



PSEA NETWORK IN MYANMAR

What is PSEA?

‘**PSEA**’ stands for the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. The definition for PSEA comes from the UN Secretary General’s Bulletin, [Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse](#). It is distinct from sexual harassment in the workplace, as it concerns an abuse of power perpetrated by humanitarian and development workers against communities receiving assistance. As a member of the PSEA Network, organisations are expected to follow the [Inter-Agency Standing Committee \(IASC\) Minimum Operating Standards on PSEA \(August 2024\)](#).

How do we coordinate PSEA efforts?

The PSEA Network in Myanmar was established in 2018 and is tasked with implementing and guiding the design and delivery of interventions aimed at preventing and responding to SEA in Myanmar. The PSEA Network’s work focuses on PSEA only. Some key points about the Network are as follows:

- The PSEA Network is the primary body for technical-level coordination and oversight of PSEA activities in country. Membership is open to *UN, INGOs, NNGOs, Cluster/Sub Cluster Coordinators, donors and any other key stakeholders* in country.
- It is responsible for *implementing coordinated PSEA activities between members*, ensure effective response when incidents do arise, and raise awareness of PSEA.
- The PSEA Network is not responsible for investigating or deciding on SEA allegations. These functions rest exclusively with the entity that employs the individual against whom a complaint has been alleged, in line with internal policy and procedure.

The PSEA Network at the national level meets every third Tuesday of the month to discuss the PSEA programme advancements, contribution to joint actions, share key information and resources. There are PSEA networks at sub-national levels (Shan & Kayah, Kachin, Northwest, Southeast and Rakhine) which meet on a regular basis. Key documents such as the PSEA Network Terms of Reference (ToR), PSEA focal points ToR, PSEA Network Co-Chair ToR are available under the ‘PSEA Network Information’ tab on the [PSEA MIMU page](#).

For more information on how to join the PSEA Network, please send an email to mmrpsea@unfpa.org

Who supports PSEA Coordination?

Organisations must nominate two **PSEA focal points** (a primary and an alternate) to participate in the PSEA Network. These focal points must meet the minimum qualifications required for the role, and the [Inter-Agency Standing Committee \(IASC\) Generic Terms of Reference for PSEA Focal Points](#) can be used as guidance for their Terms of reference.

PSEA Interagency reporting channels

Reporting of SEA concerns can be made via the hotline 09405149616 or email address mmrpsea@unfpa.org.