

Draft IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team Work Plan

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NB: The overarching theme of this Work Plan is providing inputs to World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) and supporting the follow up work on its outcomes. It will likely have to be revised following the conclusion of WHS processes. This Work Plan also includes operationalisation of the Grand Bargain as a cross-cutting issue [GB]. This Work Plan should be read in conjunction with the 2016-2017 IASC Working Group priorities and the Task Team's Terms of Reference.

Output #1: Adequate humanitarian financing, which is context appropriate and accessible to operational organisations on the ground			
Activities	Focal Points	Complementarity	Timeframe
1. Commission a study and/or organize event to review existing practices and mechanisms to improve local actors' engagement and access to pooled funding mechanism [GB]	Lead: OCHA-FCS, MERCY MALAYSIA Support: CAFOD, ICVA, IFRC, OCHA-CERF, UNICEF	This activity will be undertaken in coordination with the work on the following activity of the WG: "Develop a compendium of best practices and an operational guidance on building the capacity of frontline national responders, taking into account implementation of the IASC/UNDG/UNISDR Common Framework for Preparedness".	Q4
2. Commission field-focused study: Phase 2 of the Partner Capacity Assessments Review	Lead: OCHA-FCS Support: Oxfam, Start Network, ICVA	Linked to the CBPF – NGO Dialogue Platform and OCHA's ongoing effort to harmonize PCAs for CBPFs	Q3/Q4
3. Follow-up on improvements to enhance the scale and nimbleness of the CBPF mechanism to boost frontline response [GB]	Lead: OCHA-FCS	OCHA is working on functional improvements to enhance the scale and nimbleness of the CBPF mechanism. Related forums where OCHA's thinking and initiative are being discussed include the PFWG, CBPF-NGO Dialogue Platform and the HFTT. The intent of this activity is to keep the HFTT informed of progress and harness feedback and technical advice from members of the task team.	Ongoing
4. Map existing, emerging, and innovating funds, and analyse best ways to engage them	Lead: IOM Support: World Vision, FAO, Start Network, OCHA-CERF, OCHA-FCS, WHO		Q3
5. Commission a study exploring ways to unlock multi-year funding, complementing OCHA evaluation on multi-year planning [GB]	Lead: OCHA-PAMS, OCHA-RMSS Support: WFP, WHO		TBC

Output #2: Re-negotiate restrictive donor requirements			
Activities	Focal Points	Complementarity	Timeframe
1. Finalise and roll-out HFTT Donor Condition report [GB] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise 2-3 top conditions Adopt the report as IASC HFTT paper with confirmation from co-sponsors Share final product with GHD 	Lead: UNFPA, WFP Support: Co-chairs, co-sponsors		January February February
2. Finalise and roll-out NGO Field-Level Analysis of Donor Conditions' impact [GB]	Lead: ICVA Support: NRC		By April
3. Develop two-year advocacy strategy to reduce burdensome conditions, including indicators, that is tailored to the GHD broadly as well as specific donors [GB]	Lead: TBC Support: UNFPA, WFP, ICVA, CAFOD, WHO		On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS
4. Explore options for the creation of a regularly updated donor comparison index to strengthen awareness of the GHD Principles and advocate for their implementation [GB]	Lead: TBC Support: TBC		On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS

Output #3: Contribute to aid effectiveness by reducing the humanitarian-development divide			
Activities	Focal Points	Complementarity	Timeframe
1. Work with UNDG transitions workstream on financing across humanitarian - development operations	Lead: Co-sponsors Support: OCHA, UNDP, UNHCR, FAO, WFP, WHO, NGOs (TBC)		On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS
2. Develop mapping of ongoing and planned initiatives and processes related to financing and pooled funding across the humanitarian and development operations, and develop tools and knowledge products to address gaps	Lead: TBC Support: TBC		On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS
3. Develop joint HFTT messaging on bridging humanitarian - development divide	Lead: World Bank Support: WFP, FAO, UNHCR, UNDP, WHO		Q1
4. Map and analyse humanitarian-development funding flows to crises and disaster risk management	Lead: TBC Support: DI		On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS

Output #4: Improve transparency through strengthening empirical knowledge base on funding flows (in and out)			
Activities	Focal Points	Complementarity	Timeframe
1. Review the criteria for inclusion of funding flows in FTS, within the humanitarian mandate only [GB]	Lead: OCHA-FTS Support: DI, UNHCR, WHO	IATI guidelines on correct use of humanitarian tag (which will be based on the revised criteria for inclusion)	Q1-Q2 (pre-WHS)
2. Develop comprehensive IASC policy on FTS reporting [GB]	Lead: OCHA-FTS Support: UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO		Q4
3. Develop a package of introductory materials and key messages for using IATI [GB]	Lead: DI, OCHA-FTS Support: UNICEF		Q1-Q2 (pre-WHS)
4. Commission a study on creating a global reporting platform [GB]	Lead: UNDP Support: DI	In support of HLP recommendation of a global platform to capture a more complete funding picture (expanding beyond FTS to capture development and resilience funding, remittances etc.)	On hold, pending discussions on the Grand Bargain and outcome from WHS

Tabled for future HFTT discussion, either in an HFTT meeting or HFTT mid-year review:

- Learn from UNICEF's experience in saving costs through pre-investment in commodities
- Update on alternative HRP costing methodologies (linked to the Principals' activity on costing methodologies, and SG report on transparent costing)
- New international financing platform for protracted crises (proposed in the SG's report)
- Collective funding vs. project funding (proposed in the SG's report)
- Compulsory and comprehensive reporting system (proposed in the SG's report), clarifying its relation to FTS
- Implications of Multi-year funding