IASC TASK FORCES 2022-2023 WORKPLANS AND PROGRESS UPDATE – MARCH 2023

TASK FORCE 1 – CENTRALITY OF PROTECTION

Objective: Uphold and strengthen the centrality of protection in all aspects of humanitarian action, including by addressing gender-based violence and child protection.

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	Areas of work, Deliverables	Co-Leads	Contributors	Timeline	Progress Update
Priority Areas of Work 1	Taking forward the findings and **recommendations of the Independent Review of the Implementation of the IASC's Protection Policy** (including by developing a clear action plan with concrete actions).				
Activity/Deliverable 1.1	In support to the co-champions for the Centrality of Protection, draft an action plan - for endorsement by the IASC Principals – elaborating the steps required to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review of the Implementation of the Protection Policy.	Co-Chairs		Outline of plan - 15 Nov, 22; Completed product – March 2023 **(Revised to April 2023)**	**In Progress** – As of the end of February 2023, a working draft has been developed for further consultation. Initial outreach/briefings have been done with interested Donors, with monthly updates/consultations planned. Consultations with other key stakeholders, including the OPAG, have also been planned for March and April, with a view to completing this deliverable by end of April 2023.
1.2	In response to recommendation #1 of the Protection Policy Review, develop a concise operational Aide-Mémoire that will 1) provide a succinct, operationally focused overview of what protection as an outcome entails for all humanitarian actors and how they can contribute to this strategic goal, in relation to the implementation of the IASC Protection Policy (Centrality of Protection; 2) give concrete examples and tips to HCs, HCTs, -and heads of	InterAction, NRC	OHCHR, IOM, WFP, OCHA, UNHCR	March 2023 **(Revised to May 2023)**	**Delayed** – This deliverable is intended to complement the Benchmarks (see Priority Area 2). Questions that emerged through the development of the Benchmarks draft, and that continue to emerge in the course of field testing, will inform some of the contents of the Aide-Mémoire. As such, completion of a first draft for consultation has been delayed until after the completion of the Benchmarks field testing. Initial consultations within the TF will take place in March, with wider consultations to be conducted

	agency, with regards to the implementation of CoP.				through April and May. The finished product is now expected to be completed by end of May 2023.
1.3	Acknowledging that some operations have already incorporated actions to address critical protection risks in the new 'enhanced' HPC approach in 2021, TF1 will support a participatory mapping by HCTs and clusters of measures planned or already taken to address critical protection risks as well as remaining gaps in all HRP locations to inform HC/HCT strategic decision making, including ahead of the start of the HPC cycle for 2024.	UNHCR and GPC (including AORs)	TF1 will work closely with other Task Forces and the HPC Steering Group on this deliverable	May 2023	**In progress –** The Global Protection Cluster (GPC), in collaboration with UNHCR, has started the data collection process. Findings will be part of the 2022 annual centrality of protection report drafted by the GPC.
Priority Areas of Work 2	Developing and field-testing agreed, specific, and **measurable Centrality of Protection indicators** to be included in the humanitarian response (including the clusters or equivalent)				
Activity/Deliverable 2.1	Develop a set of process indicators designed to support and facilitate the consistent application of, and meaningful monitoring of the *collective* efforts of the HCT in regard to 'achieve meaningful protection outcomes', as per the Protection Policy.	InterAction/ OCHA	OHCHR	Sept 2022 to Dec 2022	**Completed –** In close collaboration with TF1 and in extensive consultation with a wide range of key actors at the field level, a working draft of the process indicators – now referred to as the Benchmarks – has been completed for field testing in Q1 of 2023.
2.2	Develop and implement a field-testing methodology and plan, in order to refine and disseminate the final indicators.	InterAction/ OCHA	OHCHR	Dec 2022 to March 2023	**On track to be completed on time** – A field-testing methodology – including outreach to a small group of HCs and HCTs, as well as wide outreach to Inter-Cluster Coordinators, Protection Cluster Coordinators, and NGO Forum Directors – was devised in December 2022 and put into action in January 2023. As of the end of February 2023, just one HCT consultation remained to be completed.

Priority Areas of Work 3	Developing and supporting the implementation of recommendations on **advancing gender-based violence prevention, risk mitigation and response** as a collective responsibility, including by examining trends and gaps (drawing on IAHE findings, HCT Protection Strategy Reflections, and contributions from the GPC/GBV AoR).				
Activity/Deliverable 3.1	Collate existing recommendations on advancing GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response and examine key trends and gaps in existing recommendations (background to 3.2).	UNFPA	C2A and AOR, IASC GBV RG, IOM	Jan 2023 **(Revised to April 2023)**	**In Progress** – A UNFPA staffing gap, and a new representative on TF1 delayed the beginning of work on implementation of Priority area 3.

Work has now begun, and progress has been made in collating existing recommendations (3.1). |
| 3.2 | Explore uptake of recommendations and analyse what support would be required to improve the uptake and implementation of under-implemented recommendations, including on local and women-led organizations | UNFPA | GPC, TF5 on localization, UNHCR, IOM, Grand Bargain localization workstream | Feb 2023 **(Revised to May 2023)** | |
| 3.3 | Brief jointly and seek support from OPAG and EDG, using 3.1. and 3.2. as resources | UNFPA/TF1 Co-Chairs | GBV AOR and Call to Action on GBV | Mar 2023 **(Revised to June 2023)** | |

TASK FORCE 2 – ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE (AAP)

Objective: Contribute to greater system-wide change by strengthening collective Accountability to Affected People (AAP). According to the TF's Theory of Change, this will be achieved by (1) having a more accountable and enhanced leadership (2) supported by a more inclusive system and architecture that (3) builds on existing good AAP practices and lessons learnt and that (4) has access to more quality funding and technical resources.

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Objective	Areas of work, Deliverables	Leads	Contributors and linkages	Timeline	Progress Update
Objective 1: Promote a more accountable and enhanced humanitarian leadership					
Priority Area of work 1.1.	**Performance review of country-level leadership is linked to AAP commitments.**				
Activity/deliverables 1.1.1.	Support Humanitarian Coordinators (HC) to prioritise collective AAP in Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) compacts.	WFP IOM OCHA	Linkages to TF1, TF4, TF5 and PSEA/Deputies Forum.	Continuous	This workstream is convening around an IOM-led project with donor support that focuses on developing training designed for senior managers, members of HCTs, and in-country leadership. This interagency project aims at complementing Priority Area of work 1.2. "Development and implementation of results-based country level AAP actions plans" and to support HCTs and IASC member agencies to operationalize their system-wide commitment on AAP (see IASC Principals Statement on AAP). **During Q4Y22, IOM/TF2 put together a project Steering Committee (**IOM, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, IFRC, CHS Alliance, CDAC Network, NIRAPAD (Bangladesh NGO network, TwG Localisation Lead). This **committee met and agreed on scope, TORs, workplan, key principles and planning:**

				Phase 1: mapping existing training resources on AAP (Oct Y22 – Feb Y23) + survey questionnaire (February Y23) and key interviews and consultation with country level leaders (March /June Y23), on their interest, knowledge and understanding of collective AAP and related roles. **Phase 2:** development of training **Phase 3:** piloting (beyond TF2 timeframe) The project is coordinated with OCHA's Humanitarian Leadership Strengthening Section (HLSS) to enable complementary and alignment with their work. **Q1Y23 key achievements** • The mapping of training resources is well advanced and will be completed in March Y23. • The survey with **country Leads** has been completed with multiple agencies and NGOs. More than 120 valid responses were received across the world (in HCT and non-HCT contexts)
Activity/deliverables 1.1.2.	Ensure that AAP becomes a key metric for the performance of HCs, HCTs, and in-country leadership of all IASC and, to the possible extend, to non-IASC members.	As above.	As above.	Continuous	AAP is already a priority area of performance of HCs through their compact with the ERC. The TF is aiming at supporting them to operationalise it through the workshops that have taken place (Syria Cross-border response, Lebanon, Bangladesh and Ethiopia). Those workshops and others to come aim to strengthen HCT's Leadership and engagement in AAP for the development and implementation of Collective AAP Country Level Actions Plans. To support this, it is recognized that all HCTs members need to act on their commitment and engage the

					development of Country Level Action Plans and implementation. The TF is investigating ways to support the engagement of IASC and non IASC members in those HCT operational planning processes. The IOM led project in Activity/deliverable 1.1.1 (above) seeks to strengthen and enable the capacity of country-level leadership and organizational representatives further. **Q1Y23 key achievements** The HLSS section chief briefed the TF on the support to HCs, and the role and use of HCT compact in relation to AAP performance. This I provided an opportunity to inform the focus of this workstream and identify opportunities for alignment and complementarities.
Priority Area of work 1.2.	**Development and implementation of results-based country level AAP actions plans.**				
Activity/deliverables 1.2.1.	Support HCs and HCTs to develop and implement results-based country level AAP action plans and gather evidence of system-wide change in at least 10 countries. This area of work also includes supporting TF5 in making country level leadership and coordination structures more inclusive and participatory.	OCHA	IASC Secretariat, FAO, CHS Alliance and Christian Aid. Linkages with TF1, TF4, TF5 and PSEA/Deputies Forum.	Continuous	Three Country-led workshops were conducted with support from the IASC Secretariat in Lebanon in June, Bangladesh (national level) in July and in Ethiopia in September. Those resulted in the identification of priority actions for incorporation into the respective Collective AAP Country Level Action Plans. In all contexts substantial efforts were made to involve local actors, national NGOs, and affected people into the process.

					Cox's Bazar Rohingya Refugee Response workshop on collective AAP The ISCG in coordination with the UN RCO is organising a technical and leadership workshop at the end of March Y23. This second workshop in Bangladesh will feed into the national level development of a Collective AAP Action Plan as well as provide a series of priority actions on Collective AAP specific to the Refugee Response. **Other country level engagement and support** In coordination with OCHA and the IASC secretariat the TF2 is investigating other opportunities to extend this country led work to other countries and contexts. The TF2 Leads have also engaged with OCHA AAP focal points working in countries to strengthen the links on the challenges faced a country level and the work of the TF. TF2 continues to work to provide relevant tailored, flexible, and coordinated support responding to operational needs with tools and innovative approaches.
Objective 2: Foster a more Inclusive humanitarian system and architecture.					
Priority Area of work 2.1.	**Enable a more effective engagement and participation of affected people by setting up collective feedback processes and mechanisms to ensure timely course correction.**				
Activity/deliverables 2.1.1.	Support HCs, HCTs, clusters or other in-country coordination fora to effectively engage affected people so their participation and perspectives are captured through collective feedback mechanisms so there is timely and systematic course correction, explaining why, or why not, actions were	UNHCR IFRC WFP UNICEF	OCHA, FRD, Christian Aid and AIDMI. Linkages with TF1, TF5 and	Continuous	**Latest development in Q1Y23** The consolidation of the existing package and testing is ongoing with country level teams and will result in a final package that will be submitted to OPAG this year. The priority focus is on the finalisation of standardised classification of feedback (taxonomy) and how it enables

| | | PSEA/Deputies Forum. | | interoperability amongst organisations and facilitates timely decision-making.

In Q1Y23 and throughout the year the workstream Leads are also providing country-level tailored support for strengthening Collective Feedback Mechanisms (CFM), resources, approaches and improve collective AAP outcomes.

This workstream continues to coordinate with the consolidation of IASC guidance and support to effective referral procedures for PSEA. |
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| Activity/deliverables 2.1.2. | Investigate ways to bring people's views and perspectives more effectively into humanitarian policy and coordination fora to influence decision-making, both at country and IASC levels (e.g., Emergency Directors Group, Deputies Forum and IASC Principals). Explore the feasibility of creating an IASC advisory body of affected people. | CHS Alliance, SCHR, IFRC | As above. | Ongoing | The TF2 brought this question for public discussion in a TF2 partnership event with the Grand Bargain as part of the CHS Exchange in late Sept. Y22

As a follow up the TF Leads investigated options to bring the views of people in the IASC Principals meetings and Emergency Directors Group meetings when they review country contexts. TF Co-Chairs are leading this workstream and engaging with the IASC secretariat to explore options at global level.

The TF is also investigating ways to define longer term and predictable ways to bring people's views and perceptions in those fora with a prioritisation on country level impact, and sustained engagement to influence decision-making processes at all levels of operational responses.

Latest developments in Q4Y22 and Q1Y23
The investigation and experimentation are providing valuable lessons and the workstream aims at capturing challenges, issues, as well as good examples to advance |

					ways to have more inclusive and influential affected views considered in humanitarian decision-making fora.
Objective 3: Achieve greater quality funding to support collective AAP initiatives					
Priority Area of work 3.1.	**Engagement with donors to improve funding to support collective AAP approaches.**				
Activity/deliverables 3.1.1.	Linked to efforts of the Grand Bargain 2.0, convene humanitarian and development donors annually on collective AAP to discuss and address challenges and opportunities to support collective AAP approaches in a more predictable, flexible and timely manner.	SCHR, CHS Alliance, IFRC	SCHR, OCHA, IOM, CHS Alliance, CDAC Network and AIDMI. Linkages with Grand Bargain and TF4.	Q4 2022 Q1-2 2023	TF2 and Grand Bargain partnered in a joint event entitled "Joining forces for greater accountability to people affected by crisis". The discussion focused on the need of more creative leadership, donor engagement, flexibility in supporting AAP, and affected people's voices at the decision-making table. TF2 has invested in this new area of work, building on previous initiatives while defining a more focused advocacy approach to engage with donors on how they contribute to improving Collective AAP outcomes. **Latest developments in Q4Y22 and Q1Y23** **In Q4Y22, TF2 members developed a roadmap that provides a framework to engage collectively with donors on Collective AAP.** **In Q1Y23 - Andy Featherstone (consultant) is working with TF2 members to:** • Consolidate existing recommendations for donor's support to collective AAP. • Review current donors' requirements for AAP. • Develop recommendations on donor engagement to inform a structured engagement with donors planned in phases during 2023.

					• **This benefits from coordination with the GB participation revolution as well as engagement with other initiatives.** This work has gained important momentum and beneficiates from a large interest from donors who have welcomed the initiative and engaged with enthusiasm. This engagement is providing valuable insights in how to work with donors on an ongoing basis on this agenda. It is also an opportunity to connect with the broader AAP agenda and initiatives.
Activity/deliverables 3.1.2.	Advance efforts to improve how the UN Central Emergency Response Fund and Country-Based Pooled Funds can better support collective AAP Approaches.	As above.	As above.	Ongoing	TF2 is investigating ways to identify specific country level advocacy that could inform good donorship that contributes to improve quality and flexible funding for AAP initiatives. **Latest developments in Q1Y23** To support this process, OCHA's CBPF management team is planning a briefing for the TF2 on the new guidance and how it can be leveraged in country for Collective AAP. The TF is also looking into ensuring links between Activity 3.1.2 and country specific efforts to improve guidance on CBPF to ensure more community engagement, localization and accountability is ongoing with the support of the IASC Secretariat.
Priority Area of work 3.2.	**Improve Inter-Agency AAP capacity.**				

Activity/deliverables 3.2.1.	Establish a global inter-agency roster of technical capacity on AAP to support HCs and HCTs deliver on their AAP commitments.	UNICEF UNHCR	IOM. Linkages with PSEA/Deputies Forum.	Ongoing	There is an agreement that there is a lack of available and experienced staff to support country level coordination and capacities to leverage collective feedback and community insights to drive collective AAP outcomes. Addressing this gap, a roadmap for standby capacity was developed in 2022 and presented to the TF2 membership in September Y22.
					Latest developments in Q1Y23
					Alexander Poignant was hired as a consultant to support this TF2 members and focus on priority deliverables set out in the roadmap.
					His main tasks are:
					A. Conduct a review of existing community engagement and accountability coordination mechanisms in different contexts.
					B. Implementation of the roadmap for technical support on collective community engagement and accountability.
					C. Provide coordination support to the capacity strengthening workstream of the IASC AAP Task Force.
					Important to note that:
					• This workstream and its roadmap relies and draws on existing rosters, trainings, competency standards in AAP. • This is not only about surge capacity but also includes leveraging in-country capacities and

					will benefit and feed into donor recommendations in Priority Area of Work 3.1.

Additional Area of work	**Promote learning, advocacy, and multi-level engagement across the system**				
Activity/Deliverable 4.1	Support system-wide and inclusive learning initiatives and engagement. This includes fostering engagement with other TFs, (co-)organising regular events and documenting good practices and lessons learnt.	WFP IFRC CHA Alliance	All TF members, with specific technical support offered so far by Mercy Corps, AIDMI, OCHA and the IASC Secretariat.	Ongoing	Two online events have been held to disseminate the work of the TF among a wider audience – one at ECOSOC and one recently at the CHS Exchange with the GB. More are planned in April for HPNW and later in the year.
Activity/Deliverable 4.2	Evaluate the workplan and Theory of Change of the TF to demonstrate its effectiveness in advancing system wide change.	As above.	As above.	Q3-4 2023	Ongoing

Additional Area of work	**Provide oversight and direction to the further development and uptake of the IASC Collective AAP resources and tools.**				
Activity/Deliverable 5.1	Ensure that existing and new resources and tools are used as appropriate through all three Objectives, Priority Areas of Work and the subsequent activities/deliverables outlined in the workplan. Resources and tools include the Collective AAP Framework, the Results Tracker, the Inclusion and Accountability Portal	WFP IFRC CHA Alliance	All TF members, with specific technical support offered so far by UNHCR, OCHA, UNICEF and the IASC Secretariat. Linkages with TF1, TF4 and TF5.	Ongoing	

	and the helpdesk, the Service Directory, the Complaint & Feedback Mechanisms workstream from the previous IASC Results Group 2 and the existing IASC Guidance on Strengthening Participation, Representation and Leadership of Local and National Actors in IASC Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms.			

TASK FORCE 3 – BUREAUCRATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPEDIMENTS, AND COUNTER-TERRORISM

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	Areas of work, Deliverables	Co-Leads	Contributors	Timeline	Progress Update
Objective 1: Mitigating the Impact of Counterterrorism legislation and sanctions on humanitarian action					**Progress Update (March 2023)**
Priority Area of Work 1.1.	**Supporting field leadership in operationalizing the recently endorsed IASC Guidance on Impact of Sanctions and Counterterrorism Measures on Humanitarian Operations.**				
Activity/deliverables 1.1.1.	Organise 4 Regional webinars for HC/HCT focal points	Q4 – OCHA and UNICEF, in partnership with IASC members			Members of the TF have continued to hold ad hoc discussions with field teams on mitigating the impact of sanctions and CT measures. Thematic regional webinars have been postponed until Q2/Q3 2023, to allow for inclusion of updated information owing to the adoption of UNSCR 2664.
Activity/deliverables 1.1.2.	Provide ad hoc support to HC/HCTs as required	On-going - OCHA			Ongoing. For instance, the TF developed key messages to support the EQ response in Syria. OCHA deployed capacity in Amman to coordinate discussions on sanctions with key operational partners in the response.
Priority Area of Work 1.2.	**Systematically monitoring and reporting on the practical impact of COTER legislation and sanctions on humanitarian operations to inform Member States decisions, including on exemptions.**				
Activity/deliverables 1.2.1.	Systematic encouragement, including through messages to IASC members and members of the group, to contribute to and use the IASC Dashboard.	Q2 - OCHA			Co-chairs have encouraged the use of the dashboard, while also acknowledging the challenges for members of engaging with such a system, as well as the limitations on utility.

Activity/deliverables 1.2.2.	Stimulate information exchanges between members on impact of COTER/sanctions in key operations (impact of sanctions; clauses in funding agreement; etc.)	Co-Chairs	These exchanges happen on a regular basis and continue to be a core part of the regular and ad hoc Task Force 3 meetings. For example, the TF is currently organising a focused discussion on protection of humanitarian space in Burkina Faso, and the TF is looking at the impact of sanctions and unliteral coercive measures on the scale up of operations in Syria following the earthquake. The TF3 is coordinating IASC-wide messaging on the issue.
Priority Area of Work 1.3.	**Developing key messages in support of IASC Principals in undertaking targeted advocacy with donors and Members States to mitigate the impact of counter-terrorism legislation and sanctions on humanitarian action in select humanitarian operations.**		
Activity/deliverables 1.3.1.	Finalize paper on beneficiary screening and work towards a common IASC position and messaging on the topic	Q3 – HI	A third and pre-final draft was shared in October with TF members for endorsement. Several UN agencies raised legal concerns late in the process; discussions are ongoing to reconcile positions of IASC members.
Activity/deliverables 1.3.2.	Use the Group as a regular information-sharing and advocacy coordination body on specific issues as they arise to identify context-specific advocacy priorities and agree on common messaging on identified contexts	Co-Chairs	The TF has continued to be instrumental for sharing information as well as for decision making and coordination on joint policy and advocacy work. Advocacy work in relation to the adoption of UNSCR 2664 was a major focus of the group during Q3 and Q4 of 2022. Post adoption, the group is monitoring implementation. Work also continued specifically on the potential impact of Russia/ Ukraine-related sanctions as well as the impact of the humanitarian exemption in the Afghanistan sanctions regime. Likewise, the group continues to coordinate information sharing and advocacy related to the impact of

			sanctions and coercive measures on the EQ scale-up.
Activity/deliverables 1.3.3.	Finalize and seek IASC endorsement of the draft paper on "Policy Recommendations to Address the Negative Impact of Counterterrorism Measures and Sanctions on Humanitarian Action" as a follow-up paper to the IASC internal paper on solutions, including joint key messaging on solutions	Q2 – Save the Children	Completed.
Priority Area of work 1.4.	**Consolidating good practice on efforts to mitigate the impact of counter-terrorism legislation and sanctions on humanitarian action.**		
Activity/deliverables 1.4.1.	Update the draft paper on "Policy Recommendations to Address the Negative Impact of Counterterrorism Measures and Sanctions on Humanitarian Action" paper on solutions with an annex listing examples of good practices.	Q4 - Save the Children	Completed.
Objective 2: Addressing Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments to enable principled, timely and effective humanitarian action.			
Priority Area of work 2.1.	**Supporting field leadership in operationalizing the recently endorsed IASC Guidance on Understanding and Addressing Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments.**		
Activity/deliverables 2.1.1.	Develop tools, template to help country offices track and monitor BAI in a systematic and coherent way	Q3 – OCHA; InterAction; ICVA	A draft BAI monitoring framework has been developed with key indicators and sources of verification, based on the list of bureaucratic and administrative impediments (BAI) identified in the IASC guidance released in January 2022. The draft framework has been shared with practitioners for feedback and will be finalized as a common tool during Q2/3.

Priority Area of work 2.2.	Developing a set of specific, measurable, and relevant early warning indicators on bureaucratic and administrative impediments to support field and global advocacy.		
Activity/deliverables 2.2.1.	Define a methodology to measure the impact of BAI on people in need and in terms of costs and delays.	Q4 – OCHA; InterAction; ICVA	Practitioners in the field (through the peer-to-peer workshop – see activity 2.3.1) have been consulted to identify best practices and define a methodology. A second peer-to-peer exchange is planned to further refine the methodology to measure the impact of BAIs on PIN.
Priority Area of work 2.3.	Compiling good practice drawn from humanitarian operations on understanding and addressing bureaucratic and administrative impediments.		
Activity/deliverables 2.3.1.	Organise 2 peer-to-peer events/workshops with access working group members to exchange on lessons-learned, challenges and best practices.	Q3 – OCHA; InterAction; ICVA	A peer-to-peer workshop was successfully convened in Q4 to help disseminate guidelines, brainstorm with colleagues on indicators, and share lessons-learned and best practices. A second workshop is being planned for Q2/3.

TASK FORCE 4 – HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION AND ITS LINKAGES TO PEACE

Objective: Support the understanding and implementation of humanitarian-development collaboration and its linkages to peace, consistent with humanitarian principles.

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	Areas of work, Deliverables	Co-Leads	Contributors	Timeline	Progress Update
Priority Areas of Work 1 and 2	**Mapping good practice in strengthening the peace element in humanitarian development programming, where appropriate, connecting to existing country-level analytical efforts, while safe-guarding humanitarian principals; Further developing the mapping of good practice implementing the HDP nexus by consolidating additional best practices and lessons learnt in collaboration with field-based partners, including existing initiatives such as the ICVA-WFP led Community of Practice (CoP)**				
Activity/Deliverable 1.1	Further develop the mapping of good practice in implementing the HDP nexus by strengthening the peace element and consolidating additional best practices and lessons learnt in collaboration with field-based partners, including existing country-level analytical efforts and initiatives such as the ICVA-WFP led community of practice.	UNICEF (ALNAP tbc)	Mercy Hands IOM CARE UNFPA ICVA UNDP	Q4 2023	Leads are currently conceptualizing the work and the conversation about detailed methodology will take place in the coming weeks. On track.
Priority Areas of Work 3	Providing sector/cluster-specific practical guidance to strengthening humanitarian-development-peace collaboration (including on joint analysis and programming as well as monitoring progress thereof across sectors).				
Activity/Deliverable 3.1	Develop sector/cluster-specific practical guidance to strengthening humanitarian-development-peace collaboration. • Work coordinated with Global Cluster leads • 4-6 clusters prioritized for this phase • Consultation with field practitioners will inform the process.	FAO UNHCR	IOM UNFPA UNDRR UNICEF	Q2 2023	Under the leadership of FAO and UNHCR a working group in consultation with all TF4 members and the Global Cluster Coordination Group has worked on a draft *Advisory Note on Advancing the HDP Nexus Approach through IASC Global Clusters*. The GCCG welcomed the idea, several Clusters are looking at the Nexus agenda and looking forward to developing guidance.

	• Joint Launch of Guidance with global clusters				Building on an initial review (completed) of existing Nexus guidance, the proposed cluster/sector specific guidance will help unpack what the Nexus means and how clusters can advise on steps to follow to ensure implementation of integrated approaches conducive to achieving collective outcomes. A first draft was shared and commented on by TF4 members. The envisioned timeline is as follows: • **Mar 2023:** New version to be shared for red line comments • **Late March 2023:** Presentation of the *Advisory Note* to the GCCG and submission to OPAG for red line comments and endorsement • **14-20 April 2023** integration/addressing of red lines • **Early May 2023**: Final guidance to be published
Priority Areas of Work 4	Identifying and mapping good practice on the role of humanitarian organizations contributing to the delivery of basic services across the nexus in protracted contexts.				
Activity/Deliverable 4.1	Identify the opportunities and challenges of humanitarian organisations in the delivery of basic services in fragile settings to gain an understanding of the de facto and potential role of humanitarian organisations in the delivery of basic services in fragile settings, drawing on	OCHA WFP	Mercy Hands IOM DCO UNHCR UNICEF	Q1-2 2023	This activity has been delayed because of competing priorities. Under the co-leadership of WFP and OCHA, and with the participation of subgroup colleagues, a Concept Note was shared and approved, the methodology finalized and tools for the data collection finalized.

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To collect key information from countries on their context and how basic services are being provided, a detailed questionnaire was developed with contributions of the subgroup. Country case studies will be produced including the following information:
(1) Types of basic services being provided;
(2) Stakeholders providing the current service delivery;
(3) Challenges;
(4) Implications for vulnerable people if services are stopped.

Additionally, a number of cross-cutting themes (inclusion and equitability, observance of humanitarian principles, transitioning from emergency to national systems/development approach, risk appetite and accountabilities, localization and financing, etc.) will also be addressed.

Information collected via these country interviews will then allow TF4 to pursue work on the planned deliverables (Briefing Paper, Advocacy Messages, identification of any other relevant deliverables).

The subgroup is developing a proposal to hold a session in the HPNW in Geneva in May 2023

					sharing the insights gathered through the country studies.
Activity/Deliverable 4.2	Develop briefing paper on policy issues and advocacy messages on nexus approaches to basic services provision in fragile contexts in collaboration with Global Clusters and/or INCAF/OECD DAC (tbc pending phase 1).			Q2-3 2023	
Activity/Deliverable 4.3	Develop training module in collaboration with Nexus Academy and/or the Global Clusters on nexus approaches to basic services provision in fragile contexts (tbc pending phase 1).			Q4 2023 (TBC)	
Priority Areas of Work 5	Building on the 'Financing the Nexus' study, the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) review, the IASC Mapping of Good Practice and the OECD INCAF study on nexus financing, identify and propose solutions in selected countries aimed at strengthening funding and financing instruments for joint humanitarian development programming and engage with donors, including through the UN-DAC Dialogue, to bring them up to scale.				
Activity/Deliverable 5.1	Pending finalisation of OECD study on nexus financing, further consultation with OECD INCAF and review of JSC • Work to be ensured in Coordination with OECD/INCAF and JSC	UNDP	IOM CDO UNFPA UNDRR NRC (TBC potential co-leading) ICVA	2023	TF4 Co-chairs have been coordinating with the UN-DAC Dialogue and OECD INCAF in relation to the agenda on nexus financing. All those groups have identified this area as a priority, however the work of the OECD and the JSC have been significantly delayed (e.g. the OECD study on nexus financing has still not yet been shared and might no longer materialise; the JSC review and next steps are still incomplete). The coordination will reduce overlap and will ensure specific contributions considering the added value of each group. In January, and together with the UN-DAC dialogue, a **mapping of key documents related to financing for the nexus was developed and shared on the 25th of January**. This document underpins updating our view of key developments and analysis.

					On the 28th of March a Joint OECD/INCAF, UN-DAC dialogue and IASC TF4 group meeting will take place. The session is aimed at defining the agenda for the coming months on financing with the intention to contribute to change in the incentives to work across the Nexus.
Priority Areas of Work 6	Ensuring that operational planning and delivery is conflict sensitive, including by developing an IASC Conflict Sensitivity Accountability Framework.				
Activity/Deliverable 6.1 - 2023	Develop an IASC Conflict Sensitivity Accountability Framework	(OECD INCAF tbc) (PBSO tbc)	IOM UNFPA FAO	2023	It has been difficult to get clarity on this proposed activity. TF4 colleagues acknowledge the existence of key documents in relation to Conflict Sensitivity, like the UN Good Practice Note on Conflict Sensitivity, Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (May 2022). TF4 members are not clear on how this could be used to develop an IASC Accountability Framework or if the development of an Accountability Framework would be of added benefit to the system. TF4 colleagues discussed in February the intention to sharpen further this activity and to focus on key deliverables that could bring a distinctive contribution facilitating the work across the Nexus. **TF4 agreed to set up a session to discuss the UN Good Practice Note, but to deprioritize this deliverable for 2023** and to focus on delivering on the other priority workstreams.

Additional Area of work	Maintain a Community of Practice Network on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration				Progress Update
Activity/Deliverable 7.1	Maintain and ensure dynamic exchanges in the CoPN network.	WFP ICVA		Continuous	The CoPN continues to function well incorporating a broad section of relevant stakeholders including country-based ones and donor representatives. A session on the Iraq case took place in October 2022 with good participation and engagement. WFP and ICVA as conveners have developed a calendar and have identified a number of topics and sessions for the coming months. Mauritania with UNHCR and GIZ will present on April 12. Bangladesh and Yemen are planned for future sessions. In collaboration with the Nexus Academy, there will also be nexus related other sessions throughout 2023. TF4 co-chairs are looking for collaboration with the Grand Bargain. The Grand Bargain Facilitation Group proposal for the future foresees using the Grand Bargain platform for discussions related to shrinking the needs, strengthening partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, and anticipatory action, to connect better to the other two recommendations of the High-level panel on Humanitarian Financing from 2016. The proposal will be further discussed and refined over the coming weeks.
Activity/Deliverable 7.2	Convene a teleconference every time a new country experience or a new guidance of interest is available for discussion.				In October 2022 and considering the publication of the OECD State of Fragility report, an online session with OECD/INCAF took place with TF4, CoPN and related networks.

					A session is being planned to share the UNDRR advancements in the implementation of the checklist to which IASC RG4 contributed.
Activity/Deliverable 7.3	With support and financial contribution from CoPN institutional members organize workshops with field practitioners on the Humanitarian Development Peace Collaboration at the regional or country level.				
Activity/Deliverable 7.4	Keep CoPN practitioners informed of latest meetings on HDP collaboration.				Rolling updates.