

## GRAND BARGAIN ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 2019

### UNDP STATEMENT

UNDP appreciates the efforts of the outgoing eminent person Kristalina Georgieva of the World Bank and welcomes the incoming eminent person to the Grand Bargain, Minister Sigrid Kaag.

UNDP is firmly committed to the Grand Bargain and we have made strides – particularly in the areas of system wide support to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus; increase in Cash programming; advancing the commitments on Transparency and increasing support to Localisation. Since the closure of Workstream 10<sup>1</sup> UNDP and Denmark have encouraged and supported the focus on the humanitarian-development nexus through relevant work streams.

- **Work stream 5 on Needs assessments** is examining joined up humanitarian and development analysis of risks, needs and vulnerabilities and has convened humanitarian and development actors to exchange experiences and generate common success criteria for joint analysis;
- **Work stream 3 on Cash** captures humanitarian cash-based programmes and has started building linkages to social protection schemes;
- **Work stream 7 on Multi-year Planning and Funding** is capturing the need to align humanitarian and development planning instruments. Some donors are embarking on multi-year financial arrangements and humanitarian and development stakeholders have been engaged in connecting the new guidance for the Humanitarian Response Plans and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework;
- **Work stream 2 on Localization** has been supported in the field – e.g. by strengthening local actors' ownership and thereby sustainability in preparedness and response;
- **In Work stream 1 on Transparency**, efforts are ongoing to connect better IATI and FTS – humanitarian and development data.

Implementing the humanitarian-development nexus is not just a task for UNDP – it is a collective commitment. Together with other partners, UNDP champions, supports, promotes and integrates the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and the advancement of the New Way of Working in processes outside, but still related to, the Grand Bargain commitments:

**The Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian and Development Collaboration** under the Deputy Secretary-General with participation of the key UN operational agencies and Secretariat Departments and the World Bank, and with the UNDP Administrator and the Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs as vice

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<sup>1</sup> Based on consultations UNDP and Denmark decided to close Work stream 10 on Humanitarian-Development Nexus in 2018 while in turn mainstreaming the nexus into relevant workstreams. The rationale was also to avoid siloes and duplication. The decision was endorsed by Eminent Person, Kristalina Georgieva of the World Bank in March 2018.

chairs. Seven countries - Somalia, Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria, Niger, Burkina Faso, and Ethiopia - are currently being prioritized for support to work across the nexus.

**The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Nexus** is co-chaired by UNDP and Oxfam. The Group will focus on 1) exploring light guidance on collective outcomes 2) identifying the linkages to peace 3) how to best avail inter-agency support to countries 4) exchange of experiences, good practice and lessons learned 5) strengthened data sharing/exchange.

**UNDP has contributed to the revision of planning instruments such as** the new UNSDCF (formerly known as UNDAF), which extends to include the humanitarian-development-peace nexus in assessment and planning where possible as well as the new HRP/HNO guidance, which likewise also stresses the humanitarian-development nexus where possible.

**UNDP together with 19 agencies, is developing a UN Common Guidance on Helping Build Resilient Societies.** This aims to strengthen coherence in UN resilience-building efforts at global, regional, and country levels, covering all types of hazards and risks and promoting greater horizontal collaboration and joined up efforts across the UN system. With a multidimensional risk approach, it aims to ensure that a resilience lens is applied to UN programming across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus.

To move forward the objectives of the Grand Bargain, UNDP proposes to:

- Work towards increasing coherence and complementarity between Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus initiatives, by bringing together system wide efforts around the nexus – including the work of the IASC, the Joint Steering Committee, the UNSDG, and the OECD-DAC. This includes mainstreaming humanitarian-development nexus where feasible and promoting a collective understanding of the definition, the guidance, and the capacities required for implementing the nexus.
- Shift to stronger field focus, by supporting evidence collection of good and innovative practice of joint context, risk and vulnerability analysis, planning and coordination, and continue to contribute to a community of practice, while also supporting the collective capacity building needed to implement the nexus in country. This should be done in tandem with the continued work at the policy and institutional level to bring system wide change, e.g. through the Joint Steering Committee.
- Undertake a review of the existing nine Grand Bargain workstreams with a view to assess the continued need for a workstream in the current environment and considering duplicative existing structures. This can help in a logical rationalisation of the Grand Bargain structure and a consolidation of efforts for efficient use of resources. Identify reasonable end goals and success criteria for the Grand Bargain as a whole, which can help steer towards a transition.