

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

**Terms of Reference
IASC DEPUTIES GROUP**

December 2021

Purpose:

This document sets out the terms of reference for the IASC Deputies Group following IASC Principals decision of 20 October 2021 to formalize and empower the Group to drive change on key strategic issues relevant to humanitarian action.

The IASC Deputies Group reports to the IASC Principals and is charged to drive forward progress on key strategic issues tasked by the IASC Principals. The Deputies Group shall:

1. serve as a critical platform for **strategic dialogue and decision** on issues and processes that require senior leadership, championship, and institutional change in the IASC, and that have an impact on humanitarian action.
2. provide **strategic steer and deliver on critical areas set by the IASC** including Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA); racism and racial discrimination; review of the humanitarian response in the context of IDP settings; climate change; humanitarian financing; cash; and gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. *(IASC Principals may propose additional issues or priorities for Deputies' consideration as required)*
3. ensure that **decisions of the IASC are implemented** within the respective organizations.
4. serve as a **decision-making platform** on issues that do not rise to the attention of the IASC and are not addressed by the Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) or the Emergency Directors Group (EDG) in the implementation of IASC Principals decisions.
5. promote the **streamlining of efforts among IASC entities**, including by working in close coordination with the OPAG and EDG.
6. whenever required, **unblock and link issues and decisions** that require an inter-agency strategic commitment.
7. **foster interlinkages** between key issues of concern to humanitarian action; promote **coherence and coordination with other key platforms**, such as the Executive Committee, Grand Bargain, Global Humanitarian Donorship, among others.

Membership:

8. The Deputies Group shall be at the Deputy Executive Head/ASG level (or equivalent) of the IASC full members and standing invitees.

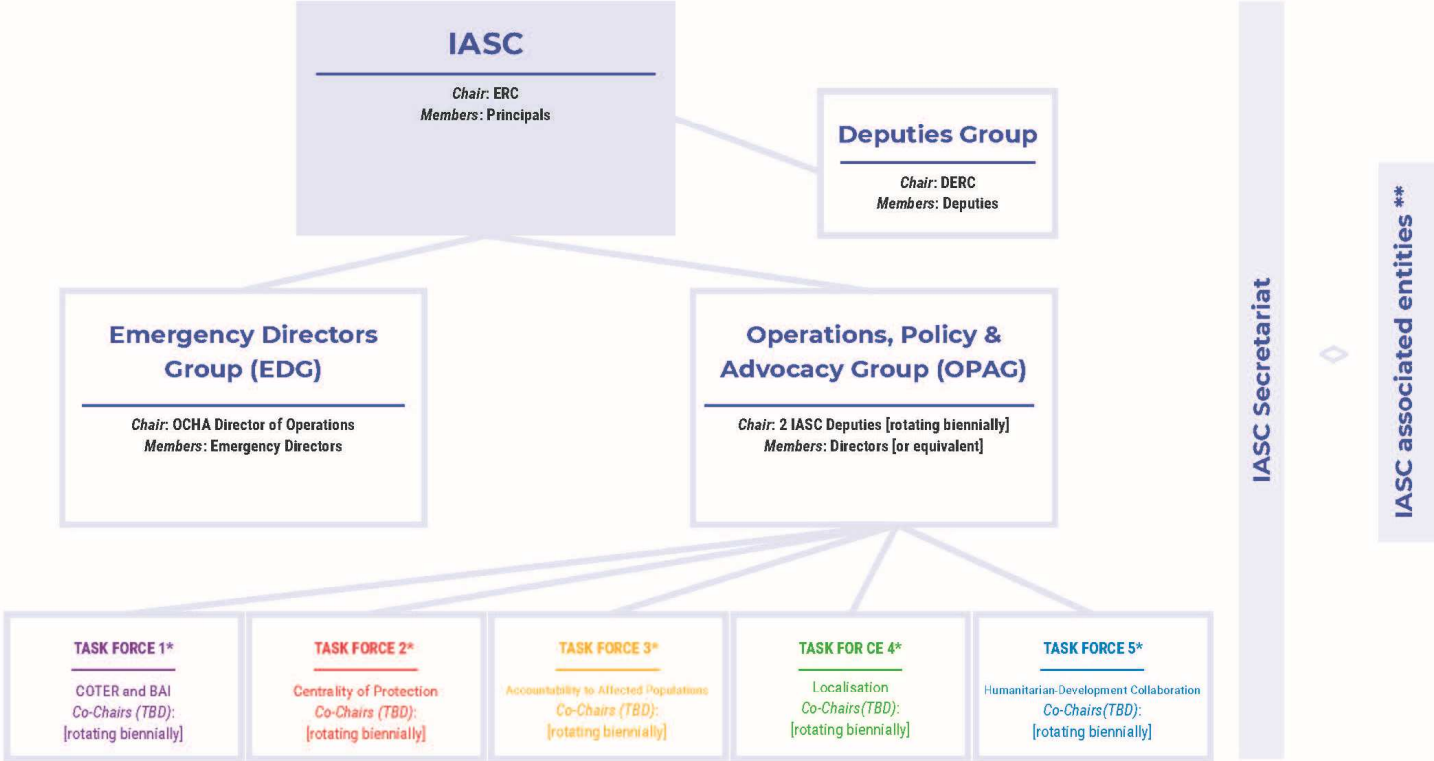
Working Modalities:

9. The Deputies Group shall be chaired by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator who will convene meetings and set the agenda in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

10. The Deputies Group shall meet as necessary on an ad hoc basis.

12. All background documents are circulated approximately 7 days in advance of the meeting. As required, meetings will be minuted by the IASC secretariat (The IASC secretariat will develop a Summary Record and Action Points (indicating deadlines; responsibility of implementation should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound).

Annex 1: IASC Structures



* Task Forces are timebound until end 2023.
 ** The Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations Steering Group (IAHE-SG).
 Under consideration for transition during the course of 2022: Global Cluster Coordination Group (GCCG), Humanitarian Programme Cycle Steering Group (HPC-SG), IASC Reference Group on Gender and Humanitarian Action (GRG), IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings (MHPSS).