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The Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies – Addressing Need and Saving Lives

February 8, 2019 | 13:15-14:30 | Conference Room 8, UNHQ



The Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (Call to Action) is a global multi-stakeholder initiative to fundamentally transform the way gender-based violence is addressed in humanitarian emergencies. Since its launch in 2013, the Call to Action has grown to include over 80 states and donors, international organizations and international and national NGOs focused on addressing needs related to gender-based violence in emergencies and saving lives. The aim is to drive change and foster accountability so that every humanitarian effort, from the earliest stage of a crisis, includes policies, systems and mechanisms to mitigate gender-based violence risks, especially violence against women and girls, and to provide safe and comprehensive services to those affected by gender-based violence.

As the new lead of the Call to Action, Canada will host a panel discussion with humanitarian partners on February 8, 2019 to answer questions about the Call to Action, its goals and achievements, and to explore further how it is transforming the delivery of humanitarian assistance on the ground. Member States, UN agencies, funds and programs, and civil society organizations are invited to join us for this discussion. Programme to follow.

For those who do not hold a UN grounds pass, **please RSVP by Thursday, January 31, 2019** at <https://goo.gl/forms/2qcvb349mMjPJqza2>