**IASC Task Force 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration and its Linkages to Peace**

**12 September 2023**

**Action Points**

**AGENDA:**

* Opening the meeting and review of previous notes and actions
* Information sharing key meetings and developments related to HDPN
* Basic services:
  + Update on the work
  + Getting prepared for the OPAG meeting, discussion on key asks
* Technical guidance, final version and next steps
* Updates: Mapping of good practices, CoP and peace dialogues
* AOB

**KEY POINTS:**

**Opening**

* Welcome of participants and introduction of the agenda.
* Status overview of last meeting’s action points:
* Follow-up on next meetings and calendar for INCAF and UN-DAC Dialogue (**UNDP**) – Followed up on but further update to be shared
* TF4 members to exchange via email on the series on Peace and express interest in being involved (**TF4 members**) – Some TF4 members engaged so far, but please continue to express your interest
* TF4 members are to indicated interest on scoping and structuring the issue of IFIs and joint analysis to advise the Deputies Group (**TF4 members**) – Some TF4 members engaged so far, but please continue to express your interest or share any contact with IFIs
* Schedule a larger discussion on financing to take into account the conclusion of the INCAF-UN-DAC Dialogue meeting of today (**TF4** **co**-**Chairs**) – Agreed to share a written update and ToR (done)
* Share preliminary final version of the Sector Guidance (**TF4** **co**-**Chairs**) – Shared with TF4 members and members asked to support OPAG endorsement process. Further update to be shared today.
* Written update on the Delivery of Basic Services to be shared with TF4 co-Chairs (**OCHA & WFP**) – Done, but express if you require further information
* Call ahead of OPAG meeting on the Delivery of Basic Services to be held (**TF4 co-Chairs, OCHA, WFP**) – Scheduled for 19 September

**Information sharing key meetings and developments related to HDPN**

* IPC discussed the revamping of Chronic Food Insecurity scale (CFI) from the nexus perspective. Agencies represented struggled to understand the concept of the nexus, evidencing that we should do more to share information on existing commitments and policies within our own organizations. This is an opportunity to see how we can give form to this conversation and bring the communities together and identify ability to measure impact through a nexus lens. This work will continue over the coming months.
* A Policy Roundtable will be held in Berlin 16-17 September by OECD INCAF and UNHCR looking at the issue of forced displacement.
* Spain has assumed the Presidency of the EU and they wish to prioritize the peace pillar of the nexus. There was a meeting in July during which Marta Valdés, as TF4 co-Chair, shared the experience of TF4 and shared IASC policy instruments. There was plenty of interest in this issue. Marta will maintain contact and will share information when relevant. This is an opportunity to join forces.
* Spain is also UN-DAC Dialogue’s new co-Chair. We should be looking for further linkages.

**Basic Services**

*Update on the work*

* All the documentation has been drafted and reviewed collaboratively within the subgroup, this includes a synthesis report, context specific consolidation pieces from Myanmar, Afghanistan and Yemen. From Afghanistan a lot of Local NGOs shared input. Iraq was dropped as a case study given the lack of response (as basic service delivery was done through the authorities with UN a service provider). Survey was shared with three countries. The information was captured through a spreadsheet and led to two country briefs. In terms of the recommendations, there was nothing groundbreaking uncovered.
* Main findings and recommendations include:
  1. Coordination and lack of engagement by development actors - recurring issues.
  2. Policy gap as to the HDPN nexus. Low hanging fruit in this respect would be the development of strategic messaging on the delivery of basic services in fragile contexts with IFIs and development actors being the key target groups. Addressing the challenges might open the door for additional collaboration.
  3. How to open a stronger dialogue with development actors and IFIs partners who have a lower risk appetite in fragile settings, to overcome challenges, Opportunities exists to engage via and with existing fora: Grand Bargain and the UN DAC Dialogue. Engage to have a stronger conversation with development actors and IFIs on overcoming challenges.
  4. Efforts around collective outcomes capture the delivery of basic services as a collective outcome. Better understand the partnership, programming and financing of these collective outcomes to learn lessons and strengthen collaboration. Opportunities to map best practices with the IASC and DCO.
* DCO mentioned that the 3 countries chosen are going forward under exceptional circumstances on the development side, as we cannot work with the government through regular Cooperation Frameworks. This might impact, and bias, the findings. The countries were chosen because of the specific circumstances and their particular situation brings about very particular challenges around the delivery of basic services.
* UNDP pointed out that we also need to look at contexts where there aren’t collective outcomes, as collective outcomes are easy entry points, taking area-based or sectoral based approaches. It would also be of value to gather more information on Grand Bargain future priorities around the nexus.
* Oxfam highlighted that TF4 agreed to unpack the nexus in the more challenging environments, as the stop of the development approach is presenting a significant challenge for the humanitarian sectors, such as expending HRPs. The ERC is highly concerned about this issue.   
  There is still space to collaborate with the three GB Ambassadors on priorities; there will be a clear component on financing, including across the nexus.
* The IASC Secretariat had a preliminary exchange of ideas on the priorities with GB Ambassadors. There was expression of strong appetite for stronger collaboration with the IASC. Mr. Koehler is particularly interested in innovative financing solutions, potentially across the nexus. The three Ambassadors will join the OPAG in-person meeting in October. This is a great opportunity for further discussion – TF4 co-Chairs will be invited as observers. TF4 co-chairs will request bilateral meeting.
* WFP volunteered to help on preparing bilateral meetings with the GB Ambassadors. WFP also underlined that the need to collaborate with local actors and local structures were raised in all three country contexts.
* The subworking group will share documents with TF4 for redline comments before sharing with OPAG.
* DCO requests for recommendations from the subworking group on basic services to be discussed with DCO before reaching donors, as this is coming from the humanitarian side with recommendations to the development side, and as there are several other developments on the development side.
* UNDP underscores that TF4, while under auspices of the IASC, includes agencies with a development mandate. These take the opportunity to share their experiences and lessons learned as members of this forum and provide their development perspective as part of their corporate engagements on the HDP Nexus. The work from TF4 therefore represents the views of the members of this forum and not the one from the UNSDG. It is under these perspectives that products and processes are undertaken and managed.
* Other members pointed out that through this workstream, we were asked to focus on protracted situations, and we dug down on the toughest contexts, in which donor fatigue is playing out. It would be fantastic to capture the learning in these particularly tough settings; and the work should continue. This could be further linked with the workstream of the Mapping of Good Practices.
* WFP called on TF4 members to ensure we do not duplicate work, share information on ongoing workstreams in other platforms relevant for the HDPN.
* There was extensive support to this piece of work from the TF4

*Key asks for OPAG*

* No key asks have been formulated yet

*Getting prepared for the OPAG meeting, discussion on key asks*

**Sectoral technical guidance, final version and next steps**

* Shared with OPAG for review and comment. Deadline was extended. Some, but few, feedback was received and feedback is being incorporated. Only WFP and IOM provided feedback, no redlines. No comments were received from cluster lead agencies. This sparks doubt around the need for further exchanges to be had on this guidance: does this general lack of reaction really signify agreement? How do we then ensure IASC members, especially cluster leads, buy-in and ownership
* Need to know why no further feedback was received, if this signifies agreement.
* Marta: we did not ask for significant comments. Having worked with GCCG might have delayed comments. Would it be most productive with OPAG or with cluster reps. Julius agrees. WFP and IOM shared feedback which is yet to be included. Urges TF4 members to alert leads if there should be further feedback. Should have a briefing on what this guidance implies for agencies and clusters. Do not resend to OPAG for further comments.
* UNWomen notes they had shared comments and would like to receive feedback on how they were imcorporated.
* TF4 members agreed to not reopen and extend further the feedback process with OPAG
* The subworking group will address and incorporate comments and feedback and share again with agencies that provided feedback for information, while moving forward with the publication and dissemination of the guidance.

**Updates on ongoing priorities**

*Mapping of good practices*

* Surveys (one for local actors and another one for the HCT and its members) have gone out to 29 countries. Feedback from the designated focal points in each of the countries has already started to be received by ALNAP and Unicef. The first deadline set to countries is on 29 of September.
* The subworking group (co-led by Unicef and Alnap, comprising Care, Mercy Hands, Oxfam, OCHA, WFP, WHO, IOM and UNFPA) will be meeting on the week on the 25th of September to agree on a way forward in terms of drafting the country briefs resulting from the surveys rough data received.

*Peace Dialogues*

* This replaces the previous action point on conflict sensitivity framework, which was agreed by OPAG. OPAG had requested TF4 to continue being seized on the issue of peace. The expectation is to bring experienced organisations together to speak about how they approach the topic, what they face in implementing it and what they recommend as next steps. Topics can be expanded if deemed useful. This workstream will be opened to other interested people, beyond the TF4. The aim is to have 2-3 speakers with experience in the topic to lead each conversation, while seeking different perspectives. If insufficient expertise is found, an area of focus might be dropped.
* Planned are a series of conversations on the “peace puzzle”, after an initial conversation with some agencies interested the following topics are suggested:
  + Conflict-sensitivity guidance
  + Peace and security
  + Pathways to peace
  + Measurement of peace contributions
* Please do let TF4 co-Chairs know:
  + If you think there are other key topics we could suggest conversations on?
  + If your agency have experience and practice to share on the topics and you would like to participate in any of the topics suggested.
  + If you have knowledge about other organizations with relevant experience in those topics that you would like us to explore as invites for the dialogues.
* UNHCR expressed interest in further information as they would like to join this effort
* UNDP reminds the group that some agencies had already indicated their interest.

**AOB**

* The Financing subgroup of the UN-DAC Dialogue is having a meeting on 14 September, to discuss priority countries to be selected and the way forward.

**ACTION POINTS:**

* Express interest in either facilitating a session or suggesting topics for the Peace Dialogues by 26 September (**TF4 members**)
* Share information on relevant open meetings with the TF4 co-chairs for circulation with TF4 members (**TF4 members**)
* Update TF4 on UNHCR internal meetings of relevance to the TF4 ahead of the policy round table in Berlin on forced displacement (**UNHCR**).
* Brief OPAG representatives and Principals on the work on basic services (**TF4 members**)
* Share final version on the working paper on the delivery of social services for redline comments with TF4 as well as key asks for OPAG (**TF4 co-Chairs**)
* Share with TF4 the 3 draft documents on basic services (**TF4 co-Chairs**)
* Share the final version of the sectoral guidance (**TF4 Sectoral guidance Subworking group**)
* Propose an IASC briefing on the Sectoral guidance (**IASC Secretariat**)
* Set up a discussion with the GCCG on the roll-out of the sectoral guidance to further secure lead agencies buy-in and support in appropriation of this new tool (**FAO & UNHCR with the IASC Secretariat**)