

IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team Meeting

Date: 20 September 2017
Chair: Lisa Doughten (OCHA/CERF) and Melissa Pitotti (ICVA)

Agenda

1. Briefing by MPTF office on the Strategic Financing Working Group
2. Review of output 3 of HFTT work plan: humanitarian – development nexus
3. Discussion on the endorsement by HFTT of the definitions paper produced by the Localization Marker Sub-group
4. AOB

Logistics

In Geneva: Room D-610, D building, 6th floor, Palais des Nations
In New York: 13th floor conference room, DC2-1370, 2 UN Plaza, 44th Street
Via Webex: Meeting number 648 707 204; password 12345

Notes

1. Briefing by MPTF office on the Strategic Financing Results Group

MPTF: The Working Group on Transitions ceased to exist and a lot of its work will be taken forward by the Strategic Financing Results Group. The work plan of this group was largely informed by the work of the IASC group on humanitarian development nexus and by the paper “from funding to financing”.

Please see the attached presentation: “Strategic Financing Results Group and UN financial data related initiatives”

2. Review of output 3 of HFTT work plan: humanitarian – development nexus

UNDP and FAO briefed the other participants in the meeting on the discussions they have had with the WB (third co-lead) and the HFTT co-chairs. It was agreed to simplify the wording of the current activities under output 3 and to focus more on information sharing and improved coordination with other relevant TTs, for example: IASC HDN TT, GB WS 10 and UNDG RG on Strategic Financing; in order to avoid duplications and parallel processes. Some of these discussions on better coordination have already taken place between these groups, as all three co-leads are either co-leading on other TTs or at least participating in them.

UNDP and FAO raised the question whether information sharing and coordination should be an activity in itself under output 3 or instead should be an integral part of the HFTT in general, as it in itself does not have a concrete output.

IASC Secretariat: The task teams and reference groups recently had a workshop. There is a strong call for HFTT to work closer with HDNTT and other groups on the development side.

ICVA (co-chair): There still is a lot of misunderstandings and lack of clarity on the New Way of Working. For instance, the IASC HDNTT will work on light guidance on how to articulate collective outcomes, but it is unclear who is working on how to finance collective outcomes.

UNDP: It should be possible that sufficient linkages are in place between various groups but it will require a more consistent exchange of information.

FAO: The work on collective outcomes are part of the work plan of HDNTT. We believe that this should be part of other TTs’ work plans as well.

Action Points:

- It was agreed to have additional discussions with the other relevant TTs (mentioned above) to further advance the coordination and to see where and how the HFTT output 3 could add value and enhance synergies.
- The co-leads of output 3 are welcoming ideas from other HFTT members. One suggestion raised from the co-chair / ICVA was to develop a paper reflecting on the financing

components of the NWoW in collaboration with the HDN TT and the UNDG RG on Strategic Financing. This would also link to the light guidance on defining collective outcomes that the HDN TT are planning to develop.

3. Discussion on the endorsement by HFTT of the definitions paper produced by the

OCHA/FCS: More than a year ago, the HFTT agreed to take on the development of the localisation marker. We then realised that the true intension was not to develop the marker but rather improve the tracking. That led us to the need of developing definitions allowing to track the flow of funding to local and national actors. Having these clear definitions will also benefit various databases and systems.

We also realised that HFTT was too limited for this task and expanded the group to local NGOs, donors and other actors. We shared this paper with the GB group and they send it for approval under the silence procedure. Since no organisation broke the silence, in the eyes of the GB group, this paper is approved.

IFRC: The document that was sent for approval under the silence procedure was in fact the paper produced by the GB localisation work stream and the localisation paper produced by the sub-group of HFTT was attached as an annex.

The GHD was clear that they would not accept the definitions developed by the localisation marker sub-group and wanted the funding through one intermediary to count as ‘as direct as possible “. The GB localisation work stream therefore developed a compromise to track direct funding, funding through pooled fund and funding through one intermediary.

FAO: This paper still requires discussion because there is a major omission in it. If donor funds FAO and we use several local partners to implement a project, this funding should be counted as “as direct as possible” funding. Donors would not be able to reach and coordinate these organisations directly.

WFP: we are concerned about the definitions in this paper as well. Does it mean that we are postponing the discussion or should we submit the comments in writing?

UNHCR: We would like to know how many government partners and how many private sector partners were among the organisations that responded to the survey.

ICVA (co-chair): Due to lack of time remaining, we will not take any decisions today, but will continue to work on this to sort out remaining issues.

4. AOB

ICVA (co-chair): Due to the lack of time, the briefing by World Vision on the paper on multi-year funding will have to be postponed to the next meeting. However, the World Vision requests comments on this paper by 6 October.

Participants

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