

**INTER – AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE –WORKING GROUP
XLIV MEETING**

Geneva, 21 – 22 NOVEMBER 2001

Agenda Item	Action Points	Focal Point for follow-up	Time Frame
1. Introduction	NA		
2. Overview of Global Humanitarian Activities	NA		
3. Consolidated Appeals Process	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the work on the CAP review and endorsed the recommendations on the New Agenda for Strengthening the Consolidated Appeals Process. • Agreed to forward the Recommendations for the New Agenda for Strengthening the CAP to the IASC for its approval. • Requested the SWG on the CAP to review the recommendations and identify who is responsible for their implementation. • Agreed to delete recommendation 12 on the use of SRSGs in advocacy of the CAPs, and that recommendation 10 on non-CAP countries needs to be discussed further. • Acknowledged that a mechanism was needed to ensure greater NGO involvement in field-based inter-agency efforts, such as the appeal preparations and strategic planning. • Requested feed back from the NGO consortia, IOM and the Red Cross movement on their involvement in the CAP 2002 preparations; a joint mission may be considered at a later date to review the issue of greater non-UN involvement. 	<p>CAP SWG/IASC-WG</p> <p>CAP SWG/IASC</p> <p>CAP SWG</p> <p>CAP SWG</p> <p>CAP SWG</p> <p>Country Teams CAP SWG/SCHR/ICVA</p> <p>SCHR/ICVA/ IOM/ICRC</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>Jan. 2002</p> <p>Dec. 2001</p> <p>Dec. 2001</p> <p>Feb. 2002</p> <p>Feb. 2002</p>
4. Military Civil Defence Unit	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the progress being made on guidelines for the use of 	MCDU	March 2002

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	<p>military and civil defense assets for humanitarian purposes in complex emergencies. Requested that once the Drafting and Review Committees had finalised their work that the guidelines be brought to a subsequent IASC-WG meeting for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the review of MCDU, and requested that it analyze past activities as well as future activities. • Agreed that written comments are needed on the MCDU review proposal, and that they should be sent to OCHA by 15 December (wiersing@un.org). • Acknowledged that the review proposal should have stronger reference to the IASC, and that the broader IASC membership should be represented in the review group. • Noted the need for MCDU to report back on the use of MCDA and MCDU activities annually. Requested MCDU to report regularly to the IASC-WG. 	<p>MCDU/Review Group</p> <p>All agencies</p> <p>MCDU</p> <p>MCDU</p>	<p>Feb 2002</p> <p>15 Dec. 2001</p> <p>Dec. 2001</p> <p>Nov. 2002</p>
<p>5 Reaching the Unreachable: Experience of the Global Polio Eradication</p>	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to raise the issue of access for the polio activities (immunisation and surveillance) with key HCs in the margins of the upcoming HC retreat. • Supported the need to inform and engage more fully Country Teams in the polio eradication effort. • Stated that for those humanitarian crises where polio was a problem, the polio eradication strategy should be reflected in the CAP. • Requested a small group led by WHO and UNICEF to review how the polio eradication campaign should be presented to the IASC Plenary, noting that the principals already support the national immunisation days. • Acknowledged that polio eradication in priority countries should be pursued and addressed when negotiating access in difficult to reach areas. Use of military corridors and means for protecting vaccinators needed more support. 	<p>OCHA/WHO/UNICEF</p> <p>All agencies</p> <p>OCHA CAP SWG/HC's</p> <p>WHO/UNICEF</p> <p>HC's/CMT</p>	<p>28 Nov. 2001</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Nov. 2002</p> <p>Jan. 2002</p> <p>On-going</p>

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6. In-depth Country Review: Democratic Republic of Congo	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised that funding needs for priority projects, including staffing requirements, should be collected and presented to donors. • Agreed to map the current staffing situation of agencies in the DRC, including vacancies, by 15 December, so that this information could be monitored. • Agencies were to review with OCHA by 15 January progress on staff deployment. The possibility of a video-conference New York/Geneva/Rome with the RC/HC should be explored. • Stressed that the CAP strategy should be reviewed and efforts made to implement it in order to demonstrate a coherent humanitarian strategy and agenda. • Agreed to review with MONUC the following issues: (a) distribution of responsibilities between MONUC and OCHA, and (b) staffing issues including ToR and locations of staffing. MONUC's budget included child protection officers, human rights officers and humanitarian officers and therefore complementarity was required. • Suggested an inter-agency mission undertaken in mid-year 2002, to review access issues and the operational capacity to respond to IDP's. • Agreed that OCHA should guide agencies and coordinate the preparations for the review. 	<p>OCHA</p> <p>All agencies</p> <p>OCHA/All agencies</p> <p>All agencies/ Country Team</p> <p>OCHA/HC</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p>	<p>Jan. 2002</p> <p>15 Dec.2001</p> <p>15 Jan. 2001</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>Jan. 2001</p> <p>June.2001</p> <p>Feb. 2002</p>
7. Discussion on TOR for Humanitarian Coordinators.	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested that based on consultations with the HC's, the IASC Secretariat prepare the initial draft, and share it with a small review group comprised of WFP, UNICEF, WHO, FAO, UNDP, SCHR and UNHCR. • Suggested that the revised draft TOR also highlight what support was expected from others on the broader issue of coordination. • The revised draft ToRs would subsequently be shared with the full IASC-WG. 	<p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>IASC Secretariat</p>	<p>April 2002</p> <p>June 2002</p> <p>June 2002</p>

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8. Afghanistan	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that humanitarian community should be able to clearly articulate issues during the forthcoming transition discussions. Acknowledged that it had to decide how the IASC should organise itself to feed into the sub-regional process for reconstruction and development. Pointed out that the ERC and UNDP Administrator agreed that a task force should be established to discuss transition issues, which would include the full IASC membership. 	<p>All agencies</p> <p>IASC-WG</p> <p>IASC-WG</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>Jan. 2002</p> <p>On-going</p>
9. Updates from IASC Reference Groups or Taskforce 9.1 Contingency Planning	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested the reference group to continue its work, focusing on follow up activities. Encouraged publication and dissemination of the guidelines with a follow-up action plan for technical support and training. Suggested a revised TOR be prepared for the group, indicating what is expected from the partners, including human and financial resource requirements. Recognised that OCHA would serve as a focal point for facilitating inter-agency contingency planning, but that the initiatives would be undertaken on an inter-agency basis and that the reference group would continue to act as a technical resource. 	<p>Contingency Planning RG</p> <p>Contingency Planning RG</p> <p>Contingency Planning RG</p> <p>OCHA/Contingency Planning RG</p>	<p>2002</p> <p>March 2002</p> <p>Jan.2002</p> <p>On-going</p>
9.2 Humanitarian Action/Human Rights	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed its support for finalisation of the work of the reference group, including the “Growing the Sheltering Tree” document and the soon to be finalised “Frequently Asked Questions”. Requested the reference group to look at concrete outcomes such as a clear set of guidelines for rights-based programmes in humanitarian situations and support to RC/HCs on practical problems. Agreed that upon the recommendations of two IASC members the reference group could be requested to provide policy advice to the field. 	<p>HAHR RG</p> <p>HAHR RG</p> <p>IASC-WG</p>	<p>March 2002</p> <p>June 2002</p> <p>2002</p>

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9.3 SWG CAP	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understood that the group's workplan for 2002 would be modified to include some activities identified under the CAP review. • Encouraged donor involvement in field missions. • Encouraged greater feedback from the HC's on what could be done to improve the CAP. 	OCHA/CAP SWG OCHA/All Agencies HC's/OCHA	Jan. 2002 On-going 28 Nov.2001
9.4 Gender and Humanitarian Assistance	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praised the work of the reference group, and stressed that the mainstreaming issue was a priority. • Encouraged continued work with field teams, and that future missions would be announced in advance by OCHA to the RC/HCs. 	Gender RG Gender RG/ OCHA	On-going 2002
9.5 Training	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the work of the reference group, and looked forward to a report in June on future activities of the reference group were it extended beyond June. • Proposed that the Training Taskforce include information on UN/NGO collaboration for staff security in UNSECOORD's inventory. 	Training TF Training TF	June 2002 June 2002
9.6 Sanctions	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested a sunset clause by June for developing the methodology for reporting on targeted sanctions, after which there would be a review to see if the reference group should be continued. • Pointed out that there should be greater linkages with the reference group on human rights and humanitarian action. 	Sanctions RG Sanctions RG/HAHR RG	June 2002 Jan.2002
9.7 Telecommunication	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that telecommunications coordination should stay with WFP for the Afghan crisis. • Suggested that if additional resources were needed for 	WFP OCHA	On-going Jan.2002

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	telecommunications they should be requested in the revised donor alert for Afghanistan.		
9.8 Small Arms	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that at the next IASC WG meeting, the reference group would report back with more specific plans of its activities. • Acknowledged the importance of advocacy on small arms, and suggested that attention could be paid to some country situations. 	<p>Small Arms RG</p> <p>Small Arms RG</p>	<p>March 2002</p> <p>Jan.2002</p>
9.9 Post-Conflict Reintegration	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the value of having feedback from reference groups that had closed, and agreed that this should be done yearly during the annual review of the workplans. • Requested UNDP to follow-up with focal points on next steps, particularly with the idea of implementing the Golden Rules in selected countries, e.g. Afghanistan, and inform the working group in writing. 	<p>IASC Secretariat</p> <p>UNDP</p>	<p>Nov.2002</p> <p>Jan.2002</p>
10. Internally Displaced Persons	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the Senior IDP Network should continue to function in some form. • Took note of the IDP Unit's workplan and requested agencies to send comments to the IDP Unit by end December. • Requested the IDP Unit to clarify the status of the global IDP survey and ensure this is reflected in the 2002 workplan. • Tasked the IDP Unit to develop a strategy on the use of the training package, including at the field level and to report back at the next IASC WG meeting. 	<p>IDP Unit</p> <p>All agencies</p> <p>IDP Unit</p> <p>IDP Unit</p>	<p>Jan.2002</p> <p>20 Dec. 2001</p> <p>Jan.2002</p> <p>March 2002</p>

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11. Review of the 2001 Workplan and Proposed Workplan 2002	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested comments on the 2002 Work Plan by 14 December, 2001. • Suggested that the draft Work Plan be shared with HCs as part of a process of encouraging stronger linkages between the IASC-WG and the field. 	All agencies IASC Secretariat	14 Dec. 2001 28 Nov.2001
12. IASC Plenary	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that consultations should take place immediately to determine whether a sufficient number of principals would be in attendance to justify holding the meeting scheduled for 3 December 2001. 	IASC Secretariat	26 Nov. 2001
13. Discussion on IASC Membership Criteria	The IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that prospective members would be invited to participate in subsidiary bodies as a first step to determine whether or not they should participate in the IASC as standing invitees. 	ERC	2002
14. ECOSOC 2002	IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested OCHA to take the lead in consolidating agencies' inputs to prepare the draft 2002 report, and suggested highlighting the impact of key humanitarian issues on children during the deliberations of ECOSOC 2002, given the Special Session on Children. • Further explore the option of pursuing Agreed Conclusions by member states during ECOSOC 2002. 	OCHA OCHA	June 2002 On-going