Progress of UNFPA Venezuela

Advocacy campaign in support of Inter-Agency Standing Committee PSEAH Championship

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

STOP SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE
The UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem assumed the Inter-Agency Standing Committee PSEAH Championship in January, 2021; She established 03 priorities during her championship:

1) Bolstering PSEA Country Mechanisms;
2) Improving Victim Access to Quality Information and Assistance; and
3) Strengthening Coordination and Cohesion.

Venezuela was one of the 35 priority countries identified to improve access to quality information and assistance for SEA survivors.

To comply this, each country was asked to carry out the following activities:

01 dedicated UNCT Meeting on PSEA and the Championship
10 Community conversations on PSEA
10,000 people reached with information
“Let’s all be CHAMPIONS of protection and place the RIGHTS & DIGNITY of victims and survivors at the heart of our efforts.”

Dr. Natalia Kanem
UNFPA Executive Director
BOLSTERING PSEA COUNTRY MECHANISMS

During this year, an interagency contact line for beneficiaries was established in Zulia state. This AAP and PSEA pilot is expected to be replicated in other states of the country. It is worth mentioning that the contact line is planned to become a nationwide PSEA interagency reporting mechanism during the first quarter of 2022.

It’s important to mention that UNFPA has a key role in developing informative materials for the communities. The contact line operators have been trained by UNFPA and the PSEA Network to handle GBV and SEA related calls.

Likewise, UNFPA has been working on Implementing Partner assessment on PSEA, at the end of the year all UNFPA’s IPs achieve Full Capacity. This process is also allowing UNFPA to contribute to the mapping of existing PSEA reporting mechanisms in country.

IMPROVING VICTIM ACCESS TO QUALITY INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

The PSEA Interagency Protocol for the reception of complaints has been updated. The AoR of GbV and the PSEA network has been working on referral pathway and service mapping, which ensure that SEA victims are safely and effectively referred to the GBV services.
UNFPA is part of the PSEA Interagency Network, currently leading the group. The network is composed of all agencies with a presence in Venezuela, members of the CCTs and some local and international NGOs, a total approximate of 20 focal points, who meet on a monthly basis.

Annually, the network designs a work plan. In 2021, UNFPA contributed with the objective related to communications with communities.
At the beginning of the year, the PSEA Interagency Network Coordinator had a meeting with the UNCT about the annual work plan, however, there were several changes inside the UNCT, including the Humanitarian Coordinator and PSEA Coordinator.

All year, the PSEA Interagency Network continued their activities with UNFPA temporary leadership. UNFPA ensured that all agencies’s focal points were designated, also strengthened the interagency protocol and indicators.

The last trimester, the new Humanitarian Coordinator and PSEA Interagency Network Coordinator arrived in the country (UNFPA maintains leadership).

We requested the UNCT dedicated meeting, but before that the new Humanitarian Coordinator decided to carry out a survey to Staff and Implementing Partners about PSEA knowledge and complaint mechanisms, He also encouraged all Representatives to demand PSEA online training for all staff.

The information collected will be used as part of the UNCT dedicated meeting, we expect to have this discussion in January, 2022.
Our Implementing Partners were deeply involved in the Advocacy Campaign, they celebrated twenty-nine (29) conversations with key populations in Apure, Bolívar, Táchira, Zulia and Carabobo.

In these states they had the opportunity to share information about PSEA to migrant women, community leaders, girls and adolescents, indigenous people, etc.

We designed a special presentation adapted to these publics and printed materials, such as flyers, stickers and informative cards.

“I promise” stickers, 300 units

Informative Cards, 200 units
PROGRESS ON ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

10 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON PSEA

Flyer for communities, 2000 units

Flyer for UN personnel and IP, 200 units
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PSEA Notebooks for Staff and IP, 100 units
(Campaign Funds assigned at the end of the year)
PROGRESS ON ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

10 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON PSEA

11/08/2021 Comunidad Santo Ángel, Bolívar State
12/08/2021 Brisas del Paraiso, Bolívar State
13/08/2021 Villa Vejar, Bolívar State
18/08/2021 UE Bella Vista, Bolívar State
19/08/2021 UD 137 Core 8, Bolívar State
25/08/2021 Fronteras de Guaiaro, Bolívar State
26/08/2021 Vista al Sol, Bolívar State
08/09/2021 Comunidad indígena San Antonio de Morichal, Bolívar State
17/09/2021 CEI KEWWY I, Bolívar State
21/09/2021 Foro Chat con Trabajadoras Humanitarias, Táchira State
15/10/2021 Liceo Santa María, Bolívar State
19/10/2021 Comedor Barrio Alianza, Táchira State
19/10/2021 Espacio Seguro 23 de enero, Táchira State
20/10/2021 Comedor unidad Vecinal, Táchira State
20/10/2021 Catatumbo, Zulia State
20/10/2021 Actividad con Comunidad Wayuu, Zulia State
22/10/2021 Brisas del Paraiso, Bolívar State
25/10/2021, Salón multipropósito de la A.C Niña Madre, Carabobo State.

28/10/2021 Machiques de Perijá, Zulia State
29/10/2021 Espacio Seguro Pueblo Nuevo Casa de UNIANDES, Táchira State
30/10/2021 Comunidad Santa Elena, Táchira State
04/11/2021 CAINNAM, Táchira State
05/11/2021 Pozo Azul, Táchira State
05/11/2021 El Vegón, Táchira State
06/11/2021 El Vegón, Táchira State
10/11/2021 Comunidad 28 de octubre, Táchira State
10/11/2021 Comunidad Andrés Eloy Blanco, Táchira State
10/11/2021 Comunidad Hugo Chávez Frías, Táchira State
29/11/2021 Comunidad de Mesa de Chaucha, Táchira State
People were reached with PSEA information mainly through social media, however, PSEA key messages were included in all activities, such as training, sensitization days, door to door activities, etc.

Considering both strategies we reached:

On social media 18,631

Other activities 80,818

Total 99,449 people
CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

The new Humanitarian Coordinator has been very supportive in promoting PSEA; we hope that efforts will continue in 2022 and the PSEA Interagency Network gets even stronger. Next year, will be focused on training for new focal points, ensure that all Implementing Partners have full capacity on UN PSEA Protocol and also strengthen the complaint mechanisms.

It is necessary to have more materials and key messages in Spanish, the office translated many documents into Spanish to ensure that the Implementing Partners and members of the communities understood the information. We have pending the adaptation of materials to indigenous languages and some populations with disabilities.

The branding image was a great asset, but a recommendation, for future campaigns it’s important to share vector files and develop illustrations useful for the design of local materials.
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