

IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

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Summary Record

INTRODUCTION

On 18 January 2022, the IASC Results Group 4 convened to discuss: i) Upcoming launches: Peace Tool Kit, Nexus Academy, Financing; ii) Recommended priorities for the upcoming Nexus Task Force; iii) 2nd season of nexus podcasts; iv) AoB. The RG4 co-chairs noted all action points from the previous meeting had been completed.

Upcoming launches

Peace Tool Kit: The Tool Kits maps available tools and guidance and provides an analysis of what is available as well as gaps. In essence, while a lot is available it is insufficient to guide context specific implementation. More work is required to adapt existing guidance to country contexts and to strengthen the uptake of existing guidance. Furthermore, existing guidance could be made more user friendly. Capacity needs to be strengthened to apply existing tools and guidance and implement the nexus.

Members queried why the research showed a lack of uptake of existing guidance by field-based partners and whether incentives could be created to strengthen guidance uptake. Members noted the Tool Kit provides sufficient information on existing guidance and should be placed on the IASC website as a depository of information; no further guidance is required on 'peace in the nexus'. Members also noted joint programming requires dedicated funding, as well as the importance of establishing mechanisms both for dialogue but also to share grievances, which facilitated the engagement of affected people. RG4 will want to hold a further in-depth discussion on the analysis and how the new IASC Task Force might wish to prioritize peace in the nexus going forward.

Nexus academy: The Nexus Academy will be launched on 23 February 2022; it has already received significant interest across the world. The chairs also noted the significant contribution to the Academy by RG4 members. Members reiterated there was a high demand for enrolling in the Nexus Academy from within members' organisations. Members requested information on the criteria employed to decide on participation.

Financing in the nexus: OECD will share the final research document on financing across the nexus during the February 2022 meeting.

Recommended priorities for the upcoming Nexus Task Force

Co-chairs briefed members on the process envisaged to identify the key priority areas of work for the future IASC Task Forces and the feedback received from RG4 members on possible future priorities. The feedback received had identified the following possible priority areas:

- Guidance integrating peace in the nexus programming (deliverable Q1 2021)



- Guidance for practitioners in different sectors on how to nexus in collaboration with the global clusters
- Provision of basic services with a nexus lens
- Mutual accountability, shared results and progress monitoring across the nexus
- Nexus and IDPs: beyond durable solutions.
- Maintain Community of Practice
- Building on the mapping of good practice implementing the nexus continue learning.

Other issues which had received less support include nexus and localization, area based approaches, protection in the nexus, GCR and Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework as best practice. There had also been a perception that others were better placed to take forward the following: mainstreaming gender in the nexus, DRR and the nexus

Members noted they continued to received feedback from field-based partners in search of further basic guidance around implementing the nexus. They also noted the need for provision of tangible support to the field and a need to better bridge policy to practice. Others stressed that it was up to field-based partners and clusters to identify preferred ways of working. Members called for maintaining the Community of Practice. Co-chairs urged members to focus on finalizing deliverables by end of March 2022.

Podcasts initiative

The RG4 podcast series has received quite a bit of exposure (between 100 and 444 downloads each), from listeners from around the world. UNDP is proposing to finance a second round of podcasts to be streamed from February. To keep with this time table, the concept notes for future podcasts would need to be completed by the first week of February. Topics could include: Nexus in forced displacement contexts, refugees and IDPs, DRRs/climate change, mutual accountability, delivering outside of state structures, nexus and stabilization/nexus and diplomacy, famine prevention, or nexus and anticipatory action.

Members supported expanding the pod cast series over the coming months.