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The Cluster Working Group on Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) is now fully functioning (albeit still with limited membership) and is submitting its first progress report to the IASC Principals with the following major achievements:

➢ A complete requirement study for up to three new emergencies of up to 500,000 displaced persons and a related capacity mapping and gap analysis comprising of the participating agencies/ organizations; and

➢ A road map on how to further strengthen the capacity of the cluster to handle new emergencies, support existing and long-standing IDP situations, and to further define and clarify the concepts underlying Camp Coordination and Camp Management.

These achievements not withstanding, the cluster recognizes that it has to strengthen a number of areas in order to constitute a viable and sustainable response mechanism to displacement, such as:

➢ The need to broaden its membership and to bring in major players that enhance competence, experience, and capacities in the cluster, in particular with regard to displacement caused by natural disasters.

➢ To further define and clarify the CCCM concepts and guiding principles; and

➢ Mobilize resources so as to effectively manage the cluster at a global level (including stand-by capacities) and to respond to new emergencies as well as existing IDP situations.

The gap analysis demonstrates that unmet needs will rise steeply and proportionally, in those emergencies and scenarios where we are dealing with a proliferation of the number of camps. While the handling of one major new crisis in 2006 might be achievable, the emergence of numerous and concurrent crisis situations would certainly result in an overstretching of existing resources.

CCCM is the "software" on how to deliver protection and assistance in a camp environment. The cluster recognizes that it needs to continue to work conceptually as there is no universal common understanding of its guiding principles, and based thereon, the distribution of work and responsibilities. Cluster and concept might not even be relevant in all situations of displacement, in particular when Governments are administering camps and temporary settlements in compliance with internationally accepted standards of human rights and the provision of services and basic needs.

Finally, the CCCM cluster, as a cross-cutting work area, needs to position itself vis-à-vis other clusters and sectors that do not have its focus on a specific space and population, such as Protection, Water and Sanitation, etc.

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