
IASC Task Force 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration and its Linkages to Peace

15 November 2022

Action Points

AGENDA:

- Opening the meeting and review of previous notes and actions (10 min)
- The Gender and Nexus working group, feedback on advances and consultation (30 min)
- UN-DAC dialogue, update agenda and opportunities for collaboration (15 min)
- Upcoming Meeting with INCAF-OECD (10 min)
- Brief updates of the ongoing initiatives (20 min)
- Closing up (5 min)

KEY POINTS:

Opening

- Welcome of new members: Maria Karadenizli (UNWomen - presenter), Margherita Capellino (PBSO) standing in for Bart Paans, Barbara-Anne Krijgsman (HDP Advisor – Crisis Bureau UNDP), Romano Lasker (UNDP), Abdullahi Nur Aden (UNICEF) stepping in for Martin Eklund
- Presentation of the agenda for 90 minutes meeting.
- Status overview of last meeting's action points:
 - Conflict sensitivity – Getting in touch with PBSO (**TF4 co-chairs**): Message sent to PBSO but no clarity yet – Schedule brief with Margherita Capellino (PBSO) at the end of today's TF4 meeting
 - Update on RC Global Annual Meeting and HC Retreat (**TF4 co-chairs**): Not included in today's agenda because OCHA is awaiting sign-off of the outgoing workplan. No clarity on timeline yet.
 - Sharing minutes of OPAG meeting 11th October (**IASC Secretariat**): Done.
 - INCAF-OECD & UN-DAC dialogue (**TF4 co-chairs & WFP**) – Articulate agendas: Ongoing. Included in today's agenda.
 - Community of Practice – Sharing details of 16th of November Learning from Iraq session (**ICVA**) and adapting basic services concept note (**CoP**): Tabled for next meeting.
 - Priority Area of Work 3, Sector specific guidance (**FAO & UNHCR**): Update included in today's agenda.
 - Priority Area of Work 4, Basic services (**WFP & OCHA**): First concept note draft has been circulated. Update included in today's agenda.

The Gender and Nexus working group, feedback on advances and consultation

- Background: Work started in previous years and traces back to previous iterations of Nexus TF4. IAHE (Inter-agency Humanitarian Evaluation) office conducted a review of nexus guidance and key documents seeking to measure the extent of integration of gender into nexus endeavors. This

process concluded on the need for deepening integration of gender into the nexus approach. IASC's Gender Reference Group (GRG) and Nexus Result Group 4 (RG4) generated a subgroup co-chaired by UNWomen and Oxfam that worked on an initiative jointly shaped with RG4. The subgroup was tasked with developing pilots; hands-on and field-focused work on mainstreaming gender across the nexus.

- TF4 members informed on progress made on *advancing GEEWG (Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls) in the HDP Nexus* by the Gender and Nexus working group (IASC GRG-Task Force) through Ms. Maria Karadenizli's presentation (Programme Specialist at UNWomen's Humanitarian Unit and co-chair of IASC GRG-Task Force / Gender and Nexus working group) structured around 3 key elements:

1. Origins behind the establishment of IASC GRG-Task Force on GEEWG & Nexus

- 2015-2020 IAHE review of GEEWG and companion piece on progress in mainstreaming GEEWG into HDP nexus agenda. Key gaps identified: lack of understanding of GEEWG in nexus literature, lack of capacity, limited promotion of gender mainstreaming in inter-agency nexus coordination, exclusion of cross-cutting themes in nexus while it being understood as a country-led technical process, no connection between inter-agency gender accountability frameworks and triple nexus.
- Working group constituted under IASC GRG co-chaired by UNWomen and Oxfam. Primarily UN centric. Gathered a lot of interest and resources from IASC membership. Ensured consistent engagement since its establishment
- Mandate: coordination of gender mainstreaming across the triple nexus globally. Support roll-out and learning from the implementation of country-level pilots. Not reinventing the wheel, not coming-up with additional guidance but rather focusing on operationalization of commitments on country level. Identify promising practices and lessons learned.
- Selection of country pilots. Main criteria: interest of HCTs, national ownership and commitment to ensure sustainability and continuity, ongoing transitions from political missions to longer term paths to resilience and development. 4 countries selected: Colombia, Haiti, Iraq and South Sudan. Somalia, Mali and Myanmar are under consideration for the future.

2. Progress achieved

- HQ level: country selection, participant nomination for country-level dialogues, mapping of existing resources across membership, gender country profiles
- Country-level: first country-level dialogue held with RCO in Haiti in 2022 (60+ participants), ongoing discussion about second dialogue to be held in Haiti and about joint planning between humanitarian and development actors, outreach to RCO in 3 other countries, discussion with PMT Chair in Iraq, potential capture of institutional practices/tools in the 3 other countries
- First quarter of 2023: country level dialogues to be held in Colombia, Iraq and South Sudan

- Colleagues from the field do call for additional clear guidance on how to integrate gender into nexus policies and also a call for development of standards and criteria to assess the quality of integration of gender in the tripe nexus.
 - Lack of integration of women-peace-security related conversation in these initiatives and lack integration of local actors and women-led organizations
3. Preliminary reflections on entry point for collaboration with TF4
- Dedicated discussions
 - Engagement and support for country dialogues process
 - Priority area of work 4 : focus on Iraq
- UNDP is interested in contributing to this, in country working groups. IASC GRG-Task Force is open to new ideas, new support, new contributions.
 - OCHA advises to be careful about creating redundancies or overstepping. Consider how this feeds into existing mandates and fora, especially UNSD group (custodian of UNSDCF). IASC GRG-Task Force welcomes discussion with DCO in terms of next steps but we do need to speak to country level priorities and demands from colleagues.
 - Another update from IASC GRG-Task Force should be scheduled in a couple of months to share about progress on upcoming country dialogues

UN-DAC dialogue, update agenda and opportunities for collaboration

- TF4 members updated by Ms. Rebecca Richards (WFP) on the latest UN-DAC (OECD) group meeting recently held.
- Background: Many groups dealing with the triple nexus share the same representatives at a global level (Durable Solutions from UN, Joint Steering Committee) and there is some substance overlapping. Work between UN-DAC group and TF4 co-chairs to ensure there is alignment has been smooth and open. The UN-DAC dialogue group brings together the Development Assistance Committee (DAC – OECD donors, almost 90% of funding on the ground) around our overall work on fragile contexts. The majority of funding is going through governments and bilateral programming that we do not have visibility on. The work of the group is about bringing coherence and bridge that gap. The main deliverable of the group this year has been the Nexus Academy: spearheaded by UNDP covering NGOs, bilaterals and UN agencies at operational level. The content is really valuable for operationalizing the nexus.
- Outcomes – main workstream: Decision to carry out as a team a *Mapping of Capacity on the Nexus* between now and the end of January 2023. Donors will be sharing with us what capacity they have been investing on supporting operationalization of the nexus, UN membership will do so as well. How this mapping will be interpreted or what it will be used for later has not been discussed yet. So far capacity is defined as personnel, human resources, dedicated to supporting the nexus. We are forming a working subgroup (co-chaired by WFP and the United States of America – Sweden and Germany are part of it) to discuss details of the mapping in close alignment with DCO and OCHA because a lot of work has already been done to support RCs/RCs.
- Other potential workstreams: DAC recommendations cover finance, coordination and programme. The group encourages conversations between multilateral and bilateral actors to take place to agree on desired additional areas of work sitting within financing and programming to be pursued.

These discussions have just started to occur. Retrieving work on financing done by RG4 will feed into these efforts. Ensuring there is no duplication and reinforcing what has already been done is key. Any new proposals could be surfaced in the near future.

- OCHA advises TF4 to liaise with INCAF and the Adherence Group and rationalize what we want to achieve in these meetings and groups.
- OCHA fears mapping nexus advisors which are often extra-budgetary resources might result in interpreting these positions have value in themselves and indicate coordination is going better when it could very well be the opposite. Advice not to add value or even use the word “capacity”.
- TF4 to reflect on key functions required to support on nexus to add value to the capacity mapping effort
- TF4 Co-chairs to participate in capacity mapping subgroup at least for a meeting or two

Upcoming Meeting with INCAF-OECD

- Background : Initial plan to have a call with INCAF on November 22nd. Synergies and areas of collaboration on two agenda points: peace and financing. INCAF to inform on their report on the States of Fragility. TF4 has been giving input to INCAF’s research on financing for nexus and we still need to identify what is our added value.
- Misunderstanding and communication gap with INCAF that is now suggesting to postpone the meeting to the beginning of next year.
- There is hope that we are going to be able to maintain TF4 co-chairs meeting with INCAF but robust exchanges will probably have to wait until January.
- Where is UN-DAC at on the peace bit of HDP nexus? Main outcome document UN-DAC: there is a special emphasis on peace. Bilaterals are interested in it as they focus on military security. When that comes into play at country level, there are tensions. Discussion have surfaced about how we could have an honest discussion about what the challenges opportunities are and educate bilaterals about increased risks arising for the humanitarian space and humanitarians in the field. No defined workstream, only an intention to work on it. One theme that has being emerging in the background with Czech presidency of the European Council is humanitarian diplomacy.
- There is a space for TF4 to coordinate financing especially in relation to the security as we are encountering donors that merge funding streams under the HDP banner and establishing preconditions on coordination that present challenges regarding preserving the humanitarian space, at least from an INGO perspective.
- The focus of the discussion on financing could include climate financing and the nexus as well.

Ongoing priority initiatives

- **Priority area of work 4: Basic services (OCHA & WFP)**
 - TF4 members updated by Ms. Rebecca Richards (WFP) and Mr. Benjamin Negus (OCHA)
 - Final version of the concept note was circulated, and great feedback was received and incorporated.

- Intention to send a message to the RC of Iraq as first country to be covered to kickstart the work
 - Basic service delivery discussions can be very sensitive, need to dive into a country case to progress – No intention to preplan the process of review but rather see how it goes through discussing with Iraq’s RC
 - If TF4 members feel that there is Iraq overload, we are open to choose another country (Afghanistan, Myanmar and Ukraine were also considered) and/or contact another
- **Priority area of work 3: Specific sectorial/cluster guidance (FAO & UNHCR)**
- TF4 members updated by Mr. Julius Jackson (FAO)
 - Subgroup (UNICEF, ILO, WFP, OCHA, FAO, WHO, UNDP, UNDRR, UNFPA, IOM, GCCG) met on the 8th of November – Not everyone attended
 - Outline document was discussed, document was circulated this morning and feedback is requested by the 18th of November.
 - Initial feedback will be consolidated and then the document will be circulated again to TF4 members for their feedback to be received by the subgroup by November 25th.
 - Second subgroup meeting to go through comments scheduled for November 29th
 - Guidance will be drafted by December 14th
 - First draft will be presented to GCCG’s (Global Cluster Coordination Group – OCHA) meeting on December 14th.
- **Community of practice**
- TF4 members updated by Ms. Stephanie Yousef (ICVA)
 - Reminder: 16th of November at 1pm Iraq time, 11am GVA time we’ll be holding the CoP on Iraq, the agenda will include: Presentation from UNDP about HDP-nexus in Iraq, then NCCI and mixed fora, and lastly a presentation of best practices given by Mercy Hands.

ACTION POINTS:

- Speak with PBSO’s colleagues about involvement in the accountability framework for conflict sensitivity component integration (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- Share *GEEWG and the nexus* presentation slides, and co-chair’s contact to liaise with IASC GRG-Task Force (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- Share UN-DAC dialogue capacity mapping survey with TF4 members to contribute their data and analyze functions required to support nexus efforts (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- Share details of capacity mapping UN-DAC dialogue subgroup for TF4 Co-chairs to attend (**WFP**)
- Have a call among co-chairs to unpack on financing and peace component (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- In preparation for INCAF, discuss climate financing ideas with NRC (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- Plan call with INCAF to discuss peace, financing and the nexus, especially financing (**TF4 Co-chairs**)
- Priority 4 – Basic Services: Measure what we are expecting from countries (**WFP & OCHA**)
- Next TF4 meeting to be held 2.30-4 p.m. on the 20th of December (**TF4 members**)