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Internally Displaced Persons: Update on the IDP Unit-June 2004

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At their meeting in March 2004, the IASC Principals:

- Endorsed in principle the procedural roadmap, while noting that it needed to be adjusted to reflect the comments made in the Principals' meeting.
- Agreed that the modified roadmap would be circulated the following week.
- Agreed that the Unit and Senior Network would develop an IASC policy package to be discussed at the June IASC-WG meeting. Once approved, it would be disseminated to HCs/RCs and Country Teams with the procedural roadmap.
- Requested the Senior Network to develop further, taking into consideration the comments made in the meeting, the practical aspects related to the proposed protection standby capacity.

Procedural Roadmap

The procedural roadmap was finalized by the Unit and subsequently shared by the ERC with the IASC members. It was later sent by the ERC to all HCs on 7 May with a request that they convene a meeting of the Country Team to discuss the roadmap and its implementation in regard to their particular country. They were also requested to report to the ERC on those discussions and subsequent steps in their next monthly note.

IASC Policy Package

A first draft of the policy package was prepared by the Unit and shared with the Senior Network on 19 May. It comprised:

- The revised and updated Guidance Note for HCs/RCs and Country Teams on implementing the collaborative response that includes the roadmap.
- Annex 1, the strategy checklist, which aims at assisting HCs/RCs and Country Teams in developing the strategic action plan as envisaged in the roadmap.
- Annex 2, the response typology, detailing the types of activities that a given agency may be able to undertake at a given phase of a displacement crisis, and that aims at assisting HCs and Country Teams in determining agency roles.
- Annex 3, additional guidance on protection.

The Senior Network discussed this first draft at its meeting of 2 June. In addition to making substantive comments on the Guidance Note and Annex 1, Network members agreed to delay the presentation of the package to the IASC-WG until the latter's meeting in September. First, the present draft is incomplete and will be supplemented in due course by a short introductory note on the background and purpose of the package; and by additional annexes on the protection standby capacity and the support available to Country Teams from the Inter-Agency Internal Displacement Division, the Norwegian Refugee Council and Dr. Deng's office, some aspects of which require further clarification. Second, the Unit considers it important to also undertake consultations with the field on the content and, indeed, utility of the package.

Protection Standby Capacity

A small working group of Network members has begun discussions on the modalities of the protection standby capacity, though a number of basic issues remain unresolved. In order to move the process forward and to make it less abstract, consideration is being given to studying how the standby capacity might be applied in three or four specific country settings.

Proposed Action by the IASC-WG

- * Request IASC members to report to the ERC and Internal Displacement Unit on the dissemination and use of the procedural roadmap within their respective organizations.
- * Recommend that the procedural roadmap be integrated into all CAP workshops.
- * Request the Internal Displacement Unit and Senior Network to finalise the IASC Policy Package, including the modalities of the protection standby capacity, and to submit the package to the IASC-WG meeting in September for approval and subsequent dissemination to the field.

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