

**BRIEFING NOTE ON THE SUB-SAHARAN INITIATIVE FOR RESOURCE MOBILISATION FOR  
EMERGENCY-AFFECTED COUNTRIES IN  
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA  
13TH IASC WORKING GROUP MEETING  
27 JULY 1994**

**I** The following follow-up activities were discussed at the 11 July 1994 inter-agency/donor meeting on the Sub-Saharan Initiative :

**Resource Mobilisation**

- [1] Donors would provide more precise figures on available resources for agencies' emergency activities for affected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- [2] Donors would ensure that a more representative group of leading donors, including the European Union and Japan, would work more closely with the ad hoc working group on resource mobilisation for affected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- [3] Through DHA, donors would keep agencies informed about bilateral contacts that would affect agencies' emergency resource requirements and resource mobilisation efforts for Sub-Saharan Africa;
- [4] The proposed expanded donor group should provide practical assistance to overcome problems of slow deliveries of pledges, earmarking and to identify "cross cultural funding" opportunities between development programmes and emergency funds;
- [5] Agencies would review their present requirements, and identify those elements that were essential in the context of the agreed principles of prioritisation;
- [6] Agencies would provide information necessary to complete the *Summary of Requirements and Contributions* with regard to revised requirements, pledges/contributions and shortfalls;
- [7] DHA will provide UN agencies with a minimum of two weeks notice for future updates of the above-mentioned summary, or for other special SSI data requests.

Most probably, any financial updates will coincide with special meeting/events pertaining to the SSI, to be determined by the Under-Secretary-General.

- [8] Agencies would agree as soon as possible on a schedule of forthcoming appeals regarding affected countries of Sub-Saharan Africa that could be used to alert the donor community;
- [9] Over the next six weeks, through mid-September, the initiative to assist emergency affected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa should be focused upon the field. Based upon communications from DHA to relevant governments and in-country coordinators, agencies should alert their country-teams accordingly.

### **Framework Media Strategy**

- [1] It was proposed that a list of media activities be agreed amongst the agencies as soon as possible in order to see what steps can be taken to move on implementing a media strategy;
- [2] DHA would distribute a list of countries/affected populations for the review of agencies.

### **II** Based upon the above, the IASC Working Group is requested to give specific guidance on the following issues :

- [1] Review of emergency requirements to ensure that resource needs are consistent with the IASC endorsed principles of prioritisation;
- [2] Mechanism for alerting donor community to specific instances where earmarking, slow deliveries and related constraints on emergency operations need to be addressed;
- [3] Schedule on forthcoming individual agency consolidated inter-agency appeals for emergency-affected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- [4] Coordinated approach for communicating the substance of the resource mobilisation initiative to the field;

- [5] List of media activities that could be agreed amongst the agencies as soon as possible in order to begin to implement a media strategy.