
IASC Results Group 5 – Humanitarian Financing

17 September 2019

Summary Record

Follow-up on Action Points and Adoption of Minutes

The Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing met on 20 August in Geneva to discuss the following agenda:

1. Finalise and agree key messages to donors on tackling barriers and encourage multi-year and unearmarked funding,
2. Brief and discussion on 2020 high level resource mobilisation events,
3. Reporting (deadline by 11 October) and progress on the RG5 workplan,
4. Brainstorm on the 2020 priority areas of work,
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Outstanding Action Points:

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Approval of August Summary Record and Pending Action Points:

Action Points:

- NRC, UNDP, FAO to discuss follow up actions
- Populate the website including with common space with RG4
- Follow up with UNFPA on their pending work
- Share with RG5 outline of collective outcome work (with the minutes)

Key messages on quality funding to donors

RG5 members discussed the feedbacks received in the short round of consultations on the **Key Messages on Quality Funding**. Regarding the use of the key messages, it was agreed that the messages will be:

1. shared with IASC participants of the Grand Bargain Accelerator Workshop (Workstreams 7&8 on quality funding) with the objective to influence discussions and agreement;
2. shared widely for follow on advocacy following the Grand Bargain workshop in order to reach all relevant stakeholders involved in implementing the recommendations. The GB co-Conveners committed to sharing the Key Messages with IASC partners.

The key messages were discussed and revised. It was agreed that the messages will be shared with RG4 and RG5 for final red line comments only.

Members agreed that the outcome of the workshop will inform RG5 follow-on work around quality funding and financing the nexus.

Action Points:

- IASC secretariat to revise Key Messages and share with RG4 and RG5 for final red line comment by 4:00 p.m. (GVA) 18 September 2019.
- IASC secretariat and RG5 co-Chairs to finalise Key Messages and share with GB co-Conveners for distribution and with RG4 and RG5 members by 5:00 (GVA) 18 September 2019.
- GB co-conveners to share with IASC participants of Grand Bargain Accelerator Workshop 19 September 2019 and as background of break out group discussions.

High level resource mobilisation events

The 2020 GHO will be launched on 4 December 2019 in several locations, namely Geneva (Palais), Berlin (with GFFO), London (with DFID), Brussels (with ECHO) and Washington (hosted by the World Bank). It is intended that each location will see the participation of an IASC Principal and hold a panel discussion on a specific topic.

In the last two years the GHO included a page with high-level events planned on certain issues. It is not clear whether such a page will again be included.

For 2020, there are likely to be events for Yemen and possibly Syria. On GBV for which the Oslo conference was held this past May, there is no specific event planned for 2020, however there is a planned event around the 2020 UN General Assembly meeting. Members raised the following issues as being most pertinent: Sahel (link to climate change and conflict), the Ebola outbreak in DRC, implementing the humanitarian - development – peace nexus, climate change and the humanitarian impact of climate driven crises. Initial discussions with the ERC on these events will be held by the end of this month.

Reporting of the Results Group to OPAG

The reporting of this Results Group to the OPAG is due on 11 October 2019. The group agreed that the priority leads draft and share with the co-Chairs (copying IASC correspondence at IASCcorrespondence@un.org) the achievement narrative according to the reporting template by 27 September. By 3 October, the co-Chairs will share a first draft with the group. Feedback on this first draft will then be collected by COB 7 October. Individual follow up with agencies as needed will then lead to the final document to be submitted on 11 October.

Deliverable	Responsible sub-lead for reporting
1.1 Policy recommendations for the improvement of financing instruments that support humanitarian interventions with development co-benefits	NRC, FAO, UNDP
2.1 Providing guidance on utilizing Islamic Social Financing	ICVA
3.1 Briefing paper on barriers to quality financing	NRC, DI
3.2 Key messages on quality funding	OCHA
3.4. Study on benefits of quality funding (tbc.)	NRC, DI, UNICEF

4.1 Harmonized UN partnership agreements; implementation of recommendations presented in April 2019	ICVA
4.2 Cost classification protocol	NRC and UNFPA

2020 priority areas of work

One chapter in the reporting template is on priorities for 2020. Several deliverables are scheduled to take place in 2020 including 1.2 identify and propose solutions in pilot countries around financing the nexus and 2.2. on the cascading of funding to local actors, and 4.3 establish multi-stakeholder pilot implementing cost classification protocol, as well as the continuation of the dialogue with the GHD and strengthening collaboration with the OECD.

The workshop this week is likely to identify other priorities and opportunities for 2020.

RG5 will want to increase efforts to include local NGO participation, which may include webinars or other mechanisms to solicit inputs on key issues being addressed by the RG.

Participants also agreed to contribute to an RG5-led IASC event or webinar on key outputs, ideally before the end of 2019.

AOB

- The objective of the RG5 site on the IASC website is to make products and resources available to the IASC and the public. It is a key tool furthering collaboration.
 - Action Point: Participants to send co-Chairs and the IASC secretariat feedback for further use of the website.
- The all Results Groups co-chair meeting was held on 10 September, where the co-chairs of the different results groups exchanged their experiences and strengthened their collaboration. One clear outcome of the meeting was the collaboration of RG5 with RG3 regarding COTER.
- The co-chairs are invited to attend the entirety of the OPAG meeting, RG5 will be on the agenda on the second day of the OPAG, 8 November 2019.
- The next **RG5 meeting is scheduled for 2:30-4:00 (GVA) on 15 October**. The agenda will include a presentation and discussion on 1) the OCHA Global Evaluation on Pooled Funds, and 2) the OCHA/NRC Study on Country Based Pooled Funds (CBPF).
 - Action Point: Members to get back to the co-Chairs and/or the IASC secretariat if they wish to table other agenda items.
