
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

2 December 2019

DRAFT Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 2 December 2019 to discuss the following:

1. Follow-up on Action Points and adoption of Minutes
2. Summary of the OPAG meeting
3. Brief on the INCAF-IASC Workshop
4. Finalization of the RG4 2020 Workplan
5. Updates from the Community of Practice
6. End-of-year stock take - new idea for knowledge sharing: pop up sessions

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 5 November were approved. Co-Chairs highlighted action points from the previous meeting for follow-up as follows:

- Co-Chairs revised the template of the database of existing options for country support to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus with additional columns (1. departure dates, 2. end of deployment, and 3. other). Co-Chairs will share the revised template with members for completion. Co-Chairs highlighted the OPAG's guidance to IASC Results Groups not to provide direct country support and the resultant tasking for RG4 to collate and inform on existing mechanisms and options for country support around nexus implementation.
- WHO and UNHCR shared a log of all conversations undertaken by the contractor who is drafting the *Guidance on Collective Outcomes*.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chairs to circulate the revised template of the database of country support around the HDPN. Members to fill in the template by Friday 20 December 2019.

Summary of the OPAG Meeting & Options on the Key Messages on HDN and Links to Peace

Co-Chairs briefed participants on the recently concluded OPAG meeting on 7 November. They noted that their presentation on the progress made in 2019 and proposed priority areas of work for 2020 was well received. The deep-dive session discussed the formulation and roll out of the guidance on collective outcomes.

Co-Chairs noted that the OPAG co-Chairs opposed endorsement of the Key Messages on the HDPN and its linkages to peace, despite the co-Chairs strong appeal to do so in light of the extensive consultation process that had led to the messages' endorsement by the previous IASC Task Team and the UNSDG. The OPAG requested the RG4 to revise the document incorporating the OPAG co-Chairs editorial comments, and to revert on any other comments that were deemed to require a contextual change. Co-Chairs noted that several OPAG members during the meeting had expressed strong support for a swift endorsement of the existing version produced by the previous

IASC Task Team on the Humanitarian-Development Nexus. Co-Chairs also noted that the OPAG had also discussed its ways of working and the process of product endorsement.

RG members expressed regret over the reluctance of the OPAG co-Chairs to endorse the document as is and urged moving forward. One member noted that the conclusion captured in the minutes was quite ambiguous and proposed to literally action on the decision by incorporating purely editorial comments and submit to the OPAG co-Chairs for endorsement. However, members as well as the RG4 co-Chairs highlighted that several of the OPAG co-Chairs' comments would require substantial changes which would require a renewed review and endorsement by the UNSDG. As an alternative, members proposed maintaining the Key Messages in their current form as a product of the previous IASC Humanitarian Development Nexus Task Team (HDN TT) and UNSDG (not carrying the IASC logo), while investing capacity in the Key Messages revision (which would take into account the OPAG co-Chairs comments as well as reflect changes in the operational and policy environment).

Action Points:

1. RG4 to share the *Key Messages on the Humanitarian Development Nexus and its Links to Peace* without the IASC logo as an HDN TT/ UNSDG document (to be shared on the IASC website).
2. RG4 to immediately start working on the 2nd edition of the *Key Messages on the Humanitarian Development Nexus and its Links to Peace*, taking into account the comments received from the OPAG co-Chairs as well as reflect changes in the operational and policy environment.
3. RG4 co-Chairs to communicate this decision to the OPAG co-Chairs via the IASC secretariat.

Key Results of the INCAF-IASC Workshop & Finalization of the 2020 Workplan

IOM and OECD/INCAF briefed members on the INCAF-IASC Workshop on 8 November. The well-attended workshop was deemed fruitful, concluding in concrete agreed next steps: INCAF and IASC agreed to collaborate on better defining and understanding the 'peace pillar' of the nexus. They also proposed collaborating on advocacy in support of strengthening conflict prevention. It was also agreed to collaborate on (i) developing tools encouraging behavior/systems change (audio visual); (ii) identifying and/or developing data and evidence sharing mechanisms; and (iii) better understand and strengthen the incentives for sharing data and analysis (iv) mapping of bilateral funding, (v) clarifying and strengthening incentives to engage in nexus approaches. Participants also called for demystifying the nexus, not least by using plain non-technical and non-jargonized language. UN agencies highlighted their roles to give more consistency and predictability to donors, while the INCAF members underlined their roles to strengthen institutional coherence by sending a clear message about the nexus and collective expectations to field colleagues and help set clearer expectations for the peace pillar and to make it more actionable.

RG4 members underlined the need to hold donors accountable to commitments and action, while the agencies and organizations continue making their own efforts to adhere to the recommendations. To prioritize next steps to be included in the RG4's workplan for 2020, OECD/INCAF commented that there is high interest around data, risk tolerance and incentives, while conceptual discussion on the peace dimension was deemed most productive when focused on specific country contexts (INCAF highlighted Sudan, DRC, Iraq and Bangladesh, as possible pilot countries). INCAF was requested to provide further information on their 2020 roadmap after the upcoming INCAF temporary working group meeting. Members noted the need to distinguish where to collaborate and where to provide inputs.

Co-Chairs proposed to have a bilateral talk with OECD and IOM to further develop future collaboration with INCAF delivering towards key 2020 priorities.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chairs to discuss with OECD and IOM future areas of collaboration.

2. IASC secretariat to update the 2020 workplan incorporating the areas of collaboration with INCAF and OPAG suggestions (for review by OPAG).

Updates from the Community of Practice

The Community of Practice briefed on their upcoming call with possible participation from Somalia and Niger and noted a growing number of participants from NGOs. Members agreed on the need to hold a discussion alignment between discussions held/information shared in the Community of Practice and with RG4 and its key deliverables.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chairs to follow up with ICVA and WFP to discuss how to strengthen alignment between the work of the Community of Practice and RG4.

End-of-year stock take

Co-Chairs proposed reserving the regular meetings as a space for decision-making on specific agenda items. To complement this, Co-Chairs proposed scheduling additional RG4 (pop-up) sessions dedicated to discussing thematic issues. Suggested possible thematic issues include an update from the HDN advisor in Cameroon, a briefing on Development Initiatives' best practices study, discussions around completed Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHE), and other topics. The so-called pop-up sessions would be virtual, with flexible participation; no decisions would be made during such meetings. Members welcomed this suggestion. The IASC secretariat was asked to support scheduling of such meetings.

Members gave positive feedback on the role of the co-Chairs and collaborative and professional approach taken in 2019.

Action Points:

1. Co-Chairs to reach out to the leads of thematic issues and key actors with interest to share reports and analysis with RG4 to agree on and arrange a pop-up session, with the support from the IASC secretariat.

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The Group's **next meeting is scheduled on 13 January 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.
