



Gender-Based
Violence Area of
Responsibility



Coordinating gender-based violence in
emergencies

Integration of GBV interventions across clusters



What is GBV integration?

Process of ensuring that humanitarian interventions across all clusters:

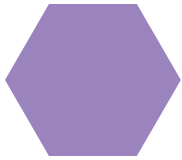
- Do not cause or increase likelihood of GBV
- Proactively seek to identify and mitigate GBV risks in the environment and in programme design and implementation
- Proactively facilitate and monitor vulnerable groups' safe access to services.



Q: Who is responsible for integrating
GBV in humanitarian action?

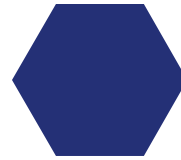
A: We all are!

GBV Sub-cluster role in GBV Integration



Lead role

- Provide information on GBV services and referral processes to all clusters
- Capacity-building on how to safely refer survivors
- Support clusters to assess GBV risks
- Advocacy and information sharing to clusters to mitigate GBV risks



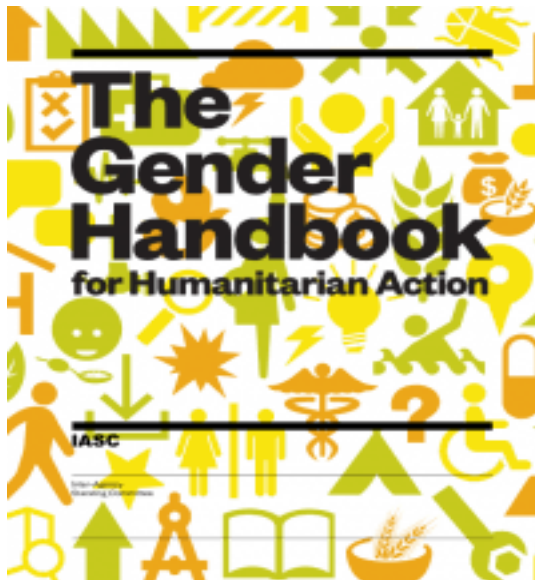
Supporting role

- Technical support on GBV integration in clusters' decision-making and strategic planning (e.g. HNO, HRP etc)
- Technical guidance on how to consult with communities for clusters to fulfil GBV integration responsibilities

Key resources to integrate GBV interventions in your sector



- [IASC GBV Guidelines](#)



- [The IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action Handbook](#)

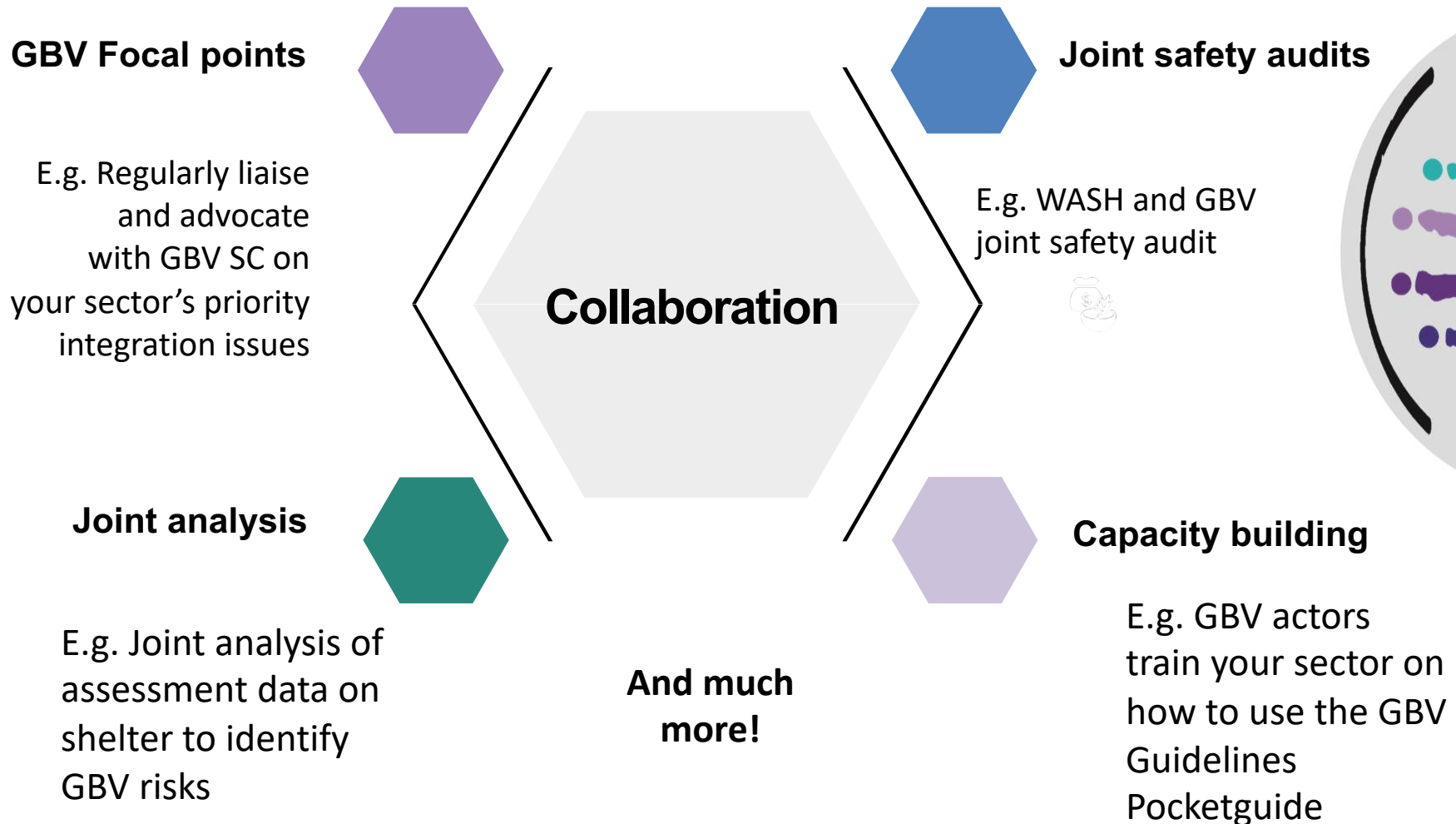
Tools

- **Essential Actions Checklists** (pp. 18-27) are available for each cluster in easy, printable format at the IASC GBV Guidelines website.

These can be printed in-country as posters or handouts to give to your cluster's partners.



Ways to work together for GBV integration



GBV Focal Points

- Ideally, focal points from non-GBV clusters are nominated/appointed by their cluster to promote ownership on GBV integration.
- Agreement and decisions within the cluster allows the cluster to decide how to implement GBV integration in relation to the cluster's core responsibilities.
- Focal point systems can be further strengthened through pairing of at least one international and one national focal point for each target sector. This allows sharing of responsibilities and maximizes the different types of knowledge and experience each counterpart has.
- It also builds in sustainability to the mainstreaming efforts, if the national organization is likely to have a long-term presence in the area of response.
- This system can also be used as a form of mentoring, if there is one focal point with significant experience matched with another partner who is learning about GBV mainstreaming.





Takeaways

- Addressing GBV is indispensable to fulfilling all clusters' objective of promoting the safety, dignity and well-being of crisis-affected persons and doing no harm.
- For GBV integration to be effective within a given cluster, the process must be owned and driven by the cluster itself.