

IASC Results Group 3 on Collective Advocacy

Progress Report (May 2020 – Feb. 2021)

2021 Priority Areas of Work – Reprioritized in light of COVID-19

[**Note:** Completed deliverables are highlighted in green. Recognizing that the COVID-19 calls for system-wide reprioritization and resequencing of priorities and has an impact on the ability of the Results Groups to deliver, any changes in light of COVID-19 are noted below in terms of: (a) areas of work that can be delivered as planned, (b) activities that will have to be postponed, and (c) new activities/ deliverables that will need to be taken onboard in support of the COVID-19 response.]

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK	“ORIGINAL” CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	“REPRIORITIZED” CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	STATUS	LEADS	PARTNERS
<p>Determine how best to address the impact of counter-terrorism measures and the growing trend for the criminalization of humanitarian action in specific contexts. (Leads: InterAction, Save the Children, OCHA)</p>	<p>Develop a document capturing critical impact of COTER measures on humanitarian action to serve as evidence base for advocacy efforts.</p>	<p>As explained in the Terms of Reference - IASC sub group on Counter-Terrorism and Humanitarian Action, advocacy on counter-terrorism (CT) and humanitarian action is a long-term influencing process, which will be delivered in accordance with directions agreed to at the December 5, 2019 meeting of the IASC Principals</p> <p>a. Advocate for standing humanitarian exemptions in counter-terrorism measures [OCHA in collaboration with IASC Members].</p> <p>b. Provide guidance to and ensure leadership by Humanitarian Coordinators and Humanitarian Country Teams to engage actors locally to address the impact of counterterrorism measures [OCHA]</p> <p>c. Deepen efforts to document the negative effects and make an evidence-based case [IASC Result Group 3]</p> <p>d. Engage proactively in open and sustained dialogue with Member States to raise awareness on concerns and work toward practical solutions, including in Security Council resolutions, donor</p>	<p>[ONGOING] To be delivered comprehensively in 2021.</p> <p>The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) report to be issued by July 2021. OCHA conducting a survey on the humanitarian impact of CT measures.</p> <p>[ONGOING] InterAction/OCHA/IASC secretariat launched an IASC Counterterrorism Database in Feb. 2021 based on a finalized concept note defining impediment and impact categories; and a resource library on counter-terrorism related literature, including a compendium of recurrent CT recommendations emanating from COTER literature.</p> <p>The roll-out of the IASC COTER database is aligned with the roll-out of OCHA’s survey for the CTED report, launched in late 2020 - I.e. the database roll-out will happen in Q2/3 after</p> <p>[ONGOING] OCHA to disseminate OCHA guidance to HCs/HCTs on counter-terrorism measures in early 2021 via HLSS. The guidance references the IASC Counterterrorism database.</p> <p>[ONGOING] Save the Children is developing a solutions proposal outlining advocacy options to mitigate the impact of COTER sanctions and</p>	<p>InterAction, Save the Children and OCHA as COTER sub-group co-Chairs</p>	<p>GHD, CTED</p>

		<p>agreements and domestic legislation [IASC Principals]</p> <p>e. Engage the UN counter-terrorism architecture (the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate, the Office of Counter-Terrorism, Sanctions Committees) by increasing the involvement of humanitarian actors in discussions around counterterrorism [OCHA]</p> <p>This work will also need to be coordinated with RG1 mapping and documentation of bureaucratic impediments.</p>	<p>measures, e.g. humanitarian exemptions, White Lists, etc. This solutions proposal should be submitted for OPAG endorsement by mid-March 2021.</p> <p>[CONTINUOUS] OCHA produced a mapping of the UN Counterterrorism Architecture and Framework in July 2020 to enhance understanding of advocacy entry points. OCHA's input to the CTED report also represents an entry point.</p>		
	<p>Develop and implement a collective advocacy strategy on specific issues related to COTER.</p>	<p>The original deliverable was replaced by the deliverables requested by the Principals at the December 5, 2019 meeting of the IASC Principals..</p>	<p>[ONGOING] While prioritizing the IASC Principals action points related to COTER, the COTER sub-group will develop a <u>humanitarian advocacy approach</u> to the impact of COTER on principled humanitarian assistance based on the OPAG-endorsed solutions proposal.</p>		
	<p>Capture lessons-learned on the advocacy effort around the proposed listing of Al-Shabaab under a new sanctions regime.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>[COMPLETED] and circulated to RG3 in April 2020, given the non-public nature of this document. This document will inform further reactive and pro-active advocacy work when the humanitarian community is confronted with a fast-moving process regarding the imposition of new counter-terrorism measures</p>	<p>InterAction, Save the Children and OCHA</p>	<p>GHD, UNCG, CTED</p>
<p>Identify 2-3 contexts and develop a clear humanitarian diplomacy strategy, capitalizing on the IASC membership at the various levels, to address protection and/or access challenges.</p> <p>(Leads: InterAction, World Vision)</p>	<p>Develop a humanitarian diplomacy strategy on Syria.</p>	<p>DEPRIORITIZED per the OPAG decision on 25 September 2020.</p>	<p>The members of RG3 composed of policy and communication experts are in most part not the ones working on country-specific, fast-paced crises.</p>	<p>InterAction, World Vision</p>	<p>CCHN, UNCG</p>

<p>Develop common narratives on specific issues of concern (such as enhancing respect for IHL, IHRL, humanitarian principles and core protection framework) to support IASC members' efforts in their collective and/or bilateral advocacy efforts, including during upcoming key anniversaries.</p>		Develop IASC Key Protection Advocacy Messages on COVID-19 .	[COMPLETED] Finalized in September 2020 and posted on the IASC website.	GPC	RG1
		Develop Food Security Key Messages	[COMPLETED] Endorsed and issued by OPAG in December 2020 and posted on the IASC website.	FAO, WFP	
		Develop IASC Key Messages on Climate Change, Humanitarian Action and COVID-19	[COMPLETED] Endorsed and issued by OPAG in November 2020 and posted on the IASC website. They enable consistent messaging on the humanitarian dimension of climate change in upcoming events, e.g. the January 2021 Climate Adaptation Summit.	RG3 sub-group co-led by IFRC and OCHA	
	Develop a common narrative on climate change and humanitarian action and engage on the humanitarian dimension of the climate emergency.		[ONGOING] the Key Messages are expanded to be sector-specific messages and to be finalized in Q1 2021 . Intense consultations around the workplan took place following a workshop held in February 2020 and events held at 2020 HNPW, which garnered a lot of interest. The messages and common narratives are now being tailored to the new situation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and building back better.	RG3 sub-group co-led by IFRC and OCHA	UNFCCC
	Develop an advocacy strategy on climate change and humanitarian action and jointly influence key global climate change moments in 2021		[COMPLETED] Endorsed and issued by OPAG in November 2020. Drafted by the sub-group further to a workshop in February 2020 with the participation of both humanitarian actors and climate change actors.	RG3 sub-group co-led by IFRC and OCHA	UNFCCC
		Joint side event at the Climate Adaptation Summit on 25 January 2021	[COMPLETED] The side event is pre-recorded as a video speech to which 12 IASC organizations signed on – the 2 min video which was prepared for social media dissemination and was accompanied by a social media plan . The video and social media plan were submitted to the OPAG and RG3 to support with the dissemination via social media channels just before the summit. The	IFRC and OCHA as RG3 climate change co-chairs IFRC, OCHA NRC,	

			video was shared widely on social media by the humanitarian and wider climate community. This side event is in line with the above-mentioned advocacy strategy endorsed by OPAG. Link to video available here: https://cas21-side-events.com/the-climate-crisis-is-a-humanitarian-crisis/	UNFPA ICRC, Save the Children, Concern Worldwide, SR IDPs, WFP, FAO, UNHCR, LWF	
		Organize a climate event around the draft Climate and Environment Charter at HNPW from 19 April through 7 May	[ONGOING] Joint event planning btw the RG3 climate co-chairs and the HNPW topic lead at OCHA are ongoing.	IFRC	
Capture and disseminate lessons learned and best practice with regards to engagement with Non-State armed actors.	Finalize the report on lessons learnt and best practices.		[ONGOING] A first draft of the report has been circulated in RG3 in Q1 of 2020 and members have provided substantial feedback on it. The timeline for this deliverable has been shifted to 2021 for release of the report. A lot of engagement is context specific (national and sub-national level) and would need to be driven by local actors on the ground.	RG3 co-Chairs	CCHN, Geneva Call, UNCG, DPPA
