***IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team Work Plan***

**January 2016 - December 2017**

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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 also includes operationalisation of the Grand Bargain as a cross-cutting issue [GB]. This Work Plan was reviewed in July and September 2016 following the outcomes of WHS.*

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| **Output #1: Adequate humanitarian financing, which is context appropriate and accessible to operational organisations on the ground** | | | |
| **Activities** | **Focal Points** | **Complementarity/Notes** | **Timeframe** |
| 1. Commission a field-focused study and a follow-up multi-stakeholder event (i.e. seminar type) to review existing practices and mechanisms to improve local actors’ engagement in the programming and delivery of humanitarian assistance, particularly through their access to pooled funding mechanisms **[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”. | 2016 Q4 |
| 1. Commission Phase 2 of field-focused study to review the Partner Capacity Assessment (PCA) process, followed by a multi-stakeholder discussion on the possibility of developing global standards to increase interoperability across different PCA systems and approaches. | **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 – as well as to the donor conditions workstream (Objective 2) | 2016 Q4 |
| 1. Ensure follow-up through periodic briefings and feedback during the HFTT regular meetings on OCHA’s 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 |
| 1. Develop a ‘localisation marker’ **[GB]** | **Lead:** CAFOD, OCHA-FCS, DI  **Support:** ICVA, OCHA-CERF, Oxfam | This activity links to the Grand Bargain Commitment to ‘develop, with the IASC, and apply a localisation marker to measure direct and indirect funding to local and national responders’. GB Sherpa leads for the *more support and funding tools for local and national responders*, IFRC and Swiss government, will be invited to contribute to framing of the marker. | 2017 |
| 1. Commission a study exploring the scope and implications of multi-year financing in the context of multi-year planning, including on work across the humanitarian - development nexus. **[GB]** | **Lead:** OCHA-RMSS/PAMS, FAO, NRC  **Support**: UNDP, WHO, WFP |  | 2017 |

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| **Output #2: Re-negotiate restrictive donor requirements** | | | |
| **Activities** | **Focal Points** | **Complementarity/Notes** | **Timeframe** |
| 1. Finalise and roll-out HFTT Donor Condition report **[GB]**    1. Adopt the report as IASC HFTT paper with confirmation from co-sponsors    2. Share final product with GHD | **Lead:** UNFPA, WFP  **Support:** Co-chairs, co-sponsors | “[Donor Conditions and Their Implications for Humanitarian Response](http://www.alnap.org/resource/22372)” presented at the March 2016 Working Group meeting with GHD donors, published in April 2016 | Completed |
| 1. Finalise and roll-out NGO Field-Level Analysis of Donor Conditions’ impact **[GB]** | **Lead:** ICVA  **Support:** NRC | “[Less Paper More Aid](file:///C:\Users\Juan.Chaves\AppData\Local\Temp\notes78F222\LessPaperMoreAid.org)” published in May 2016, findings presented to UN agencies and Member States at the 17 May 2016 “NGOs Forward” Member briefing | Completed |
| 1. Develop light advocacy product that: 1) maps out who is doing what related to donor conditions; 2) suggests key emerging messages & targets **[GB]** | **Lead:** NRC + WFP  **Support:** UNFPA, ICVA, CAFOD, WHO | Building on NRC planned tour of capitals presenting the findings of recent NRC study. | 2017 |
| 1. Organize a workshop with reporting practitioners and experts to: 1) reach a common understanding of existing reporting requirements; 2) highlight concerns and obstacles; & 3) consider GPPI proposed harmonization template. **[GB]** | **Lead:** ICVA, UNICEF  **Support:** TBC | Build on the findings of activities #1 and #2 as well as a forthcoming GPPI study. Complement Grand Bargain reporting workstream. | 2016 Q4 |
| 1. 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 | CIVICUS will be developing a “generosity tracker” over the next year, & the Grand Bargain transparency workstream will result in additional activities related to the IATI data standard. | On hold, pending development of other trackers |

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| **Output #3: Contribute to aid effectiveness by reducing the humanitarian-development divide** | | | |
| **Activities** | **Focal Points** | **Complementarity/Notes** | **Timeframe** |
| 1. Lead the HFTT’s engagement with interagency policy around the hum/dev agenda through contributing to and participating in the IASC/UNDG retreat in 2016 and carrying over leadership of the financing dialogue and research into 2017. | **Lead:** FAO, UNDP, World Bank  **Support:** OCHA, UNHCR, WFP, WHO, NGOs | Complements the work of the IASC TT on hum/dev nexus | On-going with work extending into 2017 |
| 1. Consolidate key themes and messages from relevant on-going mapping exercises in order to utilise information better within the HFTT and IASC communities on the cross-section around humanitarian and development financing. This includes, facilitating debriefs for the HFTT. | **Lead:** FAO, UNDP, World Bank |  | 2016 Q4 |

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| **Output #4: Improve transparency through strengthening empirical knowledge base on funding flows (in and out)** | | | |
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| 1. Develop materials, key messages and guidelines for using IATI for humanitarian reporting, including clarity on differences between IATI, FTS and other reporting systems. **[GB]** | **Lead:** DI, OCHA-FTS  **Support:** UNICEF +1 CSO (tbc) + 1 Donor (tbc) |  | 2016 Q4 |
| 1. Review and make recommendations on policy issues and challenges concerning humanitarian financial tracking in FTS, including criteria for inclusion and developing a comprehensive IASC policy on FTS reporting. | **Lead:** OCHA-FTS  **Support**: UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO |  | 2016 Q4 |
| 1. 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, until the beginning of 2017, pending the finalization of the GB process. The TT will meanwhile ensure coherence and coordination with other relevant initiatives in preparation for possible work at the beginning of next year. |