INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
86TH IASC WORKING GROUP MEETING

Proposed Structure for the EDG-WG Session

11-12 MARCH 2014
HOST: UNICEF, VENUE: 633 THIRD AVENUE (CORNER OF 41ST STREET)
NEW YORK CITY, NY, USA

Tuesday, 11 March 2014 – 14:00-18:00, with Coffee/Tea Break (*Please note time change*)

1) TA Protocols and Clarification of Structures, including the Hybrid Group's TOR (1.5 hours)

Purpose
- To provide overarching input on the TA protocols in light of the L3 experiences and the Philippines OPR, to clarify the process and time line for finalization of the TA protocols. To clarify structures and agree on the Hybrid Group's TOR.

Background
Action Point from the IASC Principals Ad Hoc meeting on 14 February 2014:
- *Asked the WG and the EDG to review the TA protocols on empowered leadership, the IARRM, AAP, HPC and the related tools (MIRA, SRP, situation analysis) in light of the recommendations of the OPR.* **Action by: WG and EDG, by 1 May 2014**

Approach
- Break into groups to identify the "big" policy and operational issues (without going into details) that need to be reviewed and incorporated into the TA Protocols (15-20 minutes).
- Discuss and agree in plenary on the "big" policy and operational issues.
- Agree a process on the next steps to incorporate the identified issues, which also ensures other appropriate stakeholders (e.g. Global Cluster Coordinators) are able to provide their input.
- Clarify structures where there are outstanding questions from WG/EDG members, including the Hybrid Group and the STAIT, as well as the roll-out of the TA protocols
- Discuss and agree the Hybrid Group's TOR (and the scope of work). [In order to avoid too detailed a discussion, it is suggested that the work plan itself not be a focus of the discussion.]

2) Responding to Slow-Onset Crises (Non-L3s/L3s) (1.5 hours)

Purpose
- How do we address unfolding, large-scale crises to ensure that, as a collective, we respond adequately before they reach the level of an L3 crisis?

Background
Action Points from the IASC Principals Ad Hoc meeting on 14 February 2014:
- *Asked the Working Group and EDG to prepare recommendations for the application of the Transformative Agenda in slow-onset and complex emergencies, and in countries with low*

levels of preparedness and/or weak institutions. **Action by: The Working Group and EDG by 1 May 2014.**

- *Asked the Working Group and EDG to develop recommendations on how the IASC could improve the effectiveness of its response in non-L3 emergencies.* **Action by: The Working Group and EDG by 1 May 2014.**

Approach

- Break into 3 groups to consider the following question and identify 3 key measures per group:
  - Reflecting on CAR, South Sudan, and Syria, what are the key measures/priorities that should be taken in future slow-onset crises to hopefully avoid declaring an L3?
- In plenary, agree the key measures that should be prioritized in slow-onset crises (non-L3s) in future and identify the mechanism(s) to trigger these measures in advance of an L3 declaration being required.
- If these measures are put in place, reach a common understanding of when/why an L3 may still need to be declared in slow-onset disasters.
- Decide on a timeline for organizations to consult internally on the identified measures and mechanisms and agree on next steps (e.g. how to agree collectively following the internal consultations and when to put the agreed recommendations to the Principals)

3) Priority Issues for the WG to take forward (30 minutes)

Purpose

- Agree on priority policy issues to be taken forward by the WG this year, based on the suggestions from EDG

Approach

- Based on the list of issues proposed by the EDG, discuss and agree on the two or three areas the WG would like to take forward as priority areas in the coming year and agree on how to do that.

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Background Documents

1. IASC Principals Ad Hoc 14 February 2014 Final Action Points
2. HPC Steering Group ("Hybrid Group") Draft Terms of Reference
3. HPC Steering Group ("Hybrid Group") Draft Work Plan
4. IASC Terms of Reference
5. Philippines Operational Peer Review
6. IASC Architecture
7. AAP Operational Framework
8. IARRM Concept Note
9. HPC Reference Module
10. [Empowered Leadership – Forthcoming]
11. [Priority Issues for Consideration of the IASC WG (from the EDG) – Forthcoming]

Reference Documents

a) *OPR Philippines Terms of Reference*