

# IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team

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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Introduction of new HFTT members
2. Reports by activity leads on the outcomes of virtual meetings on the revision of HFTT work plan
3. Discussion on proposed changes by activity leads and on finalisation of work plan revision
4. Discussion on practical ways forward to complete planned activities in the HFTT work plan by the end of the year

## MEETING NOTES

### 1. Introduction of new HFTT members

The following new HFTT members have been introduced: Khelia Mbisamakoro (UNMAS), Sanjana Quazi (UNICEF), Bahar Zorofi (WFP), Berangere Boell-Yousfi (UNFPA), Daniela Gilotta (OCHA/RMSS), and Johannes Fromholt (UNDP).

### 2. Reports by activity leads on the outcomes of virtual meetings

**OCHA/FCS:** The meeting on the first three activities of output 1 took place and had broad attendance. The group agreed to keep the three activities, taking note of the following:

Activity 1 should be a combination of a field-focused study and a multi-stakeholder seminar or workshop, looking not just at the issue of quantifying access to funding for local actors through pooled funding mechanisms, but also at the overall engagement of local actors in the programming and delivery of assistance. Mercy Malaysia proposed that the seminar could be hosted in Kuala Lumpur.

Activity 2 had been discussed during the meeting on donor requirements led by ICVA. The group validated the reformulation of the activity and warned on three aspects that still need further thinking: a) too tight timeframe; b) securing enough buy-in from all relevant stakeholders to ensure that the outcome of the study will be feasible; and c) resource implications and the best way to steer the activity.

Activity 3 was rephrased to clarify that it will be achieved through provision of periodic briefings during the regular HFTT meetings on improvements of CBPFs.

Furthermore, CAFOD proposed to include a fourth activity under this output "Develop a localization marker", which stems from GB commitments. The proposal generated a lot of interest and was adopted by the group. OCHA/CERF and OCHA/FTS volunteered to be included as supporting organisations for this activity.

**NRC:** The meeting on output 2 – donor requirements was organised by ICVA and was well attended. The group agreed that the first two activities have already been completed.

It was decided that the advocacy products under the activity 3 should be light and should map who is doing what where related to donor conditions. The group also agreed to add the following activity "Organize a workshop with reporting practitioners and experts to: 1) reach a common understanding of existing reporting requirements; 2) highlight concerns and obstacles; and 3) consider GPPI proposed harmonization template".

Lastly, it was agreed to put the creation of donor comparison index on hold pending progress on transparency of funding flows.

**UNFPA** asked if there is a compendium of humanitarian financing documents.

**IASC secretariat:** Since HFTT already has a profile on IASC website, it could be used for storing humanitarian financing documents.

**Interaction** asked what is being done to ensure buy-in and release of the GPPI study; what is being done in terms of outreach to donors; are international NGOs considered as donors; and is sub-granting of humanitarian funding from one organisation to another being looked into.

**OCHA/FTS:** The meeting on the revision of output 4 was organised jointly by FTS and UNDP. It was decided to merge the first two activities together as they depend on many external decisions. The timing will be reviewed as this activity will not be achieved this year. We aim to complete it towards the end of 2017.

The third activity under this output will focus on specific technical guidelines and clarifying relationship between FTS and IATI. It will have to be finalized by Q3 or Q4 of 2016. It would also be beneficial to find other agencies apart from UNICEF to support this activity.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** should we talk to the Dutch? Because they are very active on IATI. Plus, there are some NGOs that are interested in this work.

**OCHA/FTS:** Yes, it would be good to involve the Dutch but they report to FTS through IDRIS. Canada would also be a good candidate.

**UNDP:** Activity 4 'Commission a study on creating a global reporting platform' was also reviewed during this meeting. It was agreed to put it on hold until more information on this activity will be available.

**Co-chair/OCHA:** The co-chairs discussed if CIVICUS should join HFTT and would like to hear the opinion of HFTT members on this matter.

**UNDP:** Yes, we should invite CIVICUS, if it brings more coherence and brings stronger voice to HFTT.

**OCHA/FTS:** It is still unclear on when and how the discussion with CIVICUS will take place. But the strength of CIVICUS is that they have actors who normally do not participate in IASC forums.

**DI:** Yes, we could make an outreach to CIVICUS.

**Action Points:**

- Mercy Malaysia and OCHA FCS to work on a concept note and identify more organizations willing to pull resources together to fund and organize a workshop on access to funding for local actors and their engagement in programming.
- ICVA and OCHA/FCS to jointly work on a concept note clarifying outstanding issues in the output 1 and 2.
- OCHA/CERF and OCHA/FTS to support the development of the localisation marker.
- HFTT secretariat to reflect in HFTT work plan all agreed changes during the virtual meetings.

### 3. Discussion on proposed changes by activity leads and on finalisation of work plan revision

**WFP:** The revised work plan looks good but WFP suggests adding an activity on early warning and early action.

**IASC secretariat:** This issue is being worked on by the Early Action Reference Group.

**WFP:** We co-chair the Early Action Reference Group and HFTT should link with this group on this work.

**Co-chair/ICVA** recommended that WFP proposes a language on this additional activity and asked about the process of incorporating this activity into the work plan.

**HFTT secretariat** suggested that since the meeting on the revision of output 3 did not take place yet, WFP should propose this activity during this meeting and the group could decide if this activity should be added to the HFTT work plan.

**UNDP:** The meeting on the revision of output 3 is delayed because a lot of mapping work related to this output is still ongoing. We would like to rethink the mapping component of this output. We will try to organise this meeting within the coming weeks.

**World Vision:** We are doing another mapping of emerging trust funds, which is important for this output.

**WFP:** Gordana Jerger (HFTT co-sponsor) is keen on being used as a point of contact on activities related to humanitarian/development nexus. We need to have an added value, rather than duplicate the work of other task teams.

**IASC secretariat:** The new task team on humanitarian/development nexus is still being developed. The co-chairs of this group are expected to meet with the co-chairs of the HFTT soon.

**OCHA/RMSS:** The meeting on the revision of activity 5 of output 1 'Commission a study exploring ways to unlock multi-year funding, complementing OCHA evaluation on multi-year planning' did not take place yet because several key organisations for this activity were not available. However, OCHA/RMSS considers this activity very relevant and the virtual meeting on this activity will take place soon. There were already several discussions on this activity between OCHA/RMSS and OCHA/PAMS and the work on it is moving forward.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** what about the idea of pilot countries? Have they be selected?

**DI:** UNHCR is leading on this and selected Tanzania. Follow up with UNHCR will be needed.

**IASC secretariat:** Five countries were identified by principals to explore the new way of working and humanitarian/development nexus. It was agreed that all agencies will explore it internally and will look for interlinkages with other agencies. More information on it will be available on the IASC website next week.

**HFTT secretariat:** IOM was unable to organise the virtual meeting on the activity 4 of output 1, which is 'Map existing, emerging, and innovating funds, and analyse best ways to engage them'. Are HFTT members not interested in this activity or were there scheduling problems?

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Since there is no interest in this activity, it should be removed from the HFTT work plan because several activities were added and the work plan is already ambitious. Organisations can pursue this mapping unilaterally if need is.

It was agreed to remove this activity from the HFTT work plan.

**HFTT secretariat:** Out of 7 planned virtual meetings, four took place, two will take place before the next HFTT meeting and one was cancelled because the corresponding activity was removed. The HFTT secretariat will revise the HFTT work plan according to the outcomes of all six virtual meetings and will share it with the HFTT. The TT will then have a chance to discuss it one more time in the August meeting, following which the work plan revision will be finalised.

**IASC secretariat:** This is a good plan but we still need flexibility to adapt the work plan pending the outcomes of the GB process and the revision of the Principals and Working Group work plans. HFTT should also have structured discussions with other TTs with which HFTT's work plan overlaps.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Should we invite co-chairs of other groups to the next HFTT meeting?

**IASC secretariat:** It would be better if the co-chairs of HFTT and other TTs meet first to discuss the details. We could then consider inviting them to the HFTT meeting.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** IASC secretariat should then prepare a plan for HFTT co-chairs to meet with co-chairs of other groups.

**Action Points:**

- WFP to propose the language on early warning and early action activity and table it for discussion during the upcoming meeting on the revision of output 3 – humanitarian/development nexus.
- UNDP, FAO and World Bank to organise the meeting on the revision of output 3 – humanitarian/development nexus.
- OCHA/RMSS and OCHA/PAMS to organise the meeting on the revision of activity 5 of output 1 ‘Commission a study exploring ways to unlock multi-year funding, complementing OCHA evaluation on multi-year planning’.
- HFTT secretariat to remove activity 4 of output 1 ‘Map existing, emerging, and innovating funds, and analyse best ways to engage them’ from the HFTT work plan.
- Organise meetings between HFTT co-chairs and co-chairs of other relevant TTs on interlinkages between these groups.

#### 4. Discussion on practical ways forward to complete planned activities in the HFTT work plan by the end of the year

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Although we will complete the work plan revision in August, it will remain flexible and we can change some elements of it as more information on the GB becomes available. However, since the work plan contains many important and well defined activities, the main focus until the end of the year should be on the achievement of these activities. The co-chairs therefore propose to postpone the retreat until January next year and utilise the time initially planned for the retreat to advance work plan activities.

The six sub-groups led by activity leads are a good format, which allows for making a quick progress on specific activities without necessarily involving all HFTT members. We will try to keep this format and dedicate time during regular HFTT meetings for updates by activity leads, while also dedicating time for general discussions and exchange of information between all HFTT members.

The next HFTT meeting will take place on 17 August. Possibly activity-based costing could be discussed given that a consultant, who will be working on it has just been hired.

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