

**INTER – AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE – WORKING GROUP  
48th MEETING**

**13-14 March 2002  
at  
WFP Headquarters, Rome  
Green Tower, Room 6G19**

**Revised Draft Agenda**

Revised 6 March 2002

**Wednesday, 13 March 2002**

**Afternoon Session**

14:00 - 14:15 h

**Opening Comments**

Welcoming remarks from Mr. Jean-Jacques Graisse, Deputy Executive Director of WFP

14:15 – 14:30 h

**Overview of Global Humanitarian Activities**

Mr. Ross Mountain, Chairperson, IASC Working Group

14:30 - 15:30 h

**In Depth Country Review, Liberia**

Presentation by Dr. Camarada, Resident Coordinator, a.i.

Objective: Review the current crisis in Liberia and the sub-region, and propose strategies to strengthen agency response.

◆ Key Issues:

- protection of civilians/IDPs
- common inter-agency fundraising strategy
- common inter-agency information campaign
- contingency planning

Proposed outcome: Agreement on follow up actions to address funding shortfalls, misinformation, and steps to strengthen protection of civilians. Identify country-level follow-up.

15:30 – 16:30 h

**Allegations of Sexual Exploitation of Refugee Children in West Africa**

The recent debate on the allegation of sexual exploitation by humanitarian workers in West Africa will be introduced.

Objective: Recommend modalities for a coordinated and system-wide response to prevent and protect vulnerable populations from sexual abuse and exploitation.

Key issues:

- remedial action needed to be taken immediately regarding the allegations of sexual exploitation
- weaknesses in procedures and what measures are needed to address them
- coordination of the system-wide response

Proposed outcome:

- Agreement on follow-up actions to address the issues of sexual exploitation of refugee children and other vulnerable populations

16:30 - 17:00 h

Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30 h

### **Afghanistan**

Mr. Ross Mountain, Director OCHA Geneva, will introduce the discussion.

Objective: review existing gaps in coordination and assistance and suggest measures to address the gaps.

Key issues:

- what are the appropriate linkages between the humanitarian operations and the Interim Authority of Afghanistan, including UN and non-UN partners, as well as between the humanitarian operations and the multinational force?
- how should NGOs interface with UNAMA to ensure that their neutrality was not impeded?
- what needs to be done to address immediately the humanitarian crises in the more remote regions where food insecurity remains grave and social services nonexistent?
- should agencies be doing more to address the issue of the "gap" between relief and development?
- what additional measures should be done to ensure adequate staff security?

Proposed outcome: The IASC WG discussion would flag issues of urgent concern to the DSRSG and the Country Team, and to suggest broad guidelines for how some of these concerns should be addressed.

19.00 –

IASC WG dinner; location to be confirmed.

## **Thursday, 14 March**

### **Morning Session**

8:30 -10:00 h

#### **Southern Africa Food Crisis**

Presented by Mr. Mike Gaouette, Save the Children Fund-UK, Emergencies Director

Objective: Review the regional dimension of the Southern Africa food crisis and agencies' response

Key issues:

- scale of the household food security crisis
- targeting of vulnerable populations
- government response / donor mobilization
- humanitarian response to date
- strategies for future action

Proposed outcome: Agreement on what additional humanitarian response efforts are required, and endorsement of an inter-agency plan of action.

10.00 –10.30 h

Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.15 h

#### **UNDAC**

Presentation by Mr. David Harland, Policy Development Section, OCHA

Objective: Reach a common position on UNDAC

Key issues:

- use of UNDAC in complex emergencies
- role of UNDAC in assessments and appeal preparations
- agency participation in UNDAC missions
- articulation of UNDAC's linkages with inter-agency coordination structures
- governance arrangements for UNDAC operation

Proposed outcome: Reach a common position on deployment and management of UNDAC.

11:15 - 12:30 h

#### **New agenda for the CAP**

Introduced by Mr. David Bassiouni, Deputy Director of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF, and Ms. Magda Ninaber van Eyben, Chief of CAP and Donor Relations Section, OCHA

Objective: Review and endorse the revised Plan of Action prior to the submission to the IASC Plenary; discuss the ECOSOC report on the CAP; and finalise the strategy of the IASC on the proposed DFID study on improving the financing and flows of humanitarian assistance.

Key issues

- NGO participation in the CAP
- Link between the CAP, CCA and UNDAF
- Use of a common humanitarian action plan in humanitarian crises not covered by a consolidated appeal
- Development of joint guidelines for assessment, strategic monitoring, impact analysis and evaluation
- multi-year strategies
- report back to ECOSOC on the CAP
- improving the financing and flows of humanitarian assistance

Proposed outcome: Agreement on the proposal for strengthening the CAP which will be presented to the IASC Plenary in April; agreement on the CAP launch date and review of possible themes; and identification of the key themes for the ECOSOC report. Agreement on the strategy of the IASC on the proposed DFID study on humanitarian aid flows.

12.30 – 14.00 h

Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

14:00 – 15:00 h

**Humanitarian Advocacy**

Presentation by Mr. Opia Kumah, Chief, Advocacy, External Relations and Information Management Branch, OCHA

Objective: Review of proposal for an IASC advocacy initiative aimed to heightening awareness among the public and the media on protecting civilians in armed conflict.

Key issues:

- partnership with local and national media in promoting protection
- engagement of local advocacy groups, NGOs, civil society, and community-based organisations
- solicit agency ideas and strategies for developing a coherent plan of action

Proposed outcome: Agreement on the proposed advocacy concept, and initial support for the development of the plan.

15:00 – 16:00 h

**IDP Unit**

Presentation by Mr. Kofi Asomani, Special Coordinator on Internal Displacement.

Objective: Endorse the revised workplan and mission statement of the IDP Unit.

Key issues:

- the IDP training strategy/programme
- role and function of the Senior IDP Network
- proposed “Protection Coalition”
- linkages with the NRC-supported IDP surveys

Proposed outcome: Endorsement of the IDP training strategy; agreement on the TOR of the Senior IDP Network; guidance on the “Protection Coalition”, and approval of the revised workplan.

16:00 – 16:30 h

**United Nations Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC)**

Presented by Mr. David Kaatrud, Head of UNJLC and Mr. Wilfried De Brouwer, Coordinator of UNJLC.

Objective: Brief IASC WG members on the progress of the UNJLC to date and seek guidance on necessary future actions for the consolidation of the project.

Key issues:

- decision-making progress and structure
- changes in administrative approach
- UNJLC training programme
- acquisition of tools to achieve UNJLC

Proposed outcome: Agreement on the consolidation and continuation of the UNJLC, including proposed future actions.

16:30 - 16:45 h

Coffee break

16:45 – 17.15 h

**Proposal for an IASC Reference Group on HIV/AIDS**

Presented by Dr Alessandro Loretto, Coordinator, WHO/EHA Emergency Health Intelligence and Capacity Building

Objective: Review proposal and plan of action for an IASC subsidiary body on HIV/AIDS.

Key issues:

- strategy for addressing HIV/AIDS in complex emergencies
- linkages with other coordinating bodies addressing HIV/AIDS
- inclusion of strategies concerning HIV/AIDS in the common humanitarian action plan

Proposed outcome: Agreement to establish a Reference Group on HIV/AIDS; and inputs and endorsement of the draft workplan.

17:15 – 17.45 h

**Humanitarian Information Symposium**

Presentation by Mr. Opia Kumah, Chief, Advocacy, External Relations and Information Management Branch, OCHA

Objective: Present the Symposium report and dissemination plan and obtain IASC endorsement/concurrence for proposed follow-up initiatives.

Key issues:

- modalities for a multi-stakeholder task team on humanitarian information
- identify key follow-up areas and specific interests of agencies
- articulate linkages to the IASC Working Group

Proposed outcome: IASC endorsement of the Symposium statement; agreement on follow-up modalities; and support the establishment of a multi-stakeholder task team.

17:45 – 18:00 h

Any other business