

IASC WORKING GROUP

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Background Document for Item 2c

Training Package on Internal Displacement

The IASC Recommendations related to the Review of the Capacity of the United Nations System for Humanitarian Assistance affirmed that “an IDP-related training module should be developed.” The IASC Task Force on Training at its 20 October 1998 and 7 February 1999 Meetings reconfirmed the need for an inter-agency training module on IDPs and requested OCHA to follow up. Accordingly, on 23 February 1999, OCHA put forward a proposal for the development of Training Package

As a first step, it was proposed to collate and review existing training material relevant to internal displacement and define key components of the training package. In the course of inter-agency consultations it was agreed that OCHA would report back to the IASC-WG on its findings, in terms of existing training material and present a draft outline of the key thematic components.

Accordingly, the list of training material along with the draft outline is put forward to the IASC-WG XXXVI Meeting for its review and consideration. As a next step OCHA envisages the organisation of a one day inter-agency consultation to review these findings and identify steps ahead.

Relevant Training Material

UNDP/DHA Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP)

Displaced Persons in Civil Conflict, Module prepared by Frederick Cuny, 1995, currently under revision.

Resettlement of Displaced Populations, Module prepared by Everett M. Ressler, 1995. *International Law of Disasters and Armed Conflict*, module prepared by Guy Goodwin-Gill, 1996.

UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Humanitarian Principles Training A Child Rights Protection Approach to Complex Emergencies, 1998.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, June 1994.

Internally Displaced Persons: UNICEF Emergency Handbook, 1997.

Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

The Right to Food in Theory and Practice, 1998

Guidelines on Integrating Household Food Security and Nutrition into Relief and Rehabilitation, June 1998

Guidelines for Crop and Food Supply Assessment Missions, FAO Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS), January 1996

SocioEconomic and Gender Analysis (SEAGA) Field Handbook, updated February 1999

Technical Handbook Series on Emergency Activities, first 6 issues.

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

DHA Orientation Handbook on Complex Emergencies, December 1995, currently under revision.

World Food Programme (WFP)

Review of WFP's assistance to internally displaced persons from recent conflict and natural disasters, currently under preparation.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)

Human Rights Monitoring Manual for Field Staff, 1999. In particular chapters on:

- Monitoring and protection of human rights of refugees and of IDPs living in camps.
- Monitoring and protecting the human rights of refugees in the process of return (returnees) and IDPs.

Training Module on the Guiding Principles, prepared in collaboration with Norwegian Refugee Council, currently under finalisation:

- Mod. 1 A definition of IDPs
- Mod. 2 Legal Origins and International Obligations
- Mod. 3 Protection from Displacement, and Protection during
Displacement
- Mod. 4 Return, Resettlement and Reintegration
- Mod. 5 “Recipients” as Resources, a community-based perspective for
program
Response.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Protecting Refugees, a Field Guide for NGOs, May 1999

UNHCR’s Operational Experience with Internally Displaced Persons, Division of International Protection, September 1994.

International Legal Standards Applicable to the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons: A Reference Manual for UNHCR Staff, 1996

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Emergency Migration Management

Other Relevant Training Material

Case Studies prepared for the Field Practices Manual, 1998

Manual on Field Practices on Internal Displacement, 1999 under finalisation.

Field Handbook for Applying the Guiding Principles, Brookings Institution Project on Internal Displacement, under preparation.

Training Package on Internal Displacement Outline of Key Thematic Components/Modules

1. *Introduction*

- Definition of an IDP, Root causes of displacement, Vulnerabilities and needs of IDPs

2. *The Institutional Framework*

- The role of the Government, the UN and other international agencies, regional organisations and NGOs, coordination mechanisms, CAPs, UNDAF, etc.

3. *The Normative Framework*

- The International Legal Framework, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, etc.

4. *Humanitarian Principles for Intervention*

- Principles and Rules of Engagement, Codes and Standards, etc.

5. *Protection from Displacement*

- Early Warning, Preparedness, Contingency Planning, etc.

6. *Interventions during Displacement*

- Registration and Verification, Needs Assessments and Vulnerability Mapping, Nutritional and Food Security, Shelter, Camp Management, Access, Security, Relations with Military Forces, etc.

7. *Return and Resettlement*

- Post conflict/Post return Intervention, Documentation, Land Rights, Nutritional and Food Security etc.

8. *Strategies for Protection*

9. *Gender*

10. *Self-help strategies*

- Participatory Approach, Local Coping Mechanisms and Capacity Building.

11. *Information management*

While the modules 5, 6 and 7 reflect an approach by phases of displacement, modules 8 to 11 identify specific thematic issues of particular relevance to internal displacement. It is considered that, while being reflected in all the earlier topics, each of these issues merits a module in itself.

The preparation of an Overview Module to synthesise the key issues and serve as a one-day comprehensive course is also envisaged.