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

21 March 2023

## Action Points

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### AGENDA

- Update minutes actions
- Cluster Guidance update
- Basic services update
- OPAG meeting on 23 March progress report
- IASC DAC UN Dialogue meeting on 28 March
- AOB

#### Status overview of last meeting's action points:

- Incorporate feedback and comments into the first draft of the Sectoral Guidance (**FAO & UNHCR**) This has been acted upon.
- Identify and consider suggestions going beyond the scope of the present deliverables and of relevance to the whole TF4 for further follow-up (**TF4 co-Chairs**) For the time being, we consider that our agenda is well focused, and we haven't identified any other additional area to be covered for this period.
- Share literature review paper on nexus financing with TF4 members to comment or input (**TF4 co-Chairs**) We have not received any comment, but this will be discussed further today.

#### Cluster Guidance update

- Feedback has been incorporated to the draft until the first week of March.
- The fourth version of the draft was circulated to the subgroup on 16 March while requesting **redline comments by CoB 22 March**.
- The core document was shortened, made more succinct and direct, rearranging structure for flow and logic. Examples were moved to an annex, which is also being structured more clearly.
- The subgroup has emphasized the added value of this piece, the *Advisory Note*, in the realm of existing policy, and clarified it within the narrative, as well as the leadership role of the RC/HC.
- The checklists of entry points and areas to explore for cluster coordinators to implement the HDPN are important elements in this piece and have been expanded in this V4. Together with the set of key parameters for future consideration by each cluster to develop cluster-specific guidance, they are expected to guide engagement with development and peace actors. Therefore, the subgroup asks for redline comments (**focusing on checklists and guiding questions**) to have as much of a comprehensive, practical, and realistic guiding document as possible.

- Each of the sections is structured according to the above-mentioned entry points, paying particular attention to strengthening the peace element. Illustrative examples and guiding questions are comprised in these sections.
- The subgroup engaged particularly with UNDP and DCO.
- Strong examples are very much welcome by the subgroup at this stage. For instance, examples **on collaborative monitoring and reporting** – where the main key gaps lie.
- The wider TF4 is expected to review the piece between **22 and 29 March**.
- A presentation is being planned to the GCCG before the easter break. In the latest presentation given to the GCCG, there were a lot of questions on practical implications of this guidance for the clusters. The original idea was that each cluster would adjust or issue their own guidance or based on these parameters. The subgroup is expecting the GCCG to review the document, particularly the relevance of key parameters for field colleagues. Additionally, the subgroup would also be keen to gather support from the GCCG in identifying good practice of clusters engagement with the peace element of the HDPN.
- Additionally, field colleagues will be consulted via Global Clusters, to which a presentation will be given.
- Final publication is still expected to be effective in May 2023.

#### Basic services update

- The subgroup's latest meeting took place in the first week of March and was used to discuss process and next steps.
- 2 kick-off calls have happened so far with Yemen and Myanmar, two are outstanding for Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Today, 21 March, the draft survey that is to be shared with the 4 case countries chosen will be circulated among the subgroup members and discussed during their Friday meeting.
- The goal of this survey is to dig deeper in understanding implications. Lessons learned and best practices of cases where humanitarians are carrying the load of providing basic services and where the development actors cannot.
- OCHA is leading on Yemen, UNHCR on Afghanistan, UNDP on Myanmar and Mercy Hands in Iraq.
- Countries have been very slow in responding and it has been difficult to secure the calls.
- The two main envisaged outputs of the calls with HCTs are country briefs on basic services delivery and a synthesis document compiling key common elements, to **be completed by May**.
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- At the OPAG meeting, it would be good to highlight that these two outputs are the more realistic given that the basic services workstream is falling behind on schedule. There is pressure from OCHA and others to see this work coming to fruition, therefore the subgroup leads are cautious not to raise expectations excessively.
- The financing aspect of basic services should be elaborated on given it is pressing and drawing attention at the moment.
- At the European Humanitarian Forum, a session is taking place on the delivery of basic services.
- A slot is being kept at HPNW to propose an online session.

#### OPAG meeting on 23 March progress report

- There is broad agreement among TF4 members on the color-coding and the updates given in the progress report.

- On PAW 5, on financing for the nexus, there is uncertainty on the capacity of TF4 to deliver. This will depend on the meeting to be held with OECD-INCAF on 28 March.
- There is broad agreement on dropping PAW6 on the peace element, maintaining a presentation from PBSO on the UN Good Practice Note.
- The Secretariat of the Grand Bargain had proposed to initiate a platform on the nexus and shrinking the needs, but according to the latest exchanges between ICVA & WFP and the Grand Bargain Secretariat that is no longer the case. There is no foreseeable future for a nexus platform within the Grand Bargain – and it is not reflected in the Facilitation Group Proposal for the future of the Grand Bargain beyond 2023 outline.
- In conversations with other TF co-Chairs, the level of performance has been deemed very different according to the type of topic treated. In some areas of work there is full clarity on the deliverables, while in others the workstreams are more strategic but less well-defined in terms of deliverables. There is broad agreement that the 2-year timeframe is insufficient to deliver meaningfully. Some TFs have dedicated capacity and resources. Most of the TFs are composed of IASC members only.
- Questions will be raised on the Task Force model as we know it under OPAG at this meeting. It would be good to assess how this model could work under the present stretched capacity and limited capacity of the Secretariat to support.
- TF4 members should keep in mind that there is space to be bold and challenge OPAG, especially around the fact that many commitments have been made and not much significant progress has been made in furtherance of those.
- It would be good to connect TF4 with the UN SDG Group, some issues in the IASC agenda could be tackled jointly with this group.
- There could also be value in connecting with IDP processes and the coordination platforms put in place, under Robert Piper's initiatives
- Formulate clearly the challenges that remain on the Nexus among TF4 members as a team
- Some of the critical blockages remain: funding for the nexus, coordination, and lack of clarity in terms of ownership – divergences between humanitarian, development and peace actors on definitions and ownership, hence the need for a cultural change.
- Connection with TF5 on localization should be made

#### IASC DAC UN Dialogue meeting on 28 March

The background paper has been improved with key messages to be finalized and circulated this week.

#### Update on Mapping Good Practice

- ALNAP has confirmed their interest in co-leading this work
- UNICEF wishes to develop the methodology and agree on countries before the early summer
- The subgroup can start to get together before the easter break

#### Update on the CoP

- The next community of practice event will be held on **April 12 at 11 on Mauritania**, with presentations from UNHCR and GIZ.
- Other CoP events are under preparation on Bangladesh and Yemen
- CoP had a recent meeting with the Nexus Academy and is hoping for future collaboration

#### AOB

- During the next face-to-face Deputies meeting in Rome on March 29, Deputies will have a session on strengthening collaboration with the IFI's
- From the Peace and Security thematic working group of the DAC-CSO working group, ICVA will be launching a global survey on monitoring how the DAC-nexus recommendations are being implemented.

#### **ACTION POINTS:**

- Circulate the latest draft of the Advisory Note to TF4 members for review and comments until CoB 29 March (**FAO & UNHCR**)
- Share key asks for OPAG and ideas on the suitability of the Task Force Model with TF4 co-Chairs (**TF4 members**)
- Advise on plausible timeline to arrange a presentation on the peace element of the HDPN and the UN Good Practice Note (**PBSO**)
- Circulate the updated version of the background document with key messages ahead of the INCAF meeting with TF4 members for their feedback (**WFP**)
- Discuss the key messages ahead of INCAF meeting (**WFP + TF4 co-Chairs**)
- Next TF4 meeting to be held on the **18<sup>th</sup> of April 2023**