
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

19 January 2021

Summary Record

On 19 January 2021, the IASC Results Group 4 convened to discuss (i) presentation by UNHCR on its proposal to OPAG to strengthen protection across IASC subsidiary structures, (ii) RG4 work streams presentations, (iii) brief update from on-going activities: CoP; Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes dissemination plan; Pop up sessions and (iv) actions and next meeting. Co-chairs confirmed action points from the last meeting and added Gender in the nexus study by UNFPA to the agenda under AOB.

Presentation by UNHCR strengthening protection outcomes across the IASC

UNHCR briefed on its proposal to the Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) to strengthen protection outcomes across the IASC. The initiative aims at elevating Protection in an inclusive and dynamic way across the system without creating new structures, capitalizing on field presence and expertise of IASC members and non-members. The proposal seeks to find ways to apply principles of HCT Protection Strategies to develop global strategies and to identify key protection priorities to address collectively across the IASC. UNHCR suggests to engage further with all Results Groups (RG) on how RG deliverables can contribute towards protection outcomes. Possible opportunities for RG4 include: workstream on humanitarians advocating for protection issues around populations of concern integrated in development planning processes, development of guidance for humanitarian and development partners on programming for protection in the nexus, indicators and measuring protection in national development plans and analysis of population issues in development planning.

In the ensuing discussion, the co-chair (UNDP) acknowledged the importance of identifying opportunities to strengthen protection outcomes and upholding people's rights in RG4 deliverables. They reminded members that RG4's clientele was first and foremost humanitarian. OHCHR requested UNHCR to share with RG4 UNHCR's proposal prior to further consultation. PBSO highlighted that the Security Council recently called for additional guidance for protection of young people, and noted that avoiding duplication between initiatives was crucial. A lot of work has already been done in the development sector around human rights and rights based approaches. IOM welcomed UNHCR protection issues list and expressed its appreciation in seeing those linked to development rather than human rights. UNHCR requested RGs to reflect on what could be done within existing workstreams to enhance protection outcomes.

RG4 work streams presentations

In "mapping of good practice" work stream, OCHA noted that the sub-group is focusing on the operationalization of HDPN approaches. The next steps will be to draft a concept note (by end of January) for review by RG4 in February, identify good practice and good examples, collecting data from selection country contexts (March). The product is anticipated to be finalized in the second quarter of 2021 and is expected to be presented to RG4 by June. The co-chairs stressed the importance of avoiding duplications as there are plenty of connections to the other work streams in the concept note. OECD noted that it would be useful to compare their work to the interim progress report on the DAC Nexus recommendations in order to avoid similarities.

In the sub-group related to **peace and practical guidance**, IOM noted that the sub-group had discussed how to engage RCs and HCs consistently in the process in order to build understanding of HDPN concepts. HDPN was well represented in the RC/HC handbook. However, there is need for training and induction of senior in country staff. It was important to ensure complementarity between initiatives and avoid duplications. IOM noted that a lot of guidance already exists, therefore the sub-

group should focus on identifying best practice and present it in a simple and consistent way to field-based partners. IOM called on co-chairs to suggest ways to link the initiative with other RGs. The co-chair (OXFAM) requested the subgroup leads to share a concept note with RG4 as soon as possible. IOM confirmed the sub-group was currently discussing such a concept note and would share it for comment. UNCHR expressed its interest in joining the sub-group.

In the ensuing discussion around **common country analysis and UN SDG**, UNDCO provided updates about the Common Country Analysis (CCA) and UN SDG cooperational framework, noting that CCAs are increasingly being shared with HCs and RCs and that information was shared on a monthly basis to ensure linking HQ level with field based partners and to give field based partners a heads up on what the global level is working on. The sub-group is working to link and connect the HQ level with field-based partners to ensure that the latter are properly informed on the global level engagement and work. Whilst CCA focuses on data analysis, the cooperational framework ensures that civil societies at country level, NGOs and governments are fully involved in CCA processes. In terms of timeline, UNDCO affirmed that ToR will be finalized in February 2021, while in March the sub-group will focus on including more partners and on continuing dissemination work from the previous months. UNDCO noted that for 2021 30 CCA were planned; for 2022 40 CCA were planned. Some members recognized the importance of CCAs as local reference documents in the UN system and of involving civil society organizations into discussions. Sub-group leads promised to share information on all the country workstreams RG4 can collaborate on.

PBSO highlighted the value of multi-dimensional conflict and risk analysis, including drivers of conflict and disaster that need to be addressed in cooperation frameworks. World Vision called on the inclusion of civil society into CCA discussions. It also suggested reaching out to the OECD DAC reference group on fragility and conflict to see how we can bring elements of their work into development of CCFs and embedding a variety of humanitarian aspects. Members noted a purveiling variety of approaches to the HDPN within CCAs, noting more could be done to streamline analysis and approaches.

On behalf of ICVA, the co-chair (OXFAM) shared a presentation with RG4 members on **collaboration with local organizations**, noting that consultation on their experience of nexus approaches and how RG4 can support them was ongoing. OXFAM and ICVA agreed on the importance of learning from NGOs and local actors and on adapting the work of the sub-group to their needs. Collective consultations will follow and the next steps will focus on finalizing a concept note, which will be presented to RG4 in February while final consultations will be launched in March. It was important to advocate for leveraging humanitarian and development funding to strengthen local capacities (noting a link to the Grand Bargain's workstream 2). The group has already held consultation with RG1 sub-group on localization in an effort to strengthen synergies.

Brief updates on other ongoing activities

In terms of CoP, all members were asked to identify countries that should be featured.

With regard to the Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes, UNHCR and ICVA have drafted a dissemination plan and inquired about translation to be shared on the IASC website.

The co-chair (OXFAM) noted that no topics have yet been identified for so-called future pop up sessions.

UNFPA provided updates on Gender in the Nexus group. Preliminary findings showed that gender is not fully integrated or mainstreamed in the nexus discussions and is not considered as an area that would support transformative change. During validation workshops participants noted the importance of specifying the purpose of mainstreaming gender in the nexus and guidance framework. UNFPA will share the inception report on 25 January. The co-chair (OXFAM) suggested that UNFPA should upload information on sharepoint more frequently for the interest of RG4 members.

Action Points

1. UNHCR to share its proposal on strengthening protection outcomes across the IASC; members to share with RG4 co-Chairs suggestions for possible ways to integrate protection in existing RG4 workstreams. **[RG4 co-Chairs; members]**
2. Upload presentation on the mapping workstream; proceed with mapping and identifying best practice according to the agreed timeplan. **[Mapping sub-group]**
3. To add UNHCR to the peace workstream; share a concept note with RG4 as soon as possible. **[Peace sub-group]**
4. To send PowerPoint presentation and list of priority countries **[CCA/UNCCF sub-group]**
5. To share concept note by February. **[Local organizations sub-group]**
6. All groups to collaborate and synchronize around possible planned surveys in an effort to protect field-based partners from dual approaches **[Members]**
7. Consult on countries to feature in the CoP; members to send suggestions. **[CoP group]**
8. Talk to DCO on dissemination plans and share them in the next meeting. **[Light Guidance group]**
9. Share disclaimer with UNHCR and ICVA, upload translation with disclaimer on website. **[Tanja]**
10. To inform co-chairs of suggested pop up sessions. **[Members]**
11. UNFPA to share inception report on Gender in the Nexus. **[UNFPA]**

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The Group's next meeting is scheduled to take place on **16 February 2021, 2:30-4:00**. The IASC secretariat will share further details in due time. Sub-groups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.

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