

## Terms of Reference: West Darfur (El Geneina and Kreinik) SEA Risk Assessment:

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### Introduction:

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Joint SEA risk assessments should be conducted as early as possible both in rapid or slow onset emergencies, to ensure that all special measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) are informed by context, and to provide adequate guidance on integrating/mainstreaming PSEA measures within the humanitarian response. These sentiments are echoed in a recent interagency assessment conducted in 51 gathering sites in/around El Geneina town<sup>1</sup> and in Al Jabel Area<sup>2</sup> (16 sections)<sup>3</sup> in West Darfur. A key recommendation from both assessments was for the humanitarian community to set up or enhance any existing state level PSEA mechanism, which would enable affected populations to report all Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) allegations/concerns perpetrated by humanitarian workers against persons of concern. In both assessments, some protection related findings were that:

- Protection is a key concern throughout the gathering sites. The interagency assessment report recommended that follow up in-depth protection needs assessments are conducted as a matter of urgency, to inform an immediate protective response
- Some gathering sites have reported high cases of GBV that need immediate response
- GBV incidents were reported in several IDP gathering sites. Based on the population and need ranking (Annexes), its occurrence ranges between medium to high in all the assessed gathering points.
- Lack of safety and security for women and girls at all gathering sites might expose them to GBV risks.
- Limited access to or availability of basic services remains a key challenge as seen in the assessment report: “ West Darfur hosts about 305,952 IDPs in need of assistance, some of whom have lived in camps for over ten years (2021 HNO). Due to humanitarian funding constraints, the quality of basic services provided to IDPs in camps has deteriorated, and some humanitarian partners have had to scale down operations in the camps.”

### Key Objectives:

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In order to determine and implement the most appropriate PSEA measures in the West Darfur Humanitarian Response, the Sudan PSEA Network in collaboration with the West Darfur OCHA Coordination team will conduct an SEA risk assessment that seeks to:

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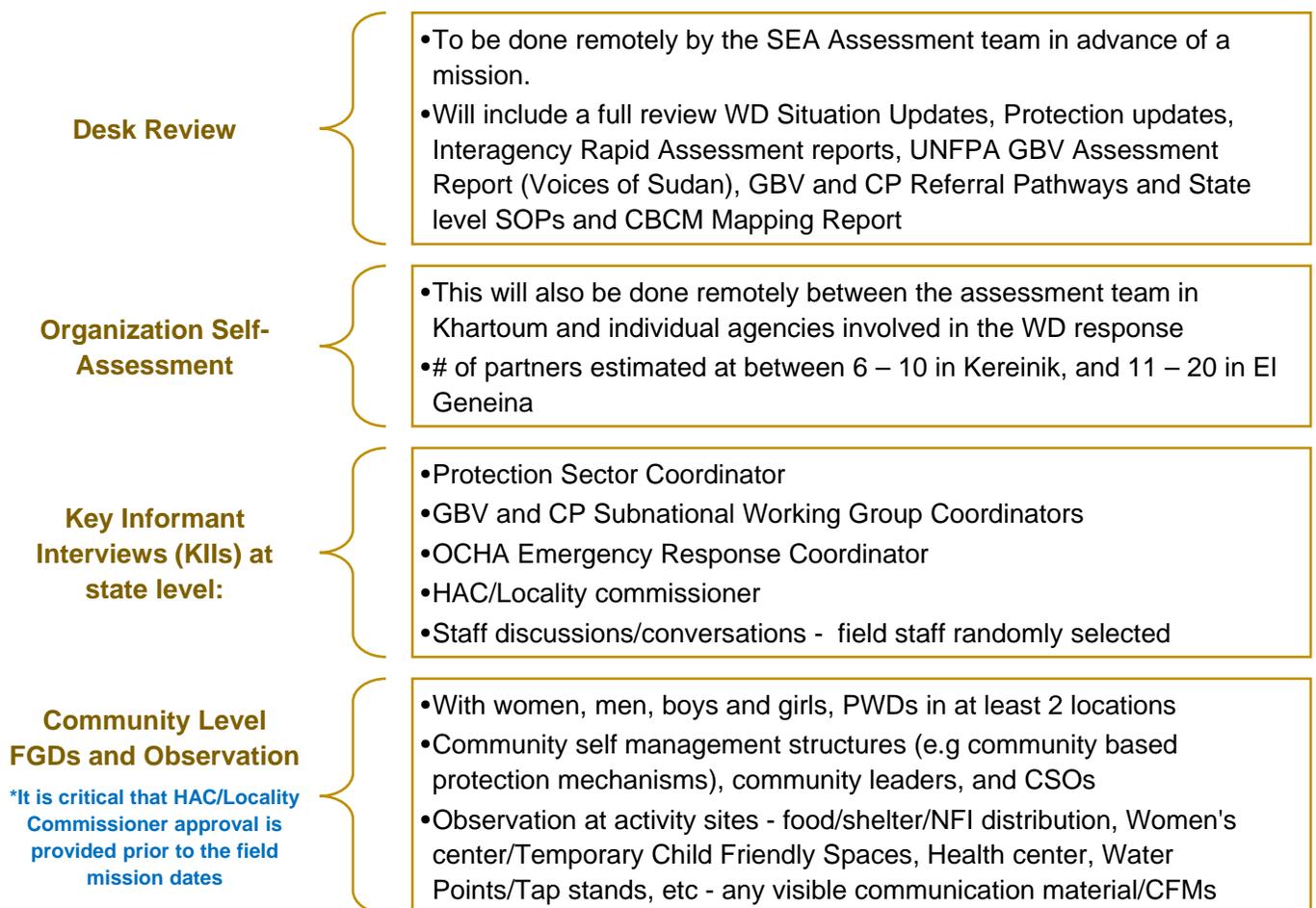
<sup>1</sup> Inter-Sector Rapid Needs Assessment in Affected Gathering Points in Ag Geneina Town, West Darfur State,

<sup>2</sup> Inter-Sector Rapid Needs Assessment in Al Jabel Area, Ag Geneina Town, West Darfur State, Sudan

- Identify SEA risk factors and their drivers at the organizational, activity (programme implementation) and community levels.
- Review how such risks are being assessed, managed and/or responded to within the humanitarian response.
- Present recommendations on additional measures that should be taken to address/manage/reduce SEA risks.

## Methodology:

The SEA risk assessment will adopt a mix of qualitative methods to provide in-depth analysis of primarily SEA, and potentially other protection risks which displaced communities in West Darfur are exposed to due to their current protection environment that has witnessed an increase in hostilities, conflict and subsequent displacement, as well as risks posed as a direct result of the failure by frontline respondents/organizations/actors to put SEA risk mitigation measures in place. The proposed approaches are:



## Assessment Team:

The assessment team will be comprised of:

- 2 RCO staff (PSEA Network) – Ivy Ndung’u and Nuwar Abdelmahmoud
- 2 OCHA representatives
- 1 UNHCR representative
- 1 UNFPA representative
- 1 UNICEF representative
- 2 INGO/NGO representatives

While they will bring technical expertise to facilitate the SEA risk assessment, additional resources required for the success of this exercise include OCHA’s support to introduce the assessment team to partners (for organizational self-assessment, and to participate in a one-day PSEA training), government stakeholders (for KIIs, and secure approvals for camp visits or community level FGDs), and other key stakeholders (for KIIs and to attend a final 1.5-hour mission debriefing). Additionally, OCHA is requested to support the field mission team with transport (for 2 days of travel to settlement/camp locations) and accommodation arrangements. UNFPA and UNICEF in coordination with the camp management authorities are requested to support in mobilizing groups for focus group discussions and accompany the team to various activity sites as will be agreed upon.

## Assessment Time Frame:

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| <p><b>Remote Work:</b></p>   | <p>Preparations which includes consolidating documents for secondary review, formal introductions to the AISCG/AHCT members and to all organizations involved in the response (by email or in a meeting). Development and testing of tools for use in data collection</p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Remote Work:</b></p>   | <p>Desk review, organization self-assessment.</p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Field Mission:</b></p> | <p>Khartoum-based assessment team members will travel to El Geneina. During this week, the assessment team will review and finalize data collection tools. This will be followed by data collection in 2 settlement areas of Geneina and in Kereinik. The assessment team will also conduct a one-day PSEA training targeting humanitarian workers involved in the response (mobilized by OCHA). Subject to availability, the assessment will present initial</p> |

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|                                       | assessment findings/recommendations in a 1.5-hour debriefing with the State Senior Management Team |
|                                       | <b>27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021</b>  |
| <b>Report Writing and Submission:</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>   |

**Assessment outputs:**

- a) Assessment Report
- b) Proposed West Darfur Coordination Structure/Framework
- c) West Darfur PSEA mainstreaming checklist – to use for training and when monitoring partner activities
- d) West Darfur PSEA draft action plan focusing on identified key priorities