerns from each cluster are raised for discussion at HCT and inter-cluster meetings.	4. Include regular reporting on GBV mainstreaming efforts in internal and external progress reports.

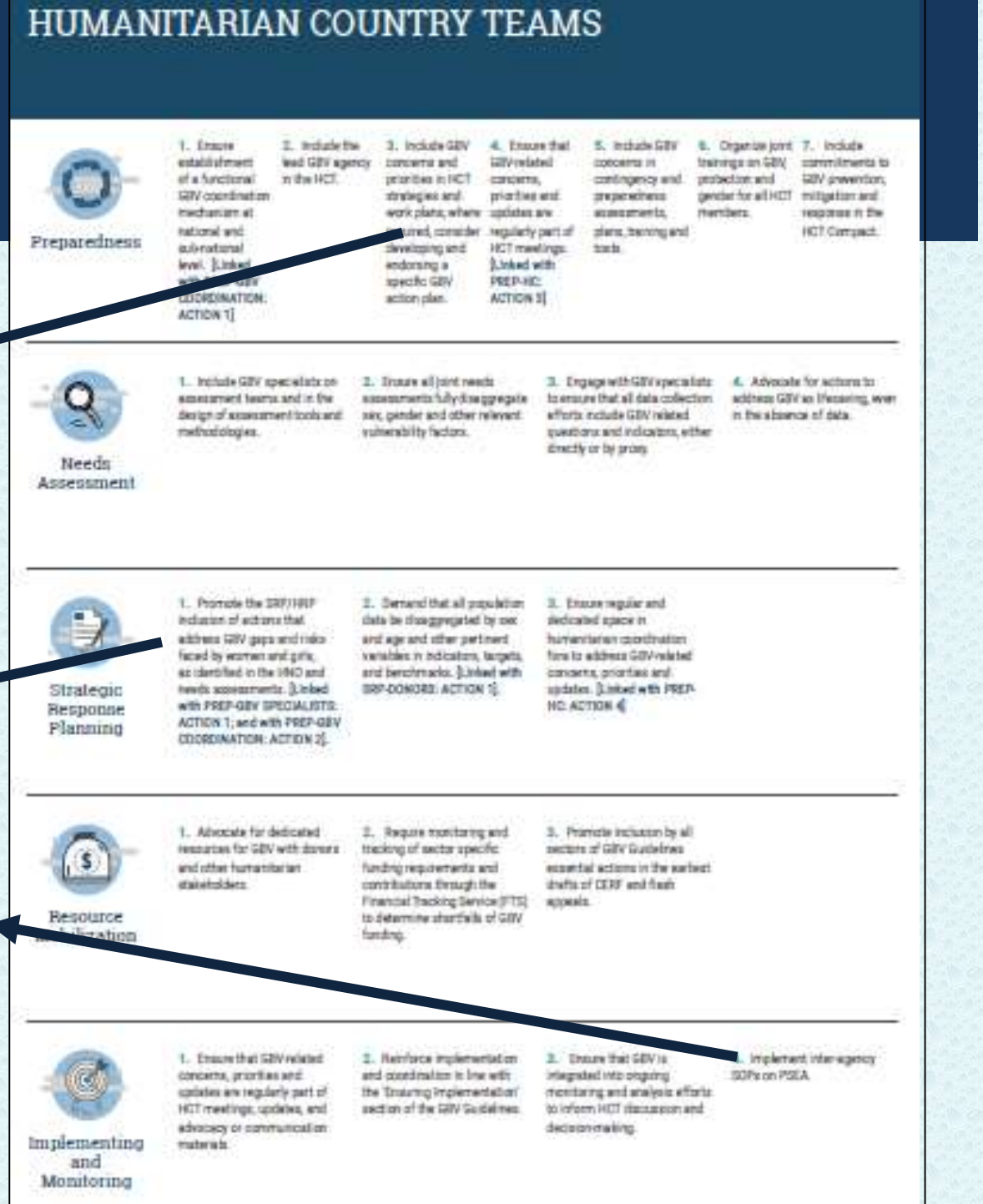
https://reliefweb.int/topics/accountability-gbv-emergencies

LEADERSHIP – Targets for action

Include GBV concerns and priorities in HCT strategies and work plans; where required, consider developing and endorsing a specific GBV action plan.

Promote the HRP inclusion of actions that address GBV gaps and risks faced by women and girls, as identified in the HNO and needs assessments.

Implement inter-agency SOPs on PSEA.



Research Findings → what change happens when humanitarian actors partner to use the Accountability Framework to institutionalize and track progress on high-level commitments.

RELEVANCE

To what extent is the RTAP Action Framework relevant for prioritizing GBV in humanitarian response?

EFFICIENCY

How efficient is the design of the RTAP?

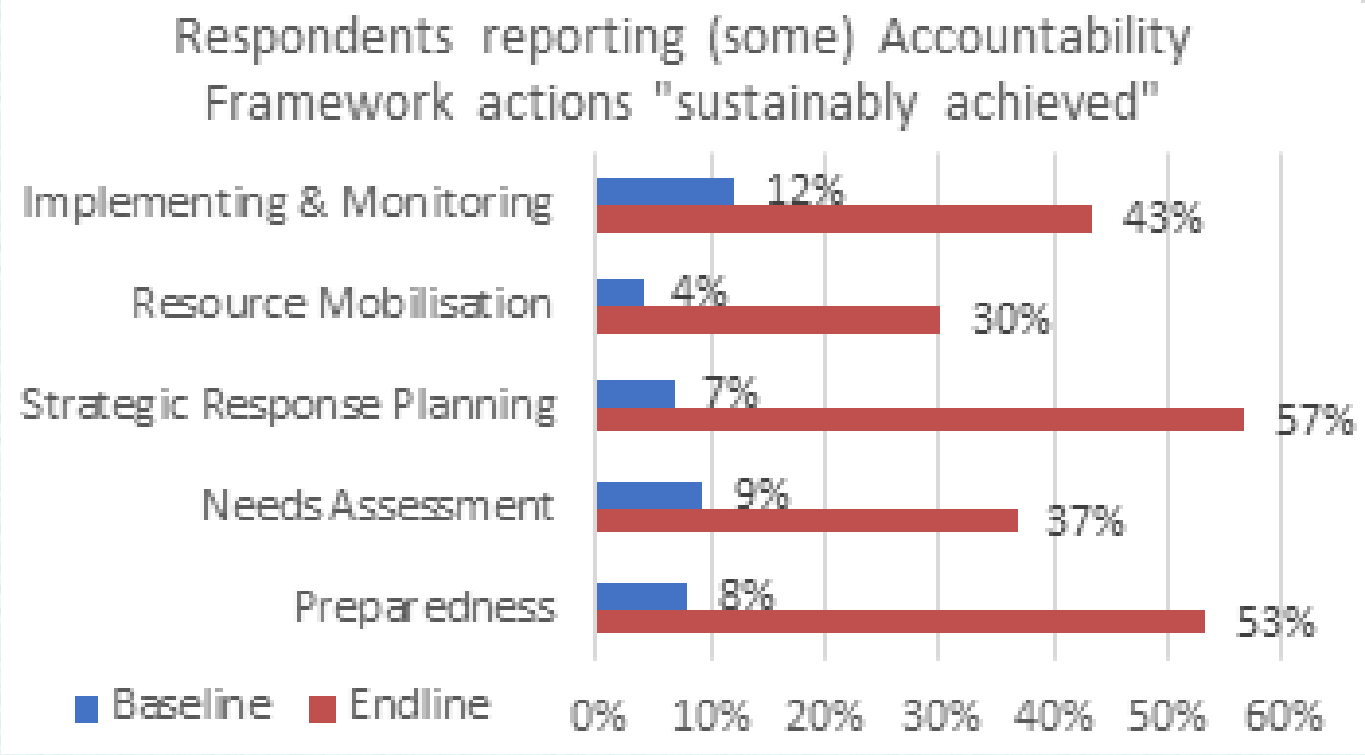
EFFECTIVENESS

How effective is the design of the RTAP to achieve its objectives?

SUSTAINABILITY

How sustainable is the Action Framework and the partnership model for prioritizing, integrating and coordinating GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response across humanitarian assistance and protection?

Achievement of the Actions in the GBV Accountability Framework



Utility of the GBV Accountability Framework

*"It improved my capacity in developing GBV indicators."

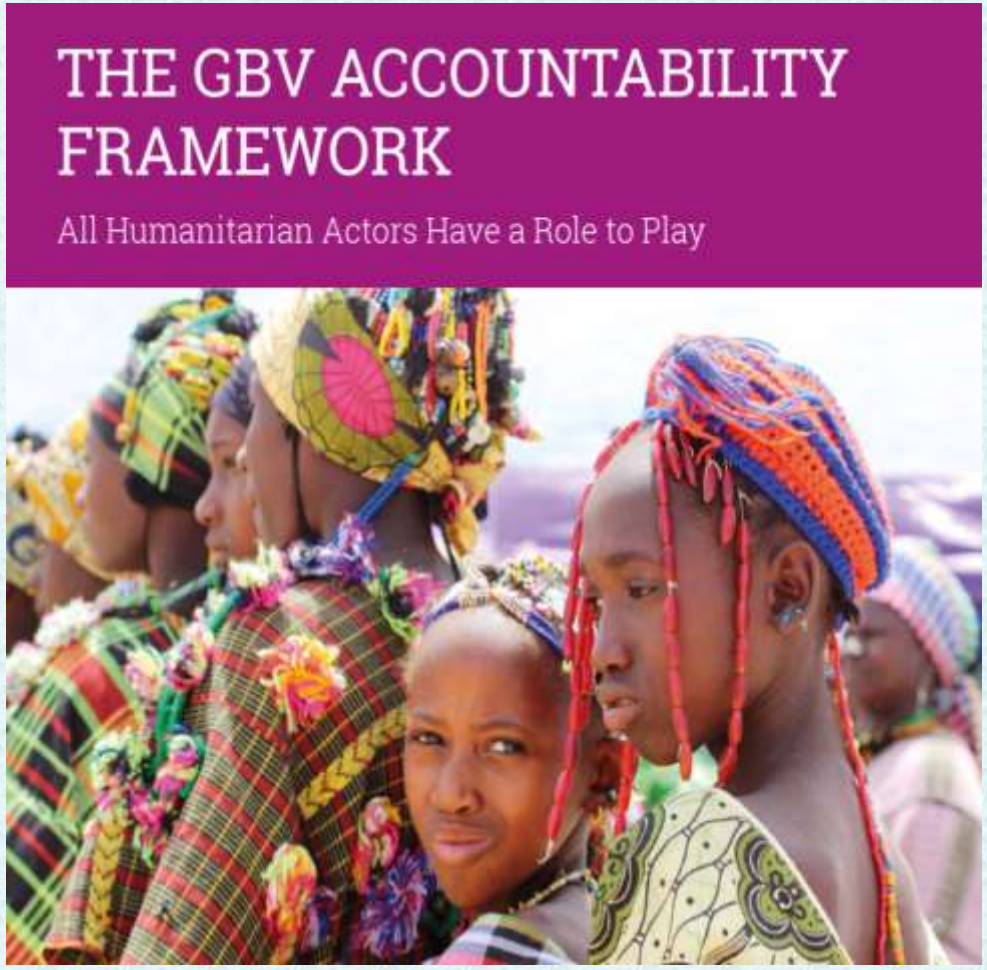
*"[RTAP] helped me advocate and obtain buy in from Senior Management as well as other sectors."

"The framework made it easy for HCT and cluster coordinators to understand their role as well and the need for collective responsibility on GBV."

*"We have prioritized GBV in our protection proposals as main prevention and response activities."

*"Have made change coming from a place where GBV work was not seen as lifesaving."

Recommendations



1. Institutionalize and systematize the GBV Accountability Framework to ensure sufficient commitment, policies, guidance, and resources for stakeholders to meet their responsibilities

2. Enhance utilization and application of the GBV Accountability Framework to operationalize specific activities linked to the responsibilities outlined in the Accountability Framework

3. Ensure partnership and collaboration to achieve the key actions *to reinforce the importance of partnership in institutionalizing, systematizing and operationalizing the Accountability Framework in humanitarian action.*

4. Promote ownership of the GBV Accountability Framework *in addressing challenges and promoting uptake of the actions in the Accountability Framework.*