

A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

PROGRESS UPDATE

THE TASK AT HAND:



Set up a small working group for leading the outcome of the Right to a Life Free From Violence to drive the implementation of the 2020 Strategy for CARE's programmes to address Gender Based Violence (GBV).



By leading the Working Group, formulate a work-plan to implement the CARE International Strategy on the Right to a Life Free from Violence.



Socialize successes of CARE's programs tackling gender based violence, and share these successes through various means, both internally and externally.



Develop a report on the "Cost of Gender Based Violence" for CARE International, based on existing evidence from evaluations of CARE programs and external sources.

THE UPDATE:

1. The LFFV Working Group has been set up and includes the following CARE colleagues:



2. Chrysalis conducted 31 Skype discussions with CARE colleagues



3. Based on these skype discussions, we did two things:

- We prepared a [one-page Flyer](#) to explain the task at hand and clear confusions as to what the LFFV Outcome was aiming to achieve.
- We created a Roadmap of short and long term priorities, drawing from the 31 discussions we had with CARE colleagues. This Roadmap will lead to a LFFV Workplan to action the above mentioned priorities.



4. Following on the heels of the CIGN Meeting in Cambodia, the CI Secretariat and Chrysalis facilitated a meeting to discuss the Life Free From Violence Outcome, particularly as many of the working group members were already attending the CIGN Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMBODIA LFFV MEETING

Life Free From Violence Outcome Area: Moving Towards 2020
Phnom Penh, Cambodia. 26th May 2017.

The meeting commenced with Sofia Sprechmann (CI Programme Director) providing some context and background to the day's meeting. During the meeting, Zainab Ibrahim and Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala (Consultants to Chrysalis) shared an update on the progress of work so far. Milkah Kihunah (Deputy Director, Global Advocacy) also shared an insightful update on Advocacy in relation to LFFV. Participants were then divided into 3 teams to brainstorm priorities around 1) GBV in Development, 2) GBV in Humanitarian and 3) GBV in Advocacy. The half day meeting concluded with a discussion on next steps, which are outlined below. The meeting was an opportunity for CARE colleagues to share their support as well as discuss concerns and ideas they had around driving the LFFV work.

KEY DECISIONS AND NEXT STEPS:

- PROVIDING GREATER CLARITY TO THE GBV STRATEGY**
Building on the existing GBV Strategy, and other resources that have strategized around GBV / LFFV to date, we will develop a Theory of Change (ToC) as an adjunct to the GBV Strategy, that will clearly outline the pathways to reaching our LFFV goals. We are of the view that this strategic thinking around the LFFV Outcome, should not be separate from a consideration of priorities and concerns raised by regions and Country Officers. This ToC therefore will also consider the LFFV Roadmap which is based on 31 discussions with colleagues across CARE.
- PRIORITIES FOR LFFV**
Revisit the LFFV Roadmap, in consultation with the LFFV Working Group, to decide on priorities for action in the short and long term.
- DEVELOP A COST OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE REPORT**

5. With regard to the Cost of Gender Based Violence Report:

- We have scanned the four CARE Studies (conducted in Bangladesh, Zambia, Sri Lanka and Cambodia) as well as external studies which have focussed on Impact Costing (ie: studies which have calculated the cost of GBV to a country's GDP).**
 - Siddique, Kaniz (2011) Domestic Violence Against Women - Cost to the Nation, CARE Bangladesh.
 - Zambia Association for Research & Development (2014) The Socio-Economic Cost of Gender Based Violence in Zambia (Pilot Study), CARE Zambia.
 - Priyadarshani, Inoka & Seneviratne, Jayandra (2015) Cost of Intimate Partner Violence in Sri Lanka, CARE International Sri Lanka.
 - Lawreniuk, Sabina & Parsons, Laurie (2017) 'I know I cannot quit' - The Prevalence and Productivity Cost of Sexual Harassment to the Cambodian Garment Industry, CARE International.
- The proposed outline of this short 4-paged report will include the following elements:**
 - Background & Purpose
 - Why are we highlighting the costs of GBV?
 - How much does GBV cost the global economy? Zoom into studies conducted in Bangladesh, Zambia, Cambodia (CARE Studies) and Bolivia, Peru, Tanzania and Vietnam (External Studies)
 - Who bears the cost?
 - Using evidence for action
 - Recommendations
 - What we have learned about how to measure the costs of GBV