
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

10 November 2020

Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 10 November 2020 to discuss (i) the [UN Community Engagement Guidelines for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace](#); (ii) 2021 Priorities and Workplan; (iii) ongoing workstreams, including the Community of Practice Network (CoPN) on the Humanitarian Development Nexus, dissemination of the [IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes](#), follow up to the [Issue Paper: Exploring peace within the HDPN](#) and pop-up sessions; and (iv) the companion Review to the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) on Gender. The co-Chairs noted that all action points agreed at the last meeting on 8 October were implemented or being taken forward.

UN Community Engagement Guidelines for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace

PBSO shared the UN Community Engagement Guidelines for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace for the members' information. The Guidelines were developed as a follow up to the 2018 Secretary-General Report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace by an inter-agency working group composed of various UN agencies and civil society organizations. The Guidelines suggest seven key recommendations for community engagement which are applicable across the humanitarian, development and peace spectrum in analysis, programming, monitoring and evaluation phases. Members were invited to reach out to PBSO (Ms. Laura Buzzoni, laura.buzzoni@un.org) in case of further questions.

2021 Priorities and Workplan

The co-Chairs thanked members for participating in the online survey which proposed possible priorities for the Group to take forward in 2021. The options proposed drew from the feedback shared during the face-to-face focus group interviews as well as inputs from the CoPN which highlighted nexus financing aspects. The online survey was useful in identifying what members considered as priorities for the Group to take forward during the extended mandate till end 2021 and which organizations were interested to lead, co-lead or participate in different pieces of work. The proposed options were in line with the OPAG's request to focus efforts on translating policy to practice and supporting the field. In total, 19 organizations responded to the online survey.

The co-Chairs highlighted the following areas which were rated as a high priority with a good quorum of members willing to take part in, first tier priorities: (i) financing across the nexus; (ii) mapping good nexus approaches; (iii) consulting local organizations and supporting local actors; (iv) developing practical guidance/tool on peace pillar; (v) engaging with the 40+ countries undertaking a CCA and/or UNSDCF; (vi) learning about what works for INGOs under a nexus approach and (vii) Put in place a Nexus mentor system. 2nd tier priorities (viii) developing messaging about how to make nexus approaches compatible with humanitarian principles; (ix) analyzing a nexus approach to climate and disasters; (x) putting together an induction package for nexus advisors; . It was as well agreed to (vi) identify key opportunities in 2021 to advance the nexus agenda; (vii) map groups working on the nexus as key activities that will help the work of the group moving forward. Options that did not receive enough votes or were not retained were also presented, which could possibly be folded into the mapping exercise of good nexus approaches. The CoPN was not listed in the survey results as the activity will automatically continue in 2021.¹

¹ Please refer to the full list of options proposed in Annex.

In the ensuing discussion, InterAction suggested focusing on the high priority options, while further narrowing them down. UNHCR offered linking “consulting local organizations and supporting local actors” with the ongoing initiative of the localization sub-group of the Results Group 1 on Operational Response.

FAO agreed on wrapping the unretained options into “mapping good nexus approaches”, while several may be merged into “putting together an induction package for nexus advisors”. FAO further requested sequencing the top priorities - for example, “putting together an induction package” should be undertaken after others are completed. FAO reconfirmed interest to participate in “mapping good nexus approaches”.

UNFPA stressed the importance of continuing with the nexus financing workstream in collaboration with the Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing, possibly by forming a shared sub-group between the two Groups. UNFPA further suggested possible merger of “mapping good nexus approaches” with “capturing what works with INGOs” and “developing messages on nexus approaches compatible with humanitarian principles”.

IOM suggested merging “capturing what works with INGOs” with “putting together an induction package for nexus advisors”. IOM noted that “building calendar of key opportunities in 2021 to advance the nexus agenda” can be a continuous activity as part of information sharing, rather than as a separate priority area.

WFP suggested that the CoPN could be a shepherd for “mapping good nexus approaches”. ICVA and WFP, co-Chairs of the CoPN, responded that the CoPN was willing to make contribution, while noting capacity restraints of the Network.

DCO reconfirmed interest to contribute to “engaging with the 40+ countries undertaking a CCA and/or UNSDCF in 2021”, noting that it would be a good opportunity to build upon the JSC’s analysis. DCO offered to share the full list of the 40+ countries.

OCHA expressed interest to participate in “mapping good nexus approaches” and “putting together an induction package for nexus advisors”. Echoing UNFPA, OCHA also noted that the mapping exercise could be a natural lead to “developing messages on humanitarian principles”.

PBSO reconfirmed interest to contribute to “mapping good nexus approaches”, “developing peace guidance/tool”, “developing messages on humanitarian principles” and “putting together an induction package.”

ICVA called for expanding “learning about what works for INGOs” to include national NGOs and building it upon ICVA’s ongoing study. ICVA expressed interest to lead the workstream.

Reflecting on the feedback raised, the co-Chairs suggested prioritizing the top five items, namely (i) financing across the nexus; (ii) mapping good nexus approaches; (iii) consulting local organizations and supporting local actors; (iv) developing guidance/tool on peace pillar; and (v) learning about what works for NGOs. The co-Chairs will further consider how best to sequence them for a follow up discussion. They will also reach out to the co-Chairs of the Results Group 5 to form a shared sub-group on financing the nexus, which is in line with the OPAG’s request to further strengthen collaboration between the two Groups.

Members agreed to convene the first meeting of each workstream before the next Group-wide meeting on 10 December. **ICVA**, together with the co-Chair of the Results Group 5, will convene the first meeting on financing across the nexus. **OCHA** will convene the first meeting on mapping good nexus approaches. **Oxfam** will convene the first meeting on consulting local organizations and supporting local actors. **WFP and IOM** will co-lead the workstream of developing guidance/tool on peace pillar and convene the first meeting. **UNDP** will lead identifying key moments in 2021 to advance the nexus agenda and

mapping of relevant groups working on the nexus. **DCO** will lead engagement with the 40+ countries undertaking a CCA and/or UNSDCF. **ICVA** will lead learning about what works for NGOs.

Action Points:

1. Sequence the top five priorities in 2021 [*Co-Chairs*]
2. Volunteer to lead, co-lead and participate in the workstreams [*Members*]
3. Reach out to the co-Chairs of the Results Group 5 to form a shared sub-group on financing the nexus [*Co-Chairs*]
4. Convene the first meetings of respective workstreams to outline key expected outcomes and timelines [*ICVA, OCHA, Oxfam, WFP/IOM, UNDP, DCO*]

Community of Practice

WFP and ICVA, co-Chairs of the CoPN, shared that the Network identified the peace pillar as the most prevalent interest of its members for 2021, particularly in terms of how country offices are addressing the triple nexus. In addition, the CoPN will arrange more briefings which focus on financing the nexus, jointly with the Results Group 5, World Bank and OCED/INCAF. They requested the Results Group 4 to share fresh ideas on which countries will benefit from the CoPN's involvement. The CoPN's next meeting in December will feature the issue paper on peace with possible participation of a country office.

ICVA noted the value of the Network acknowledged by many actors, as nexus is increasingly becoming tangible on the ground and the Network provides a stage for field practitioners to discuss good and bad practices. ICVA underlined the need to maintain it as a constructive space to share first-hand experiences and lessons learned, against the contenders on nexus at country level. ICVA also noted the growing participation of local NGOs within the Network.

PBSO expressed interest to engage in the peace conversation of the CoPN. The co-Chair (Oxfam) suggested capitalizing on the instant translation function of Zoom to involve more local actors.

Action Points:

5. Share recommendations on which countries should feature in the CoPN discussions with WFP (Ms. Marie-Helene Kyprianou, m-helene.kyprianou@wfp.org) and ICVA (Mr. Marco Rotelli, marco.rotelli@icvanetwork.org) [*Members*]

HDN and Its Linkages to Peace

WFP and IOM, co-leads to take forward next steps to the development of the peace issue paper, shared that a focus group was formed with participation of UNDP, FAO, ICRC and OCHA. Members were requested to express interest to join. They will focus on exploring ways to ensure that the peace pillar in nexus is relevant and workable for all stakeholders in countries in an easy and accessible way; ensure the peacebuilding and the contribution to peace does not contradict but rather reinforces and balances humanitarian principles; and identify gaps in advancing the peace pillar. As a first step, the focus group will map relevant guidance and tools that are already available for country offices to identify any gaps. The final product is expected by June 2021. Members were requested to share relevant guidance and tools relevant to peacebuilding.

DCO expressed interest to contribute, noting that it is a great way to link the forthcoming CCA with the work of the Results Group 4.

The co-Chair (UNDP) reminded the roles of the Results Group 4 as a humanitarian body to focus on how humanitarians can better interact with peace actors in a coherent way, rather than how to make peacebuilding itself more effective.

UNFPA suggested referring to the library of relevant materials already assembled for developing the issue paper, which was supported by World Vision.

The co-Chair (Oxfam) highlighted key roles of NGOs in relation to peace, urging more participation from NGOs in the group.

ICVA invited the core group who led the development of the issue paper to present it in a CoPN session. World Vision noted that it was in contact with the CoPN to arrange a briefing on the issue paper as part of dissemination efforts.

The co-Chair (Oxfam) highlighted the value of the issue paper which identified potential areas of linkages and a common ground among a wide range of actors on a highly contentious topic. Considering that the issue paper provides a great base for humanitarian colleagues to understand and advance the triple nexus, efforts should continue to disseminate and socialize the paper.

FAO shared the [animation video](#) submitted to the Geneva Peace Week, created together with IOM and InterPeace. The video can be a good example of dissemination efforts, as it relates to the core tenets of the issue paper in a more easily digestible format. FAO noted internal interest for the issue paper and called for continued efforts for dissemination.

DCO invited FAO to present the issue paper to UN Resident Coordinator Offices (RCOs).

Members were requested to share further ideas on dissemination of the issue paper with the core team.

Action Points:

6. Express interest to join the focus group to take forward the next steps of the peace pillar by contacting WFP (Ms. Rebecca Richards, rebecca.richards@wfp.org) and IOM (Ms. Angelica Bromann, abroman@iom.int) [*Members*]
7. Share guidance and tools relevant to peacebuilding with WFP and IOM [*Members*]
8. Share further ideas on dissemination of the peace issue paper with the core team (Mr. Julius Jackson julius.jackson@fao.org, Ms. Angelica Bromann abroman@iom.int, Ms. Laura Buzzoni laura.buzzoni@un.org, Ms. Sheri Arnott sheri_arnott@worldvision.ca) [*Members*]

Dissemination of the IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes

ICVA and UNHCR, co-leading the dissemination of the [IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes](#), briefed that efforts for further dissemination and socialization of the Guidance continue, including by linking it to RCOs, organizing Peer-2-Peer webinars and mainstreaming it in the work of CoPN. To date, translations in Spanish and French were finalized, while ICVA completed proof-reading the Spanish version and UNHCR is currently working on the French version. Translations in Chinese, Swahili and Arabic are also in progress. Going forward, UNHCR suggested updating the mapping of collective outcomes with latest examples.

The co-Chair (Oxfam) requested members to share examples of collective outcomes in the [Teams shared folder](#).

Action Points:

9. Share examples of collective outcomes in the [Teams shared folder](#) [*Members*]

Companion Review to the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on Gender

UNFPA briefed that a companion review would be launched to explore gender integration in the humanitarian-development nexus, following the findings of the forthcoming IAHE on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

(GEEWG). The companion review will aim to identify gender gaps and constraints that exist in the nexus process and draw out practical measures to be undertaken by the IASC to address them. It will build on external experts' desk review and interviews with key informants. The co-Chairs of the Results Group 4 are invited to join the advisory group. The review commenced in October 2020 to be finalized by February 2021. UNFPA will share further updates as the review progresses.

Pop-up Sessions

The co-Chairs asked for members' views on whether they find the pop-up sessions useful and any suggestions in terms of frequency, invitees and topics covered. They noted that future topics could be selected in connection with the 2021 Workplan.

UNFPA and DCO expressed support, noting that it provides a great avenue to be informed of latest research.

OCHA noted the value of pop-up sessions to connect the Group's work with practice from the field. OCHA suggested using it as a space to socialize the Group's products and emphasize the importance of inclusive approach for governments, NGOs and UN to come together around joint-up analysis, programming, priorities and lessons learned.

ICVA suggested planning the sessions in advance to ensure more participation, considering the proliferation of events.

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The Group's next meeting is scheduled to take place on **10 December 2020**. The IASC secretariat will share further details in due time. Sub-groups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.

Annex: Survey results on the 2021 workplan

Options	High Priority?	Will Participate	Participants	Comments
Finance: together with RG5, working on better understanding of financing across the nexus, also to use as input to our OECD DAC/INCAF discussions on donors "walking the talk"	15	7	Save the Children, UNICEF, DI, UNDP, ICVA, WVI, Oxfam	
Mapping: Based on criteria that RG4 will need to create on "good nexus approaches", mapping where the nexus is happening in the field, looking at what is working, what models are being used, and highlighting good practice. Aim is to keep the mapping up to date and accessible for all members.	14	9	OCHA, WFP, FAO, WVI, UNFPA, UNDP, FAO, PBSO, Oxfam	
Local organisations: consultations with local organisations on their experience of nexus approaches, and looking at where RG4 can support these actors	12	7	Save the Children, UNICEF, ILO, ICVA, UNFPA, InterAction, Oxfam	
The P: Practical guidance or other tool to help humanitarians in the field understand when, and how they can engage with P actors, processes and programming (noting that RG4 exists to provide advice to humanitarians and we are not a peace group per se)	10	7	UNICEF, ILO, WFP, WVI, UNFPA, IOM, PBSO	WFP and IOM already volunteered to co-lead this work
Humanitarian principles: developing messaging about how to make nexus approaches compatible with humanitarian principles, based on concrete challenges shared by members and others	9	4	UNICEF, ICVA, ICRC, PBSO	
Calendar: of key moments in 2021 that could generate opportunities for the nexus agenda (especially related to global policy events/processes)	6	2	DI, UNDP	Could be done quite quickly and then kept up to date
Mapping: Of all groups working on the nexus, what they are doing, to ensure there is complementarity (JSC, UNSDG TT4, DAC early adherents, INCAF/UN adherents group, RG4, etc)	7	3	UNDP, WFP, ICVA	Could be done quite quickly and then kept up to date
Climate change/disaster: how to take a nexus approach to climate and disasters	6	4	ILO, ICVA, WVI, UNFPA	
Support: Engagement with the 40+ countries undertaking a CCA and/or UNSDCF (UN development planning process) in 2021 to ensure they take a nexus approach	5	3	DCO, ICVA, WVI	
Support: putting together an induction package for nexus advisors being deployed to the field - including reading and lists of people to talk to	4	5	OCHA, ICVA, WVI, IOM, PBSO	
INGOs and the nexus: learning about what works for INGOs under a nexus approach	3	4	ICVA, WVI, InterAction, Oxfam	
Strategic Plans: exchange on how we are putting the nexus into our organisation's strategic plans / policies	5	2	WVI, UNFPA	
Local authorities - as above but with local authorities	5	2	Save the Children, ICRC	
COVID: learning from any nexus approaches to COVID (eg Nigeria)	4	2	ILO, OHCHR	
Incentives: a study on the creating the right incentives for moving to a nexus approach	3	2	DI, WVI	
Webinars: webinars on "what does the nexus mean for you?"; for example, webinars for each cluster, for data/information management staff, for local authorities, for local organisations, for humanitarian donors	4	4	UNDP, WVI, IOM, Oxfam	

Options that are proposed not to be retained for 2021, but rather to fold into other workstreams:

Options	High Priority?	Will Participate	Participants	Comments
Communications: standard key messages/common narrative on the nexus, and using this to create, collect and disseminate awareness-raising materials for field practitioners (potentially with RG3)	6	1	FAO	Could be rolled into the mapping
Calendar: of all nexus related (humanitarian, development and peace) processes coming up in 2021 at country level	6	0		Could be rolled into the mapping
Communications: gathering and communicating nexus success stories	5	1	FAO	Could be rolled into the mapping
Support: Identifying nexus champions/leads in field locations as sherpas or ambassador - potentially a donor and an RG4 member	4	0		Could be rolled into the mapping
Communications: blog series of think pieces on contested issues around the nexus	3	1	DI	
The P: Disseminating materials related to the P in the nexus (eg IOM/Interpeace/FAO animation)	2	1	FAO	Could be rolled into the mapping
Support: polling resources/creating a roster of members who can support countries on the nexus	2	1	WVI	
Support: facilitating peer support between contexts taking a nexus approach - to help "new"; nexus contexts or ones having problems	1	2	ICVA, WVI	Could be rolled into the mapping

Other Comments received

Do not disseminate only success stories, but also challenges and failures from which to learn

Perhaps it is captured under the point about financing, but it is important to look at engagement between implementing agencies and donors, and how donor support can help enable nexus programming and what the donor expectations are of implementing agencies. And then, there is a focus in this list on strategic plans and capturing good practice but not on systematising approaches, operational guidance and tools within individual organisations (how and what organisations themselves formulate rather than RG4 support to nexus advisors).