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## Key Achievements against Work plan Targets

***List 5 to 10 achievements and successes in line with the 2012 Work Plan***

* The Task Team (TT) on Funding for Preparedness successfully completed the first phase of its project with the submission by Development Initiatives of a final report entitled “Emergency preparedness financing and practice” in August 2012.
* The second phase of the project of the TT on Funding for Preparedness was initiated. The Overseas Development Institute was contracted to carry out the second phase study. Haiti, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sudan, Niger (tentative) and Ghana (tentative) were identified as country missions for 2013.
* The SWG continued to serve as consultative forum around operational issues of pooled funds, such as the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (e.g. around narrative reporting and the Advisory Group meetings) and country-based pooled funds (CBPFs) (e.g. around the Pooled Fund Working Group, the Emergency Response Fund evaluation and guidelines as well as the Common Humanitarian Fund Monitoring and Reporting Framework).
* The SWG discussed a number of third party studies on humanitarian financing enabling members to exchange views and consolidate their feedback. Examples of this included the Joint Inspection Unit’s (JIU) review of humanitarian financing as well as a briefing on recent studies on humanitarian donorship conducted by OECD.
* UN agencies and OCHA finalized and agreed to a standard contributions agreement between the two parties for ERFs/HRFs in October 2012.
* The SWG collaborated with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) on a study of principled humanitarian financing.

## Challenges faced in 2012

***List up 5 challenges and constraints faced by the Subsidiary Body***

* The SWG has faced challenges in elaborating its forward agenda as well as determining the most effective way to contribute to the development and implementation of the IASC Transformative Agenda, partly due to uncertainty surrounding the future configuration of the group..
* In addition, the SWG experienced constraints in increasing cross-fertilization with other relevant groups, both inside and outside the IASC structure.

## Any outcomes of your Subsidiary Body in relation to the Transformative Agenda in 2012

***Please list work done in relation to the Transformative Agenda***

* The SWG prepared a paper on the role of OCHA-managed pooled funds in the event of a level-three emergency.
* The SWG on Humanitarian Financing prepared a section on resource mobilization level-three emergencies for a reference module on the humanitarian programme cycle in cooperation with the CAP SWG.

## Outstanding work of your Subsidiary Body requiring the attention of the IASC Working Group in 2013

***Please list issues requiring the IASC Working Group’s attention***

* The second phase of the work of the TT on Funding for Preparedness is expected to be completed in the first half of 2013. Based on the final report, a summary of findings and recommendations will subsequently be presented to the Working Group for consideration.

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