
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

8 October 2020

Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 8 October 2020 to discuss (i) key results of the OPAG discussion on the way forward of the Results Groups, (ii) key results of the INCAF-IASC workshop held on 24 September on the peace in the nexus, (iii) updates on the HDN and its linkages to peace workstream, (iv) dissemination plans of the IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes, and (v) brief updates from the Community of Practice Network (CoPN) and other ongoing workstreams. The co-Chairs noted that all action points agreed at the last meeting on 8 September were implemented. UNPFA informed that it is not possible for them to support proof-reading of the French translation of the IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes.

OPAG Discussion on the Way Forward of the Results Groups

The co-Chairs briefed that the IASC's Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) convened on 25 September to discuss refining the priorities and ways of working of the Results Groups going forward, considering the extension of their mandate through 2021 per the Principals' decision. The OPAG agreed that Results Group 4 would maintain the existing priorities as outlined by the RG4 Co-Chairs, shifting the focus from policy to practice, particularly by supporting field operations. The OPAG also raised the possibility of merging the Results Groups 4 and 5 around the priority workstream of financing the nexus; this proposal was not endorsed. Instead, the OPAG suggested a strengthened collaboration between RG4 and RG5 on this particular deliverable. The Co-Chairs suggested scheduling an in-depth session to share member organizations' internal priorities for 2021 around the nexus to identify opportunities for collaboration with the Results Group 4. A call will be shortly arranged to this purpose.

IOM, expressing support for the direction of the Results Group 4 going forward, noted its ongoing collaboration with WFP to operationalize peace in the nexus, which can be cross-fertilized with the work of the Results Group and other agencies. IOM agreed to share further details on the operationalization plans at the next meeting. IOM did not express support for merging Results Groups 4 and 5 around financing the nexus, considering that the work should focus on more than "humanitarian" financing.

UNPFA, Save the Children and ICVA also voiced concerns over merging the two Results Groups, while closer collaboration would be meaningful to avoid overlaps. Citing learning from operational contexts, ICVA further highlighted the need to better balance the focus on humanitarian and development objectives, as opposed to the recent tendency to put more weight on the development side of the work.

ICRC suggested, going forward, focusing beyond identifying operational challenges and dilemmas encountered, towards identifying solutions, citing challenges around humanitarian principles.

The co-Chairs acknowledged the expressed concerns over potentially merging the Results Groups 4 and 5, while also noting a broad consensus on the need to strengthen collaboration with Results Group 5 around financing the nexus.

Action Points:

1. Share internal efforts to operationalize peace in the nexus at the next meeting [*IOM and WFP*]
2. Strengthen collaboration with Results Group 5 around financing the nexus [*Co-Chairs*]

3. Share with the IASC secretariat or the co-Chairs their organizational priorities around the HDPN for 2021
[Members]

INCAF-IASC Workshop on Peace in Nexus

The co-Chairs briefed that, building on the established good relationship with INCAF, an INCAF-IASC workshop on the peace pillar took place on 24 September with five panelists from the Humanitarian Working Group in Mali, OECD, OCHA, ICRC and Irish Aid. The objective of the conversation was to share key dilemmas in implementing the peace pillar on the ground. With over 90 people participating in the two-hour session, a high level of interest was acknowledged to maintain the INCAF-IASC space to continue such exchanges. Several interesting topics emerged which will merit further discussions, including (i) unpacking what “peace work” and “peace actors” actually means, (ii) understanding key challenges with regard to humanitarian principles, (iii) how to improve collaboration with peace actors without generating tensions, and (iv) where to draw the line in pursuing joint actions. The INCAF-IASC sessions will continue in October and November, possibly around financing the nexus. The [“States of Fragility”](#) (OECD, 2020) paper was introduced as a reference.

IOM noted that the INCAF-IASC discussion was useful for mutual learning, while lacking in providing solutions on how to empower those on the ground.

ICRC suggested involving the Results Group 4 members from the design stage of future INCAF-IASC workshops, including to build common IASC messages to be shared with partners. ICRC also noted that the workshop was meaningful, as it provided an opportunity to bring the humanitarian and development communities together and build mutual understanding.

UNFPA appreciated the opportunity to hear from external partners, while echoing ICRC in the need to discuss key IASC messages prior to future events. UNFPA also noted that the workshop tended to focus more on challenges rather than solutions.

ICVA, noting that it was a useful platform, suggested further thinking around how to better deliver the IASC views to the interlocutors, whether future discussions should aim at decision-makers, and how to give more space to the audience. ICVA further expressed concerns over the growing tendency to apply a blanket approach to the triple nexus, and stressed the need to continue conveying our messages that the HDPN should develop the right level of collaboration required in each context, in line with the advice of the [IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes](#) and the recently drafted Issue Paper on Peace.

The co-Chairs noted the suggestions made for future INCAF-IASC workshops. Members were requested to continue sharing further suggestions.

Action Points:

4. Incorporate the raised suggestions in planning future next INCAF-IASC sessions [Co-Chairs]

HDN and Its Linkages to Peace

The co-Chairs noted that the “Issue paper: Exploring peace within the Humanitarian-Development- Peace Nexus” was shared with the OPAG for review, with many thanks to FAO, IOM, World Vision, PBSO and OECD-INCAF, as well as with all members for feedback. As an issue paper, it succeeded in building a common ground of the potentially divisive issue through extensive consultations. The paper also suggests several key messages, complementary to the [2019 UNSDG and IASC Key Messages on the Humanitarian-Development Nexus and its Links to Peace](#). The next step to the paper will be actions aiming at identifying ways to operationalize the peace in the nexus.

Action Points:

5. Reach out to respective OPAG representatives to facilitate the OPAG review and clearance process [*Members*]
6. Bring ideas and interest of respective agencies in working on the operationalization of the peace pillar to the planning conversation for the next period [*Members*]

Dissemination of the IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes

ICVA, co-leading the dissemination of the [IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes](#) together with UNHCR, briefed that the efforts for further dissemination and socialization of the guidance continued. Translations in Spanish and French were finalized, while translations in Chinese and Swahili were in progress. In collaboration with WFP and the Community of Practice Network (CoPN), a repository was being developed which would incorporate highlights of the Guidance as well as of the DAC recommendations.

The co-Chairs highlighted their participation in the recent roundtable discussion hosted by the Global Protection Cluster, "[Contributing to Collective Protection Outcomes through the Nexus](#)," which was an opportunity to present the Guidance to a wider audience. The co-Chairs suggested highlighting the flexibility of the Guidance in socializing it to the field, drawing from the experience of Cameroon where it was applied mostly during the design phase per the field contexts. The materials presented at the roundtable will be shared through Teams for all members' reference.

UNFPA shared that an internal webinar was held for all staff to socialize the guidance, with over 130 colleagues from different country and regional offices participating to learn and share first-hand experiences. All members were encouraged to actively disseminate and socialize the Guidance within their own organizations, given the high interest from the field.

Action Points:

7. Confirm the possibility to support proof-reading of the French translation of the [IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes](#) [*Members*]
8. Share the available presentations on the Guidance on the Teams group space [*Members*]

Brief Update - Ongoing Work

WFP shared that the CoPN held a call on 8 October to discuss how different regions in Cameroon were taking forward the nexus. A next call will take place towards the end of the year, including to launch the information repository which will incorporate the nexus approaches suggested by the DAC recommendations as well as by the field. ICVA stressed the importance of mapping different impacts on different actors of nexus applications and implementation on the ground. The co-Chairs noted the work of the CoPN as a good example of translating policy to practice.

OECD briefed about the upcoming pop-up session scheduled on 22 October, which would be dedicated to discussing operationalizing nexus in Chad at a sub-national level and ways to materialize joint delivery by area-based, objective-focused programming and coordination.

Indicators on Linkages between the GHRP, SPRP and the Socio-Economic Plan

The co-Chairs suggested discontinuing further work on the indicators on linkages between GHRP, SPRP and the Socio-Economic Plan, given that the context had significantly changed since the tasking was made by the Principals in April and that the GHRP would soon be incorporated into the GHO and WHO would issue a revised strategy for 2021 in response to COVID-19. The co-Chairs suggested instead exploring how to build on the developed indicators during the course of 2021, e.g. as a

useful checklist applied to field operations and to influence advocating with the GHO and other strategies for duly reflecting HDPN considerations.

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IOM suggested organizing a pop-up session on 28 October to present a recently developed IOM [paper](#) on durable solutions and operationalizing the HDPN.

The Group's next meeting is scheduled to take place on **10 November**. The IASC secretariat will share further details in due time. Sub-groups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.

Action Points:

9. Arrange a pop-up session on the IOM paper on durable solutions and operationalizing the HDPN on 28 October
[IOM with support from the IASC secretariat]
10. Continue suggesting ideas for future pop up sessions *[Members]*
