

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

Rome, 13-14 March, 2002

Agenda Item	Action Points	Focal Point for follow-up	Time Frame
1. Introduction	N/A	N/A	N/A
2. Overview of Global Humanitarian Activities	N/A	N/A	N/A
3. In Depth Country Review: Liberia	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed on the need for a comprehensive protection plan, supported by the IASC members through the deployment of staff on a short-term basis in support of the Country Team. • requested that the IDP Unit send a mission to develop a comprehensive approach on protection issues. • supported and commended its development of the inter-agency contingency planning on a sub-regional basis. • welcomed plans to develop an information strategy which would include measures to combat the anti-UN media campaign • agreed to assist the Country Team in developing a resource mobilisation strategy for Liberia • agreed on the appointment of a Humanitarian Coordinator for Liberia • acknowledged the need to strengthen the coordination of the health sector 	<p style="text-align: center;">RC/HC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IDP Unit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RC/HC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March/April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">completed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April</p>
4. Allegations of Sexual Exploitation of Refugee Children	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommended that the OIOS investigation of the allegations of sexual exploitation of refugee children be broadened to include the participation of NGOs and representatives of member states. • reaffirmed that the IASC would serve as a primary forum for co-ordinating the follow up actions in response the allegations, including remedial action, code of conduct and other steps. 	<p style="text-align: center;">UNHCR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IASC WG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed to establish an IASC Task Force, comprised of UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, IFRC, InterAction, SCHR and OCHA, to agree on follow up action required to address this matter in West Africa and other crisis situations; a draft TOR of this Task Force was circulated for endorsement. • agreed that a Task Force to prepare set of recommendations that will be presented at IASC Plenary on 9 April 2002 • Agreed that the IASC Task Force be linked to the field to ensure a coherent approach • Agreed that the IASC members continue to provide OCHA with the latest update on remedial and preventive measures taken on the ground • Echoed the widely held unhappiness with the crisis • Endorsed the principle of zero tolerance against the exploitation and abuse of children 	<p>UNICEF/OCHA</p> <p>UNICEF/OCHA UNICEF/OCHA</p> <p>UNICEF/OCHA</p> <p>N/A Agencies</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>April April</p> <p>April</p> <p>N/A ongoing</p>
<p>5 Joint Logistics Center (JLC)</p>	<p>The IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed WFP's stewardship of the JLC • recognised the need for agencies to identify staff to support the JLC immediately when required • supported the consolidation of the JLC concept, and encouraged greater NGO involvement acknowledging that additional resources would be required. • Agreed on WFP's custodianship and encouraged the development of a mechanism for deciding when the JLC should be activated. • Acknowledged that NGOs did not wish to raise unrealistic expectations that they would second staff to the JLC 	<p>N/A Agencies</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>July</p> <p>N/A</p>

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6. UNDAC	IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed OCHA's management role of UNDAC system • Acknowledged the importance of the management and dissemination of information, and UNDAC's role in this • Agreed that assessments should be the responsibilities of the competent agencies with technical support from UNDAC, if necessary • Reiterated UNDAC's role to support HCs/RCs and Country Team • Suggested that OCHA report to the IASC WG regularly on UNDAC • Requested that OCHA circulate a revised version of the background paper on UNDAC, incorporating changes proposed at the Working Group, and proposed a consideration of the UNDAC TOR with respect to the different contexts in which UNDAC might be deployed e.g. natural disasters, complex emergencies, with a view to reach inter-sessional agreement 	N/A N/A N/A N/A OCHA OCHA	N/A N/A N/A N/A June 30 April 2002
7. Afghanistan	IASC WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acknowledged that Afghanistan remained one of the largest and most critical humanitarian operations. • stressed the importance of working with the authorities, but underlined the importance of impartiality and accountability of humanitarian operations. • recognised that modalities for management of short term assistance were different from long term reconstruction. • acknowledged that security was expected to get worse in coming months, and that security arrangements was needed to be reviewed, including plans for training and orientation. • agreed on the need for greater interconnectivity and inter-sectoral coordination among partners. • felt that NGO liaison arrangements and involvement in the proposed UNAMA structure needed to be reviewed. • voiced support on the need for regional coordination offices, and requested early identification of sectoral leads and outline structures • acknowledged that a code of conduct on staff salaries and 	N/A N/A N/A WFP/Agencies/ UNSECOORD DSRSG and County Team DSRSG DSRSG UNDP	N/A N/A N/A Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing

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	<p>personal conduct was needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed for proactive attention to food security issues • recognised the need for improved information management • stressed that there should not be breaks in delivering assistance and that existing mechanisms and capacity be fully utilised as new structures were considered. • Expressed concern on armed coalition military in civilian dress handling humanitarian assistance • Encouraged members to use their influence to advocate with troop contributing countries to boost and expand ISAF geographically and substantively 	<p>WFP DSRSG/Agencies Agencies</p> <p>DSRSG</p> <p>Agencies</p>	<p>Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>8. Southern Africa Food Crisis</p>	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised the growing humanitarian crisis in Southern Africa, particularly in Malawi. • acknowledged that the focal points in the affected countries were the RCs. • sought Judith Lewis of WFP's leadership in the initial, front-end coordination of the response efforts on a regional basis. • agreed that an advocacy strategy with a media component was essential, and suggested that a statement could be endorsed at the IASC Plenary meeting. • stated that WFP would organise a teleconference for relevant Regional Directors on the crisis on 27 March at 16:00 Rome time, focusing on activities and assessment plans (for more info, contact judith.lewis@wfp.org). • called for multi-faceted assessments to be undertaken, informed by the FAO/WFP food and crop assessments in mid-April to mid-May. • agreed that a follow up meeting would be convened in mid-May to review findings and agree on appropriate regional strategies for fundraising and planning mechanisms. • welcomed the plan to issue immediate additional alerts by WFP and IASC members. 	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>WFP</p> <p>WFP</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>April</p> <p>27 March 2002</p> <p>April</p> <p>May</p> <p>March</p>
<p>9. New Agenda for the CAP</p>	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • welcomed SCHR-led exercise on defining NGO participation to the CAP and the proposed missions to three countries. • expressed support to the IFRC led study on non-CAP 	<p>SCHR</p> <p>IFRC</p>	<p>September</p> <p>December</p>

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	<p>countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the 19 recommendations/Plan of Action for submission for the IASC Plenary. • agreed on the proposed 19 November CAP launch date, and noted the theme “innovation in practice” • agreed on mid-year review scheduled for 29 May 2002 to review what countries should have a CAP for the coming year. • Requested agencies to consider seconding staff to support OCHA’s CAP unit. 	<p>CAP-SWG</p> <p>CAP-SWG</p> <p>CAP-SWG</p> <p>Agencies</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>May</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
10: Humanitarian Advocacy	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the initiative by OCHA to increase its advocacy efforts but wanted to see such an advocacy drive undertaken in the context of what individual agencies had already done • Expressed the feeling that the proposed campaign was divorced from the major advocacy efforts that agencies had been pursuing with the Security Council on the Protection of Civilians caught in conflict • Suggested that OCHA undertake, in consultation with agencies, an inventory of advocacy and other relevant actions in the field as the basis for determining the need, objectives and scope for any future joint advocacy campaign • Requested that this be presented to the next IASC WG meeting in June 	<p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p> <p>OCHA</p>	<p>June</p> <p>June</p> <p>June</p> <p>June</p>
11: IDP Unit	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • endorsed the work plan, including the training strategy. • welcomed the collaborative arrangements with RSG Deng and the NRC. • asked the Unit to focus on the protection element, especially those most at risk. • requested those in the Senior Network to revise their TOR and report back to the IASC WG. • reiterated that the role of the Unit was to promote and support the responsibilities of RC/HCs, agencies in field and donors on IDP concerns. 	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>IDP Unit</p> <p>Senior Network on IDPs</p> <p>IDP Unit</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>June</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
12: Proposal for an IASC Reference Group on	IASC WG:		

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HIVAIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed to reconstitute this reference group. • stressed the importance of having the prominent involvement of UNAIDS. • requested the reference group to look at how it could streamline the various bodies engaged in HIVAIDS issues. • encouraged other forms of conferencing e.g. electronic, and stressed that the focus should be on interventions in emergency situations broadly defined. 	<p style="text-align: center;">WHO HIV/AIDS RG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIV/AIDS RG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIV/AIDS RG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed Ongoing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>
13: Humanitarian Information Symposium	<p>IASC WG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gave broad support for the idea of task force, but noted that such task force would not require a separate secretariat. . • suggested that a lessons learned exercise be carried out to clarify the role of HICs • suggested the OCHA consult with members of the Network and modify the draft TOR accordingly before it is fed back to the IASC WG. • noted that additional informal consultations would be needed with members before bringing this back to the IASC WG in June 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCHA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June</p>
14: AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IASC Plenary will be held 9th April 2002 hosted by FAO. The agenda item would include: New Agenda for Strengthening the CAP, Sexual Exploitation of Refugee Children, IASC Statement on the Southern Africa Food Crisis, IASC Workplan 2002, IASC Membership and ECOSOC humanitarian segment. 	<p style="text-align: center;">IASC Secretariat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 April</p>