IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration
11 February 2020

Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 11 February 2020 to discuss the following:

1. Action points from last meeting and adoption of minutes
2. An update from the JSC
3. Updates from the "Collective Outcomes" workstream
4. Updates from the "HDN and its linkages to Peace" workstream
5. Updates from (a) Community of Practice; (b) field support; and (c) knowledge management
6. Pop-up sessions
7. AOB

The following is a brief summary of the discussions and action points agreed during the meeting.

Follow-up on Action Points and Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 January 2020 were approved. RG4 co-Chair highlighted that the majority of the action points from the previous meeting were actioned. Those requiring further follow-up are captured below.

Action Points:

1. Members interested in participating in the "knowledge management" workstream to express their interest by writing to the co-Chair (Ms. Marta Valdez, marta.valdes@oxfam.org) with copy to the IASC secretariat focal point (Ms. Jione Park, jione.park@un.org).
2. OECD to share a concept note and action planning on the upcoming INCAF discussions.
3. Co-Chair to rephrase the workplan language which describes the Group's country support activity to better capture the agreed way forward.

Updates from the JSC

UNDP shared that the ERC and UNDP Administrator took office as the JSC's co-Chairs last October and have been exploring the JSC's optimal roles, given the advantage of being a high-level forum as well as the limitation of convening only twice a year. Both the ERC and UNDP Administrator recently visited Sudan and are trying to identify how best to support the Sudanese Government to capitalize on the political momentum and ensure adequate humanitarian-development collaboration in transition towards social cohesion and macro-economic stabilization. Initial discussion took place between the JSC co-Chairs and the RC/HC of Sudan, and relevant background papers will be circulated with JSC members with possibility for further distribution. The JSC plans to open information through its website and will discuss with OCHA on how best to engage with NGOs.

RG4 co-Chair highlighted the willingness to explore how to strengthen collaboration with the JSC and to identify how RG4 can contribute to the JSC's priorities. UNDP proposed liaising with Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director of OCHA's Coordination Division, who represents the JSC co-Chairs at technical level to discuss how best to represent humanitarian agencies in the JSC discussions.

While the JSC's new leadership will focus on Sudan during the coming months to capitalize on the momentum urgently building up on the ground, the work is ongoing with the original seven priority countries with the second generation of collective outcomes taking place in Chad and a nexus workshop organized at the end of last year in Niger upon the Government's request. UNDP proposed presenting a brief update on these seven countries in future meetings and agreed to arrange a session in consultation with RG4 co-Chair.

UNDP further shared key results of the High-Level Briefing to Member States on JSC's roles and work which took place in January upon the request of the Russian Federation. Member States sent a clear signal that they want to see more clarity and tangible results of the JSC's roles on the ground. Members were requested to share any thoughts as to how the JSC can be more agile in creating enabling environments on the ground, without stifling locally established mechanisms.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chair to arrange with UNDP an update session on the seven JSC priority countries.
2. Co-Chair to liaise with Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director of OCHA's Coordination Division to discuss how best to represent humanitarian agencies in the JSC discussions.

Updates from the Collective Outcomes subgroup

UNHCR shared that a session dedicated to discussing the IASC Guidance on Collective Outcomes was held at the HNPW on 3 February: "Collective Outcomes: Planning and implementing the triple nexus in contexts of protracted crisis - IASC Guidance." The session was fruitful in terms of active participation of large audience and useful feedback received relevant to RG4's work.

UNHCR further updated members of the progress being made with the *IASC Guidance on Collective Outcomes*. The draft is being finalized with some key feedback to be incorporated, including the recognition for humanitarian principles and development priorities. As soon as the draft is endorsed, a dissemination strategy will be formulated, including through a Peer-2-Peer webinar. RG4 co-Chair added that during the dissemination it would be positive to go beyond the positive and deal with the challenges involved with advancing the nexus on the ground.

Other updates from HPNW

In addition to the session on collective outcome, RG4 members participated in and led other sessions during the HPNW. RG4 co-Chair was invited to introduce the conversation to the session on the Nexus environment: "who do we need to know and what enablers are required?", organized by the CAN on 5 February. Several RG4 members facilitated group discussions around conflict analysis, actors to be involved, and key ongoing processes. The case of Burkina Faso was discussed on 7 February, led by UNHCR colleagues. UNHCR agreed to share write-ups of the three nexus-related sessions that took place during the HNPW.

Action Points:

1. UNHCR to share write-ups of the three nexus-related sessions that took place during the HNPW.

Updates from the HDN and its Linkages to Peace workstream

IOM shared that a core group was formed composed of IOM, FAO, World Vision, PBSO and OECD to strengthen the articulation of Peace in the Nexus. Terms of references were developed and will be shared with the wider group. The subgroup decided to produce an issue paper, not guidance, to discuss the following four topics: (i) the difference between conflict sensitivity and the Peace piece in the HNPN, (ii) the distinction between the hard Peace and soft Peace, 3) HDPN examples, and 4) how organizations with different mandates can situate themselves on

the Peace spectrum. IOM further briefed that the issue paper will be of maximum ten pages with its first draft ready by end April, second draft by end May and final draft by end June. Once the issue paper is ready, the subgroup will embark on updating the *Key Messages on the HDN and its Links to Peace* by end October. Members are invited to express interest by end this week for participating in this workstream by writing to the subgroup leads (Ms. Sarah Zingg szingg@iom.int; Mr. Rodrigue Vinet Rodrigue.Vinet@fao.org; Ms. Sheri Arnott sheri_arnott@wvi.org). RG4 co-Chair requested the subgroup to state the linkages between the issue paper and the Key Messages in its terms of references and explore the possibility to fast track updating the Key Messages to ensure a timely delivery.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chair to share the terms of references of the Peace subgroup with the wider group.
2. Subgroup leads to share a concept note of the issue paper when ready.
3. Members to express interest to join the subgroup by end this week.

Updates from the Community of Practice (CoPN)

WFP and ICVA shared that the CoPN reached out to NGOs through the ICVA network to conduct an informal survey on expectations for the CoPN's next phase. The results will be collated by end this month. The survey will help capture what different members expect from the CoPN as new members continue joining in, and define next steps accordingly. Its terms of references are currently being revised, considering its potential roles in global discussions.

Updates from the Field Support workstream

RG4 co-Chair briefed that no further feedback has been received, since the link to the database of country support was shared. Members were requested to share any further information on respective organizations' capacity in relation to the nexus as well as any support requested and its objectives. Co-Chair proposed to explore more clarity on RG4's roles in supporting the field, apart from building the database, later this month when there is more clarity in terms of the JSC's new focus.

Action Points:

1. Members to share further feedback on respective organizations' capacity in relation to the nexus as well as any support requested and its objectives.

Updates from the Knowledge Management workstream

RG4 co-Chair briefed possible venues for managing knowledge, including using the IASC webpage as a platform to share various documents on good practices and challenges; defining urgent interest and needs in documenting knowledge and advancing discussions; and providing a space to share different experiences. Co-Chair proposed to define a better structure in coming meetings and requested members to express interest to spearhead this workstream. OCHA will explore possibility to participate in this activity post-July and InterAction will revert after an internal review.

Action Points:

1. Members to express interest to lead the Knowledge Management workstream.

Pop-up sessions

RG4 co-Chair shared that a pop-up briefing on the Development Initiative's key findings on donors approach at the triple nexus will be co-organized by the IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration and Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing on 16 February. The IASC secretariat will shortly share further information. Members were requested to suggest any topics and issues that they would like to present at future pop-up sessions.

RG5 co-Chair shared that DI, FAO, NRC, Oxfam and others are carrying forward key findings of the *Financing the Nexus* study, focusing on addressing specific country contexts. A concept note is under development, which will be shared with RG4. A quality funding roundtable is also to take place tentatively in Q2 2020 with the support from UNDP, World Bank and Good Humanitarian Donorship.

Action Points:

1. Members to suggest any topics and issues that they would like to present at future pop-up sessions.

AOB

The Group's **next meeting is scheduled on 12 March 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (NY) / 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (GVA).** Subgroups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.

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