

Brief Summary of the IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration Meeting 6 June 2019

Results Group 4 on Humanitarian and Development Collaboration met on 6 June in Geneva/New York to discuss the priority areas of work tasked by the Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG). Given the tight timeline to report to OPAG in September, the Results Group agreed, as its modalities, to form small group of members with proposed leads to take forward each of the OPAG-agreed priority areas of work. The proposed leads will call for volunteers to participate in the small groups and share with the Results Group co-Chairs and members of RG 4 progress of concrete activities, timelines and engagement with non-IASC bodies during the next meeting planned on 4 July. The Results Group will focus on activities that will have the **most impact on field effectiveness** and have the **highest return on investment**.

We discussed and agreed on the following:

Priority Area of Work: Finalize and disseminate **guidance on collective outcomes** in order to ensure a common understanding of analysis, funding and financial strategies, and effective coordination initiatives. This priority area of work will be taken forward through two defined activities:

- **[Lead: WFP]** Finalise the existing **document** as a contribution to the discussion:
 - Members to send red line comments only by 21 June;
 - WFP to rephrase the title and introduction to the document, reflecting that it is an IASC contribution to the conceptualization of collective outcomes.
 - IASC secretariat to advise on distribution channels and distribute as relevant.

- **[Leads: WHO, UNHCR in collaboration with UNICEF, UNDP, World Vision, WFP and IOM]**
 - Unpack what further needs to be developed in collaboration with key external stakeholder to concretize and advance guidance on collective outcomes with greater operational specificity. Members in particular noted the importance of including and addressing pertinent principles in the guidance such as gender, prevention, peace, justice and human rights.
 - Finalize guidance on collective outcomes.

Priority Area of Work: Capture and **disseminate good practices on humanitarian and development collaboration** within the IASC. This should be done in close collaboration with key entities including the Joint Steering Committee to advance humanitarian and development collaboration (JSC) and the United Nations Development Coordination Office (UNDCO). This priority area of work will be taken forward through two defined activities:

- **[Leads:]** Consolidate lessons learned and identify good practices (including opportunities for strengthening the sharing of data and adaptation of planning tools) on humanitarian and development collaboration within the IASC as identified in the JSC 7 pilot countries study, the NRC/FAO/UNDP study on financing instruments supporting humanitarian interventions with development co-benefits, the CIC/NYU study on collecting evidence, the Country Snapshots, and the IOM Case Study. *Collaborate with Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing, in particular around its mapping of financing instruments supporting humanitarian interventions with development co-benefits.*
- **[Suggested lead: IOM]** Workshop on good practices on humanitarian and development collaboration within the IASC.

Priority Areas of Work: Finalize the development of an inter-agency guidance on the **HDN and its linkages to peace**, while safeguarding humanitarian principles

- **[Leads: IASC secretariat]:** Conclude the *Key Messages on the Humanitarian-Development Nexus and its Links to Peace*, maintain on the IASC website as a living document for future further development in collaboration with other stakeholders as required. Members to suggest avenues for further dissemination.
- **[Leads:]** Update the inter-agency guidance on the HDN and its linkages to peace as relevant and at least on a biannual basis.

Priority Areas of Work: Upon request, provide **support to country operations** through a system of **pooling capacities**, including by working with the humanitarian-development nexus community of practitioners, the Joint Steering Committee, among others. Members discussed the applicability of this deliverable given the non-operational nature of the Results Group and the variety of ongoing activities providing field level support to the implementation of the humanitarian development nexus. Members also discussed opportunities to work with other mechanisms, such as Peer-2-Peer and UNDCO in taking forward this initiative, as well as the need to collaborate with Results Group 1. This priority area of work will be taken forward through the following activities:

- **[Leads: WFP/ICVA]** Strengthen field practitioners by maintaining and expanding the community of practice Network (HDN CoPN)
- **[Leads: IASC secretariat]**-to ascertain the continued relevance of support requested by the Mali UNCT and assess feasibility/best placed mechanism to respond.

Priority Areas of Work: Strengthen the **sharing of data and analysis** and enable the adaptation of planning tools to support better alignment between country-based humanitarian and development plans. Members discussed the background to this deliverable and suggested addressing it within activities delivering **good practices on humanitarian and development collaboration** within the IASC. In addition, the following leads will review and further develop the following activity:

- **[Leads: in collaboration with World Vision/IOM and GB workstream on needs assessment]** Review and suggest adaptation of key planning tools to support better alignment between country-based humanitarian and development plans

Ways of working and meeting modalities: Members discussed the groups' **ways of working and meeting modalities**. It was suggested to hold **two face-to-face meetings per year**, as well as **monthly Results Group 4 calls** with the potential to attend in person in either Geneva or New York or by audio. In addition, calls between the leads of priority actions and volunteers, as well as between the co-Chairs and the leads of priority action areas will take place as necessary. The IASC secretariat will send calendar invitations for future meetings and meetings will be included in the IASC Forward Agenda.

The co-Chairs will report back to OPAG as expected on 9 September and 11 November, in collaboration with the IASC secretariat.

The next meeting will be held on 4 July 2019.