**Reducing sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) in humanitarian emergencies**

1. **Acknowledgement of the issue of SGBV in humanitarian crises and promotion of IHL and other legal protections from SGBV at relevant meetings and fora, internationally and domestically, including in IHL dissemination efforts;**

* The NZ Government highlighted women, peace and security issues during their United Nations Security Council membership, making a statement at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), October 2016.
* NZRC has developed a programme for secondary schools, called ‘Women and War: promoting awareness of IHL and gendered impacts of conflict, including SGBV.
* NZRC is working with colleagues in the NZ Defence Force to plan and deliver training to gender focal points in our respective organisations and more widely to other NGOs in respect of the obligations in the National Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security (UN Resolution 1325).
* NZ Government attended the inaugural meeting of the Network of Focal Points for Women, Peace and Security in Spain, April 2017.
* NZ Government advocated for strengthening language on SGBV in UN General Assembly and UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolutions during the 71st General Assembly.

1. **Internationally and domestically, gender sensitive approaches to programming for humanitarian assistance that promote**

**women’s empowerment and gender equality, including through the representation of women in the processes related to the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of our humanitarian programme, and through identifying opportunities for and obstacles to, building the resilience of women; and engage with and support as appropriate existing organisations/structures, working on or providing services in response to SGBV, working to ensure their continued resilience and service continuity in times of emergency; so as to seek to ensure unimpeded access to non-discriminatory support services required at all times;**

* The NZ Government aid programme is supporting programming on domestic violence (for example the Pacific Partnership on Domestic Violence Prevention, PPDVP).
* NZRC has integrated SGBV into disaster recovery plans following the November 2016 Earthquakes, centred in Kaikoura.
* NZRC has incorporated the issue into programme planning guidance and training for community-led emergency resilience planning, Recovery Matters and the Psychological First Aid programme.
* NZRC is working with the Civil Military planning group to design and deliver a training session for about 30 NGOs prior to Civil Military exercises in October 2017. NZRC is consulting with the planning committee to incorporate appropriate SGBV elements into the scenario.
* The NZ government continues to implement the National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions, including 1325, on Women, Peace and Security 2015- 2019.

1. **NZRC publication of a best practice guide or resource materials to help inform prevent of and response to SGBV in disaster preparedness, response and recovery based in part on lessons learned from the Canterbury earthquake response.**

* A major evaluation of the NZRC Canterbury Earthquake Appeal and Recovery Programme has been completed and a process is underway to take the lessons learned and embed them in the organisation. This included a number of local partnerships with service providers to respond to the increased reporting of SGBV.