
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

13 January 2020

Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 13 January 2020 to discuss the following:

1. Follow-up on Action Points and adoption of Minutes
2. RG4 2020 Workplan
3. Update from the JSC
4. Update on the collective outcomes guidance
5. A way forward for field support
6. AOB (pop-up sessions, change in co-chairpersonship and next meeting schedule)

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 2 December 2019 were approved. Co-Chairs highlighted action points from the previous meeting for follow-up as follows:

- Co-Chairs shared the [link](#) to the database of existing options for country support to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.
- The *Key Messages on the Humanitarian Development Nexus and its Links to Peace* was finalized without the IASC logo as an HDN TT/ UNSDG document. It will be uploaded on the IASC website. A message is drafted to inform the OPAG co-Chairs via the IASC secretariat.
- To immediately start working on the 2nd edition of the *Key Messages on the Humanitarian Development Nexus and its Links to Peace*, co-Chairs held a call on 10 January with interested parties to take this work forward, including IOM, FAO, OECD, World Vision, ICRC and ICVA.
- Co-Chairs discussed with OECD and IOM on next steps to follow up on the INCAF-IASC workshop and agreed to collaborate around defining peace in the nexus and knowledge management. This will be reflected into the Workplan after further discussion.
- Co-Chairs followed up with ICVA and WFP to discuss how to strengthen alignment between the work of the Community of Practice and RG4. The co-leads of the Community of Practice will consult their members on how to keep the Community more vibrant and how to better contribute to the Group-wide efforts into knowledge management.
- Pop-up sessions are being arranged with the first session scheduled on 24 January to discuss the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on the Ethiopia Drought Response. All Results Groups and Community of Practice members will be invited.

Action Points:

1. The IASC secretariat will upload the *Key Messages on the Humanitarian Development Nexus and its Links to Peace* on the webpage [*actioned*].
2. Co-Chairs will revise the 2020 workplan to reflect the agreed way forward for the workstreams around peace in the nexus and knowledge management.
3. The IASC secretariat will extend the invitation for the first pop-up session to all Results Groups and Community of Practice members.

RG4 2020 Workplan

Co-Chairs proposed two priority areas for the Group to launch in 2020, namely: (i) strengthen the articulation of Peace in the Nexus and (ii) strengthen knowledge management.

Co-Chairs briefed members that they had a call with interested agencies on 10 January to define the focus of strengthening the articulation of **Peace in the Nexus**. They noted that the guidance would be a light, pragmatic note, which includes a list of collective outcomes and different peace approaches which different agencies can adapt to their varying contexts. They are still discussing whether to include political and military aspects, if so to what extent, and whether to base their work on the 2018 HDN TT's peace agenda or start anew. A proposal and ToRs will be developed.

Members inquired about how this work will link to the OECD/INCAF workshop and whether Canada will take part in this activity, given their expressed interest during the workshop. It was recommended to engage with DPKO in taking forward this work and to address redlines to safeguard the humanitarian space against political and military influences. OECD briefed that INCAF discussions are planned on 5 March and 15 May and proposed linking the INCAF discussions with the subgroup's work. OECD will share a concept note in this regard. DI shared a [blog on peace in the nexus](#) which drew upon donor studies and requested members' feedback. PBSO agreed to circulate the final version of the HDP companion piece for the UNSCDF guidance to avoid possible duplication. Co-Chairs also pointed to different documents under development by INCAF and suggested discussing further during the next meeting what complementary roles the Group can play to add value to the sector.

UNFPA and PBSO expressed interest to participate in this workstream. DI requested to be copied to relevant correspondence. Other interested parties were invited to express their interest by contacting the subgroup leads (Ms. Sarah Zingg szingg@iom.int; Mr. Rodrigue Vinet Rodrigue.Vinet@fao.org; Mr. Hugh Macleman Hugh.MACLEMAN@oecd.org; Ms. Sheri Arnott sheri_arnott@wvi.org; Ms. Filipa Schmitz Guinote fquinote@icrc.org; Mr. Samuel Bonnet sbonnet@icrc.org; Mr. Marco Rotelli marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org).

Co-Chairs also briefed members on a way forward for the **knowledge management** workstream which aims to provide a platform to disseminate information regarding IASC members' capacities to support the field and knowledge products on humanitarian-development collaboration, including through the IASC secretariat webpage and pop-up sessions. Co-Chairs noted that initial discussions with INCAF and further discussions will follow with OECD, UNDP, ICVA, OCHA and IASC secretariat. Other interested agencies were invited to express their interest by contacting the co-Chairs.

Members agreed to use the IASC secretariat webpage to build a platform, noting that knowledge management should be structured beyond simply piling documents in one place. Members also suggested referring to the UNDR meta-analysis and other existing structures.

Action Points:

1. Members interested in participating in the "peace in the nexus" and "knowledge management" workstreams will express their interest.
2. OECD will share a concept note on the planned INCAF discussions.
3. PBSO will circulate the final version of the HDP companion piece for the UNSCDF guidance [*actioned*].

Updates from the JSC

UNDP shared that JSC will give a briefing on JSC's roles and work to Member States upon Russia's request, where they expect to hear both positive feedback on the need for working across the nexus as well as pushback to keep the accountability lines separate. Last October, the ERC and UNDP Administrator took on the chairmanship of the JSC to make it more practical and responsive to the needs on the ground. Sudan will be added to the list of pilot countries and JSC is in the process of defining its role to enhance the in-country situations.

Updates from the Collective Outcomes subgroup

The second draft of the collective outcomes guidance was circulated for further feedback. As per feedback received on the first draft, it was shortened significantly to ten pages, with separated annexes providing the details. The feedback on the second draft was divided between merging the main document with annexes to make a stronger argument and leaving it as is for succinctness. These different requests will be incorporated to the next draft with justification for the choices provided. Members were requested to provide further comments by 20 January with Mr. Peter Medway (pmedway13@hotmail.com), copying Mr. Guillaume Simonian (simoniang@who.int) and Ms. Annika Sandlund (sandlund@unhcr.org).

Members raised the importance of having the document endorsed at the latest by end April for the field to have enough time to incorporate the guidance to the next HPC process. Members also proposed adding new Cooperation Framework timelines as an annex.

Members also shared the nexus-related events to take place during the [Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week \(HNPW\)](#) as follows:

- Monday 3 February 16:00 - 17:30, Room 5: Collective Outcomes: Planning and implementing the triple nexus in contexts of protracted crisis - IASC Guidance (IASC)
- Wednesday 5 February 14:00 - 15:30, Room 2: "Nexus Environments" - Who do we need to know and what enablers are required? (IASC and others)
- Friday 7 February 9:00 - 10:30, Room Geneva CCV: Integration of conflict analysis into protection analysis and the Humanitarian-Development-Peace& Security Nexus (GPC, Conflict Analysis Network CAN, UNHCR, WHO, Mercy Corps, Geneva Centre for Security Policy)
- Friday 7 February 10:30 - 12:00 (TBC): 'The future of Protection in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace- Security Nexus: The Burkina Faso example' on Friday 7th (organized by CAN and the GPC)

Action Points:

1. Members will provide further comments to the second draft of the collective outcomes guidance by 20 January to the subgroup leads.

Field Support

Co-Chairs briefed members that they met with the DHC Mali. A key takeaway from the meeting was that field support is not confined to in-country missions, which was widely supported by members. Members further brainstormed easier, cheaper ways to connect colleagues on the ground rather than going on missions, for example by providing good practices in given contexts to the field and gathering together HDPN advisors to hear from them on their needs. Members also inquired how OCHA's roles in supporting the field will change after its composed Humanitarian-Development Collaboration team is decentralized to Istanbul. OCHA explained that the team will try to offer quicker services to the field, while maintaining communication with RG4, given that the majority of the requests have inter-agency implications.

Co-Chairs added that further thoughts are needed to define the Group's normative roles in providing field support, particularly with regard to how to close information gaps; how to bring added value; and how to facilitate information sharing of individual agencies' ongoing work. To properly capture this way forward, co-Chairs proposed rephrasing the current language in the workplan - "*Collate and provide information regarding IASC members' capacities that can be pooled to respond to requests for technical support from the field*" in the workplan".

Action Points:

1. Co-Chairs will rephrase the language which describes the Group's country support activity to better capture the agreed way forward.

AOB

Co-chairs shared that the first pop-up session will take place on 24 January on the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on the Ethiopia Drought Response. Co-Chairs invited members to share suggestions for future pop-up sessions.

Ms. Rachel Scott will replace Ms. Rekha Das in the Group's co-chairpersonship of the Group as of early March.

The Group's **next face-to-face meeting is scheduled on 11 February 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (NY) / 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (GVA)**. Subgroups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.
