

AN UPDATE FROM THE LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE GLOBAL WORKING GROUP



The Life Free From Violence (LFFV) Outcome Area for CARE, has had a busy year!

The last 6 months were marked by efforts to strengthen collaboration with other Outcomes¹ and Approaches² and better coordinate CARE's global efforts around GBV. In April 2018, members of the LFFV Global Working Group met at the Annual CARE International Gender Network (CIGN) Meeting held in Paris, and brainstormed together on ways in which more resources can be mobilized for LFFV in the coming year. CIGN also provided the ideal forum to work through what CARE's approach to prevention of GBV in emergencies could look like. In May 2018, the LFFV Co-Leads were also part of the Programme Strategy Team held in Sri Lanka.

The LFFV Global Working Group is presently working through six smaller sub-teams representing six priority areas:

STRATEGY AND CONCEPT

EVIDENCE AND LEARNING

ADVOCACY AND
INFLUENCE BUILDING

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

REGIONAL STRATEGIES

GBV IN
EMERGENCIES

These smaller sub-teams have been set up and are now working towards identified goals until 2020. Here's a quick peek at what some of the sub-teams have been up-to over the past few months.



LFFV SUB-TEAM ON STRATEGY & CONCEPT

- ✓ A Theory of Change for CARE's GBV work has been developed and is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#). Plans are currently underway to facilitate a series of sharing and learning conversations with regional teams on their current GBV programming and links to the LFFV Theory of Change.
- ✓ [CI Gender Equality Policy](#) has been updated to include specific commitment to increased budgetary allocation to fulfil CARE's gender commitment "specifically addressing measures for 'do no harm'/gender-based violence prevention measures, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and organizational gender equity and diversity (GED)."

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2. **Jay Goulden**, Knowledge Management & Learning Coordinator, CI Secretariat
3. **Josee Ntabahungu**, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Program (GEWEP) Team Leader, CARE Burundi
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¹ Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Food & Nutrition Security (FNS), Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) and Humanitarian Response

² Gender Equality and Women's Voice (GEWV), Gender Equity & Diversity (GED), Climate Change & Resilience Platform (CCRP) & Gender in Emergencies (GIE)



LFFV SUB-TEAM ON EVIDENCE & LEARNING

✓ **CHILD, EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE (CEFM)**

An informative report on [CARE's Global Experience on CEFM](#) is now available thanks to Nidal Karim and her amazing team.

✓ **IT ONLY TAKES 5 MINUTES TO BE INSPIRED!**

Go on, take a five-minute break from your endless backlog of emails and be inspired! Jay Goulden and Sarah Eckhoff have made sense of the numbers submitted to the CARE PIIRS Database for the rest of us! Find out about "[The Learning Behind the Numbers: How CARE is helping prevent Gender Based Violence](#)".

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LFFV SUB-TEAM ON REGIONAL STRATEGIES

✓ Ongoing outreach to diversify the team and have a wider reach. Plans are also underway to facilitate regional learning exchange via webinars. Some proposed topics include:

- The ILO Convention and how to be engaged at the Country Office level
- Engaging Men and Boys to Prevent GBV – lessons from Egypt
- Engaging with the women's rights movements – lessons from Syria and Jordan
- Preventing Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) - Lessons from MENA

TEAM LEAD:

(VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE!)

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LFFV SUB-TEAM ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

✓ Discussions are currently underway on how to strengthen funding for GBV specific programming, how CARE can best access available opportunities for the same and how best this team can support ongoing efforts in this regard, within CARE.

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LFFV SUB-TEAM ON ADVOCACY & INFLUENCE BUILDING

- ✓ Advocacy goals and milestones for LFFV were developed and included in [CARE's Global Advocacy Roadmap](#) (Oct 2018 version).
- ✓ In September, CARE submitted a statement on Child Marriage in Emergencies to feed into a report of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), highlighting some data and learning from CARE's work on child marriage in crisis-contexts (Please email Milkah - milkah.kihunah@care.org - if you want a copy of the submission).
- ✓ In June, CARE participated in the annual meeting of the Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies organized by ECHO in Brussels. We supported several local women-led organizations to attend the conference, including local partner NGOs from DRC and South Sudan.

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We are looking for more members! If you are interested in joining this sub-team please contact Milkah Kihunah - milkah.kihunah@care.org



LFFV SUB-TEAM ON GBV IN HUMANITARIAN

- ✓ A 2-page brief on [CARE's Approach to GBV in Emergencies](#) is now available for anyone wishing to learn more about how to address GBV during Emergencies. Please share widely. Huge thanks to Siobhan Foran Gender in Emergencies Coordinator, CARE International) and her team for developing this.

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