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Ms. Lotte Machon

State Secretary for Development Policy

Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dear Lotte Machon,

[Organization name] welcomes the 2021-2025 Road Map for the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based violence in Emergencies (Call to Action). We affirm the goal and the three objectives and affirm the core principles of the Call to Action.

The **goal** of the Call to Action is to drive change and foster accountability within the humanitarian sphere so that every humanitarian effort, from the start, includes the policies, systems and mechanisms necessary to provide safe and comprehensive services to those affected by gender-based violence (GBV), to prevent GBV, and mitigate GBV risks, especially violence against women and girls.

**Objectives**

1. Establish specialized GBV services and programs that are accessible to anyone affected by GBV and are available from the onset of an emergency.
2. Integrate and implement actions to prevent GBV and to mitigate GBV risk across all levels and sectors of humanitarian response from the earliest stages of an emergency and throughout the program cycle.
3. Mainstream gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls throughout humanitarian action.

**Core Principles**

* Accountability to affected populations is paramount in implementing the Call to Action. The meaningful participation and leadership of affected populations, in particular women and girls, must be ensured.
* GBV and gender inequality are inextricably linked. To end gender-based violence, systemic equality between women and men must be established.
* Women and girls are a priority focus for Call to Action because of their documented higher risk of GBV, the overarching discrimination they experience, and their lack of safe and equitable access to humanitarian assistance.
* An intersectional approach is key for effective survivor-centered programming. This requires an understanding of how aspects of a person’s social and political identities might combine or intersect to heighten protection risks.
* The engagement, leadership and participation of local organizations and local leaders, particularly women and women’s organizations, is critical to effective humanitarian action.
* Sustained collective action and accountability by all partners in the humanitarian system—at every level and across all sectors—are essential to achieve the goal of the Call to Action.

We will implement organizational policies on gender-based violence and gender equality in humanitarian action and on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. Our policies are available here: [list and/or hyperlink relevant policies on GE, GBV, and PSEA].

*[If you do not yet have organization policies on gender-based violence and gender equality in humanitarian action and on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, please use the following paragraph instead:* We will adopt and implement organizational policies on gender-based violence and gender equality in humanitarian action and on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse by [date].

As a Call to Action partner, [organization name] is committed to ensuring implementation of the Road Map and will submit an annual public report on progress in meeting commitments. Here is our list of commitments, which can be shared publically:

Commitment #1

1. Partner name: [Organization name]
2. Joint Commitment: [Yes or No; if yes, with who]
3. Location of the planned work: [Location]
4. Outcome and Key Action Area in the 2021-2025 Road Map to which commitment is linked: [Outcome text; Key Action Area text]
5. A clear, concise, and measurable commitment statement worded as an outcome or action: [Commitment statement]
6. Additional narrative as relevant: [Text]
7. Timeframe for completion and benchmarks over the life of the 2021-2025 Road Map: [Timeframe and benchmarks]
8. Information on how the partner will measure progress for annual reporting: [Text]

Commitment #2

1. Partner name: [Organization name]
2. Joint Commitment: [Yes or No; if yes, with who]
3. Location of the planned work: [Location]
4. Outcome and Key Action Area in the 2021-2025 Road Map to which commitment is linked: [Outcome text; Key Action Area text]
5. A clear, concise, and measurable commitment statement worded as an outcome or action: [Commitment statement]
6. Additional narrative as relevant: [Text]
7. Timeframe for completion and benchmarks over the life of the 2021-2025 Road Map: [Timeframe and benchmarks]
8. Information on how the partner will measure progress for annual reporting: [Text]

*[Please feel free to add additional commitments. The number of commitments will depend on a partner’s mission and capacities.]*

We will contribute to the collective work of the initiative, including participation in working group meetings and the annual partners’ meeting, as resources allow.

[Name and contact details of the person] is designated to be our focal point.

[Organization name] looks forward to working with our partners to ensure the success of this critical initiative.

Kind Regards,

[Name]