

IASC PRINCIPALS AD HOC MEETING

PHILIPPINES / SOUTH SUDAN

14 February 2014

Final Action Points

Philippines: *The IASC Principals*

1. *Confirmed the de-activation of the system-wide Level-3 response on 11 February 2014 and asked the ERC to inform donors about the de-activation, the achievements and the remaining challenges. Action by: The ERC, by 21 February.*
2. *Reiterated their request to the HCT, to develop a collective transition plan and update the strategic response plan as appropriate, to ensure the transition from relief to recovery and for responsible handover to national and local actors. Action by: The HCT, by 5 March (initial deadline was 5 February).*
3. *Asked the HCT to review its structure, ToR and the communication flow to the operational hubs and the inter-cluster coordination group, based on the recommendations of the OPR. Action by: HCT, by 24 February (for discussion with the ERC during her visit to the Philippines).*
4. *Asked ILO and UNDP to implement the Early Recovery and Livelihood Cluster management in the Philippines as outlined in the background document, ensure proper capacity in field locations, and to provide support from global level as required. Action by: ILO and UNDP, supported by the HC and the EDG, by 5 March.*
5. *Asked the Shelter Cluster to finalize the draft transition strategy outlined in the background document, and link emergency shelter response to transitional arrangements, while providing adequate expert resources and capacity to engage on housing, land and property rights concerns. Action by: The Shelter Cluster and IASC organizations, by 5 March.*
6. *Decided to increase fundraising efforts in particular for ER, livelihood and shelter, to ensure that live-saving and mid-term needs are met beyond the Level-3 emergency-phase. Action by: The ERC and the IASC Principals, with support from the EDG, by 28 February.*
7. *Asked the AAP Coordinator to ensure that AAP, CwC, and PSEA are integrated into preparedness planning, as well as reconstruction and recovery, and clusters strategies. This will require consistent staffing in the AAP role. Action by: The AAP Coordinator and IASC organizations by end of 2014.*
8. *Supported the common messages suggested by the EDG and asked the ERC to circulate a revised draft, taking on board the comments of the IASC Principals, for their endorsement. The common messages should emphasize the remaining*

humanitarian needs and mid-term challenges, including the importance of participation of affected people and respect for their rights; highlight the commitment of the IASC to address these beyond the L3-deactivation and the possible consequences of underestimating and underfunding the response and transition to recovery. The L3-deactivation should be presented as an adaptation to shifting priorities rather than a scale-down. Action by: The ERC, by 21 February.

9. *Committed to maintain a sufficient level of dedicated cluster coordination capacity in the Shelter, Food Security and Agriculture, Early Recovery and Livelihoods clusters, for the full duration of the SRP, continue to provide flexibility in their internal procedures to maintain the effectiveness of the response, and maintain sufficient staffing level to deliver on their commitments the deactivation of the L3, particularly in Health, WASH, and Protection. Action by: IASC organizations and cluster lead agencies throughout 2014.*
10. *Asked OCHA to circulate the summary of the OPR findings for the consideration of the IASC. Action by: OCHA, by 21 February 2014.*

South Sudan: The IASC Principals

11. *Endorsed the three priorities proposed by the HCT: 1) saving lives, 2) preparing for the planting season, and 3) prepositioning supplies before the rainy season. Action by: The HCT by June 2014.*
12. Leadership: *Asked the ERC to explore the proposal to appoint a Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC) with a strong protection background with the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and circulate a proposal to the Principals for their endorsement. Action by: The ERC and HC, by 21 February 2014.*
13. Surge Capacity: *Activated the IARRM and agreed to the request of the HC/HCT to focus on programmatic surge capacity in sub-national field locations. Action by: IASC organizations, by 14 March 2014.*
14. Common Messaging: *Asked the ERC to circulate draft common messages on the L3-activation, highlighting 1) the scale of humanitarian needs to date, 2) the risk of famine if the upcoming planting season is missed, 3) the need to preposition supplies and food before the rainy season cuts access to many communities, 4) the humanitarian response, 5) the accountability of stakeholders to Protection of Civilians, to adhere to international human rights and humanitarian law and in particular to release child soldiers and refrain from further recruitment of child soldiers, 6) the funding requirements. Action by: The ERC, by 21 February.*
15. *Committed to support the fundraising efforts of the HC. Action by: IASC Principals, by 28 February 2014.*
16. *Asked the Integration Task Force (ITF) for South Sudan to review measures to ensure the independence and impartiality of humanitarian assistance in the integrated context. Action by: IASC organizations presented in the ITF, by 31 March 2014.*

17. Asked the EDG to fast track the Operational Peer Review (OPR). **Action by: The EDG to finalize ToRs, by 28 February 2014.**
18. Asked the HCs in the region to develop plans to prevent and prepare for increased food insecurity in the coming year. **Action by: HC/HCTs in the region, by 1 May 2014.**

Transformative Agenda: The IASC Principals

19. Asked the Working Group and the EDG to review the TA protocols on empowered leadership, the IARRM, AAP, HPC and the related tools (MIRA, SRP, situation analysis) in the light of the recommendations of the OPR. **Action by: WG and EDG, by 1 May 2014.**
20. Asked the EDG to place greater effort to disseminate the protocols widely among IASC organizations and their staff. The field should also be empowered to use the protocols flexibly. **Action by: EDG throughout 2014.**
21. 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.**
22. 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.**
23. Committed to ensure that the L3-roster has sufficient L3-ready DHC candidates who are available to be deployed within 72 hours and for the full duration of three months, respecting the three-month deployment commitment for IARRM staff, and consider the development of national surge rosters. **Action by: IASC organizations with support of OCHA by 28 February 2014.**

IASC Priorities: The IASC Principals

24. Asked the ERC and InterAction, with inputs from the IASC Working Group, to prepare a discussion of the IASC Principals in May 2014 on how to ensure humanitarian space, independence and impartiality in integrated mission contexts. **Action by: ERC and InterAction, with support from the Working Group, by 1 May 2014.**

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