**Planned Products and Policy Documents:**

**HFTT -** Best practice study on strengthening local actor’s engagement; Mapping of pooled funds; Assessment of multi-year financing and planning; Report on donor conditions and implications for humanitarian action; Guidelines on IATI; Localisation Marker Development

**TT on AAP/PSEA** - Provide help desk on AAP/PSEA; Assessment methodology on AAP/PSEA; SOPs on inter-agency referral of complaints; Mapping of AAP/PSEA task forces at field level; Best practice on enforcing code of conduct breaches and on referring Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) cases that may arise to criminal misconduct to competent authorities

**TT on HDN –** IASC position paper on HDN; HDN criteria and conditions compendium; Mapping of operational guidance documents; Study on typologies of response scenarios; Compendium of best practice report on HDN; Survey of field-based approaches to HDN and lessons learnt; Principles for advancing collective action; Assessment of existing planning tools and guidance; Review of TA protocols and operational guidance in protracted situations

**TT on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action –** Guidelines on inclusions of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action

**RG on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness -** EW/EA Readiness report; Review of INFORM; ERP online tool; EA Framework; Review of ERP; Emergency preparedness simulation methodology; Standards of EW and preparedness tracking tool; WHO simulation preparation for IASC Principals

**RG on PHA -** Online PHA resource platform; Evidence study on the impact of Counterterrorism (CT) Measures on PHA; Template for CT and exemption clauses in donor contracts; Information note on Preventing/Countering Extremism (P/CVE); Common messages and recommendations on the link between P/CVE and humanitarian action; Briefing paper on the impact of a tax on PHA

**RG on MHPSS -** Common M&E Framework; MHPSS Referral Form; Review and translation of MHPSS Guidelines; Education Sector Guidelines MHPSS; Study on MHPSS and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**RG on GHA -** Report on IASC Gender Policy Review; Revision of IASC Gender Policy; IASC Accountability framework; Gender-related IASC common message; IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action handbook revision; Revision of Gender Marker; Guidance on integrating gender equality; SOP for L3 Gender Engagement.

**RG on MCHUA -** Guidelines on best practice of Humanitarian Operations in Urban Areas; Community outreach methodology and best practice; Rapid multi-sectoral urban assessment methodology; Comprehensive Urban Profiling Approach; Indicators for Civilians of Urban Emergencies; Revision of health equity assessment response tool; Guidance for Operational Responses to populations displaced by Urban Criminal Violence; Toolkit of vulnerability indicators; Preparedness guidance for food security and livelihood responses to conflict in urban areas

**RG on Protracted Displacement -** Study on the Impact of Long-Term Internal Displacement and Way Forward

**Collective steps forward in 2017**

**TT on Humanitarian-Development Nexus**

1. Establishing a common understanding of what is required for humanitarian, development and peace actors to implement the New Way of Working
2. Review and assess current policy, guidance and operational tools to identify gaps and best practices
3. Jointly work with UNDG and its subsidiary bodies on refining and expanding on joint principles towards Collective Outcomes
4. Provide multi-agency technical support to country teams that express interest in implementing the New Way of Working.

**TT on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action**

Mobilise further financial and technical resources; Recruit necessary human resources- project coordinator, expert consultants etc.; Conduct data collection, mapping and research activities;

1. Conduct consultations, including online and field consultations engaging wide range of stake-holders; develop an initial draft of the Guidelines.

* **Preparatory Phase One:** Formation of Task Team and Terms of Reference and Work Plan (Q3, Q4 2016)
* **Phase Two:** Resource Mobilization and Human Resources (Q4 2016 Q1, Q2 2017)
* **Phase Three:** Data Collection, Mapping and Research (Q2, 2017)
* **Phase Four:** Development of Initial Draft Guidelines (Q3 2017 – Q3 2018)
* **Phase Five:** Final Review, Validation and Production (Q4 2018)

**RG on Gender and Humanitarian Action**

***1. LEADERSHIP ON GENDER EQUALITY -*** provide guidance and support, wherever feasible, to all bodies and structures of the IASC to be able to incorporate gender equality into relevant aspects of their work.

***2. ACCOUNTABILITY TO GENDER EQUALITY*** - support and champion the IASC’s commitment to work in an inter-agency fashion.

***3. COORDINATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT*** – Provide the humanitarian community with timely and practical information, tools and resources in order that they can meet its commitments to gender equality towards the goal of gender equality in all aspects of humanitarian action

**RG on meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas**

1. Lead the revision of the **IASC** **Urban Strategy** (next period: 2018 – 2020) and the related **IASC RG MHCUA Action Plan**, to be endorsed by IASC WG and IASC Principals by end of 2017/early 2018;
2. Lead a consultative process within the IASC bodies (Members, Clusters, Inter-Cluster, Reference Groups and Task Teams) on how to improve coordination and aid delivery in urban areas. The outcome will be reflected in a ***Guidance Note for improving coordination and responses to Urban Crises in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle through the IASC and its Cluster System***, to be endorsed by IASC WG and IASC Principals by end of 2017;
3. Promote **joint initiatives with IASC Task Teams**, with a specific focus on AAP in Urban Areas and Humanitarian/Development Nexus;
4. Continue supporting post-WHS and post-Habitat III processes and commitments for action, including through continuous engagement with and support of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises as per the MHCUA Action Plan;
5. Continue the implementation of the overall Action Plan through RG Partners in support of delivering SDGs (especially target 11), NUA and other global international agreements.

**TT on AAP/PSEA**

1. Support Humanitarian Country Teams operationalise accountability and PSEA, including provision of technical support (both remotely and on site), capturing and sharing good practice on AAP and PSEA, and dissemination of practical guidance for cluster and the inter-cluster coordination groups on strengthening AAP and Protection throughout the Humanitarian Program Cycle
2. AAP/PSEA placement within humanitarian procedures and processes in the field: Mapping of current initiatives, interagency projects and key reports related to AAP and PSEA in 2016; Support the reinforcement of the responsibilities on AAP and PSEA for the Humanitarian Coordinator role
3. Ensure the PSEA workstream complements other PSEA-related initiatives and addresses gaps at the field and global levels, strengthen investigation and protection responses to SEA allegations, Support issues raised following the CBCM pilots and during the discussion on global SOPs

**RG on Risk, Early Warning and Preparedness**

1. Continuing EW/EW and Readiness Report (May/Nov) as well as INFORM development, in particular sub-national models in selected at-risk countries;
2. Linkages with early warning and analysis with other communities (development and peace and security) under way as part of EW/EA Reporting;
3. ERP: 21 more countries to start implementation in 2017. ERP Review– including incorporation of preparedness for cash based transfers;
4. Simulation: IASC standardization of exercise methodologies;
5. Roll out of Common Framework for Preparedness (in relation to GPP implementation);
6. Development/refinement of preparedness tracking tool;
7. Development of preparedness costing models, potentially to support decision making by the ERC and EDG.

**RG on Protracted Displacement**

Building on research and analysis by several independent thought leaders and studies commissioned by members, the Reference Group will collaborate in 2017 with development and peacebuilding coordination bodies on practical and consistent guidance applicable to all international actors engaging in IDP situations, so as to improve the predictability and cohesiveness of responses and inclusive service provision throughout the displacement cycle.

**RG MHPSS**

1. Support missions plus remote technical support provided to country-level MHPSS coordination groups.
2. Operationalisation of the MHPSS-Capacity building project – to provide inter-agency surge support and additional country-level MHPSS technical support in humanitarian contexts. Possibly to develop a MHPSS-CAP.
3. Development and implementation of six guidance notes outlining suggested tools to measure the six impact level indicators related to the IASC RG Common M&E Framework goal.
4. Development of MHPSS Resources and Toolkit webpage for country level MHPSS Coordinators. This toolkit will be hosted on MHPSS.net and will link to the GPC’s Handbook for Protection Cluster Leads.
5. Publication of Russian, Turkish, Greek and Ukrainian language versions of the IASC MHPSS Guidelines.
6. Translation of the *Inter-Agency Referral Form and Guidance* *Note* into Arabic, French, Russian Turkish and Ukrainian languages. Referral workshops are planned in Tanzania (February 2017), and in Iraq and Ukraine (April 2017).
7. Translation of the *Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for MHPSS* into French and Arabic.
8. Engagement at the Global DRR Platform in Cancun (May 2017) and developing DRR Guidance for South Asia.
9. Proposed transition of Co-Chair leadership from UNICEF to WHO in July 2017, for the period July 2017 – July 2018.

**TT on HFTT**

1. Adequate humanitarian financing that is context appropriate and accessible to operational organizations on the ground

2. Re-negotiate restrictive donor requirements

3. Contribute to aid effectiveness by reducing the humanitarian/development divide

4. Improve transparency through strengthening empirical knowledge base on funding flows

**RG on Principled Humanitarian Action**

1. Collection and promotion of tools, guidelines, training on humanitarian principles (creation of a platform of consolidated resources)
2. Support exchange of good practices on the application of humanitarian principles through the establishment of an online community of practices (CoPs)
3. Raise awareness and promote the value and importance of respecting humanitarian principles by engaging on a number of selected priority themes and/or country-specific contexts
4. Continue to gather and share evidence of the impact of CT measures on principled humanitarian action amongst IASC members - including information on concrete impact that goes beyond the ‘chilling effect’ (e.g. estimated average length of delays in channelling assistance because of COTER measures, examples of COTER clauses preventing aid distribution in certain areas, etc.).
5. Revive the development of a common template for CT and exemption clauses in donor contracts. As a first step take stock of red-lines of humanitarian actors, and existing clauses through information sharing amongst IASC members.
6. Develop a two-pager informative note on P/CVE for humanitarian actors.
7. Develop common messages and recommendations regarding the link between P/CVE and humanitarian action. To be shared with IASC Principals (not necessarily formally endorsed).
8. More information sharing of experience and learnings related and evidence of P/CVE trends and their impact
9. Following some attacks, the RG prepares guidance on ways to react and the need to seek justice, including possible reactive statements.
10. Develop a briefing paper, based on case studies, on the impact of attacks on PHA and access of civilians to basic services.
11. Disseminate information and contribute to advocacy for a better protection of humanitarian action.