

HNPW 2026: Beyond the Rhetoric: Shifting the Power in Support of GBV Survivors and Centering Women-Led Organisations in Humanitarian Action

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Summary and Key Takeaways

The hybrid session, “Beyond the Rhetoric: Shifting the Power in Support of GBV Survivors and Centering Women-Led Organizations in Humanitarian Action,” was co-organized by the Global Protection Cluster and UNFPA with the aim of showcasing the tangible efforts underway at the country level to shift power further towards Women-Led Organizations and support for localized GBV response models in the Humanitarian Reset.

Moderated by Manisha Thomas of the Women's Refugee Commission, the panel featured leaders from four Women-Led Organizations (WLOs) from Colombia, Uganda, South Sudan and Sudan, who shared frontline experiences and localized models for more inclusive decision-making and leadership in support of survivors and communities. Jennifer Chase (Global GBV Coordinator, Global Protection Cluster) focused on the "politicized pushback" against GBV and women's rights, including gender equality. The panel discussion highlighted examples of shifts in power, including in relation to resources, decision-making and accountability. This included examples of the structured advisory support and consultation done by the Women's Advisory Group with the RC/HC in Sudan, the leadership of national organizations in GBV coordination and related aid architecture, and the collaboration influencing led by women's rights networks. Panelists gave examples of providing GBV services using a feminist approach as well as supporting institution building with a GBV lens.

The session concluded with reflections on the importance of going beyond the rhetoric and ensuring genuine and meaningful partnerships with WLOs in order to strengthen the response to GBV survivors.

For more information and the recording, please consult:

<https://globalprotectioncluster.org/events-calendar/hnpw-2026-beyond-rhetoric-shifting-power-support-gbv-survivors-and-centering-women>