

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

27 June 2023

Action Points

AGENDA:

- Opening the meeting and review of previous notes and actions
- Updates: JSC, OCHA flagship and Grand bargain
- PBSO to the P in HDP
- Ongoing priorities: Sector guidance; financing; delivery of basic; mapping of good practices
- Peace puzzle
- AOB

KEY POINTS:

Opening

- Welcome of participants
- Status overview of last meeting's action points:
 - By early next week, communicate to the Nexus-Financing group (TF4-UN-DAC-Dialogue-INCAF) the name of the NRC representative (**TF4 co-Chairs**) This was completed. An update will be shared during today's meeting.
 - Generate spaces to disseminate work around Peace (**TF4 co-Chairs, PBSO, UNDP, FAO**). A call was held with agencies who have expressed interest. An update will be shared during today's meeting.
 - Suggest ways to link TF4's work with the IDP Review (**TF4 co-Chairs & IASC Secretariat**). This is pending but we will work on this.
 - Proactively reaching out to Flagship Initiative countries with all of TF4/RG4 products and relevant materials, indicating TF4 availability to brief them if needed (**TF4 co-Chairs & IASC Secretariat**) An update will be shared during today's meeting.
 - Share with Deputies the documentation compiled for the Flagship Initiative countries adding some key pieces on Peace (**TF4 co-Chairs & IASC Secretariat**)
 - Map-out existing joint analysis processes with IFIs (**TF4 members**) No feedback received from TF members. This will remain an action point.
 - Connect analysis emerging in the Nexus-Financing group with the Deputies' Group to ensure we are supporting their political engagement (**TF4 co-Chairs, UNDP, WFP, UNHCR, NRC, DI**) This is ongoing.
 - The dissemination process of the Sectoral/Cluster Guidance will be discussed on Monday (22 May), considering the GCCG in particular (**TF4 co-Chairs, FAO, UNHCR**). An update will be shared during today's meeting.
 - Share the link to the online survey on the delivery of basic services with TF4 members by 26 May (**OCHA & WFP**) This will be shared by OCHA colleagues.
 - Share basic services survey with the countries (**OCHA, WFP, IASC Secretariat**)
 - Indicate or confirm interest in joining the Mapping of Good Practices sub-working group by Monday **22 May CoB (TF4 members)**. UNICEF and ALNAP colleagues will update on this.

- Keep TF4 members abreast of new developments on the JSC and suggest a date to brief TF4 (DCO & OCHA) An update will be shared during today’s meeting.
 - Next TF4 meeting to be held on the **20th of June 2023**
- Critical updates

Grand Bargain

As TF4 co-Chair, Oxfam updated TF4 members.

Annual meeting took place last week on 19-20 June in Geneva. The Grand Bargain 2.0 was coming to an end and there was a need to restate and review the content, and to make new agreement and commitments. More than 6 months of consultation have taken place, surveys were launched with different signatories, to assess how the GB was working. It has been agreed that the GB will have a third iteration, with a review of some critical points.

- (a) Content-wise, GB is going to focus in the next 3 years on key priorities around, *the participation revolution* - which is not advancing as expected -, on *localization*, on *quality funding*, and on *catalyzing changes in the sector*. The latter is very much linked to the nexus even though GB doesn’t label it “nexus” per se. It is construed around addressing the **financial gap in humanitarian funding**, dependency and **reduced number of donors**, and finally **reduce and end needs**. and catalyzing the changes in the sector linked to the nexus.
- (b) This next iteration of the GB will focus on **interinstitutional political solutions, addressing political blockages** - while recognizing the relevance of other spaces where technical conversations are taking place. We need to ensure that we contact and build strong relationships with GB to bring technical work of the TF to GB. GB will not work on guidance, but rather on reaching concrete agreements and making decisions across the nexus spectrum of stakeholders.
- (c) The GB Secretariat will be strengthened
- (d) The new iteration instead of maintaining the Eminent Person role will have 3 ambassadors. Deputy director of ECHO Michael Köhler will be spearheading the catalyzing changes in the sector (nexus) conversations. The other two ambassadors are Manuel Bennett and Jamilah Mahmoud. TF4 co-Chairs have started connecting with Köhler to ensure all the work of the TF is brought to their attention and to coordinate and join efforts. Köhler committed that GB would develop a detailed plan for the remainder of this year. We agreed for GB-TF4 to coordinate on planning quarterly.

JSC

OCHA updated TF4 members.

The JSC reports to the UNSDG chaired by the Deputy Secretary General. During the UNSDG Principals meeting on 3 May, the DSG announced a reconfiguration of the JSC to advance humanitarian-development collaboration, following findings of the light JSC review finalized a year ago, but also consultations with the Secretary General as well as with JSC’s co-Chairs, OCHA and UNDP. Changes include:

- JSC will be chaired at Assistant Secretary General (ASG) level by OCHA, DCO, DPPA/PBSO and UNDP on a rotating basis.
- The JSC joint Secretariat will be formed by OCHA and DCO, given their coordination mandate.
- The JSC will still report to UNSDG but also interface with the Executive Committee (UN Secretariat) when needed.

OCHA is currently reviewing the first draft of the ToRs prepared by DCO, which will then go to UNDP.

Flagship Initiative

As TF4 co-Chair, UNDP updated TF4 members.

OCHA briefed at the OPAG level on Friday 23 June. This is an initiative from the ERC to develop new creative thinking on coordination and the impact of humanitarian assistance at country level. It is being piloted in four countries: Philippines, South-Sudan, Niger and Colombia. It is intended to be context and country-level driven – therefore there is no blueprint approach. AAP is the starting point of this initiative. The initiative will therefore unfold in quite different ways depending on the country. During the briefing and discussion, it was highlighted that the Flagship would focus on integrated solutions and will strive to work across the Nexus. There were questions about linking up with local actors and INGOs, but also about how to avoid duplicating the cooperation framework and the HRPs and finally about increasing capacities in RC/HC offices to take forward the Flagship Initiative. OCHA announced during the presentation that there will be a community of practice set up around the Flagship as well.

PBSO to the P in HDP

PBSO organized an event on 31 March with UNDP on right-sizing the P in the HDP nexus.

Key takeaways include:

- Systematize conflict sensitive data collection and analysis.
- Use of CCAs and CFs as strategic tools.
- Stronger impact measurement and documentation of peacebuilding results from activities across the nexus.
- Localization and funding of local actors.
- Strengthen inclusion as marginalization is one of the main drivers of conflict (cf. Research based on P4P).
- Human rights in peacebuilding through civic space and community engagement
- Global level, opportunities highlighted were: the Peacebuilding Commission, the New Agenda for Peace and the Peacebuilding Architecture Revision (2025) and the GA Resolution on Financing for Peacebuilding, SDG Summit (PBSO organizing an event on YPS), New Agenda for Peace and the Summit of the Future (2024).

Next steps in 2023 are:

- Guidance on P&S engagement in CCAs and UNDSCF.
- Strengthen the P in the Nexus Academy
- Leadership on inclusion and inequality (P4P)
- Rotating as co-chairs of the JSC
- Advocate at the ECOSOC-PBC meeting on 29 June and linking peace and development on the ground
- Joint UNDP-DPPA Op-ed

Overview on conflict sensitivity guidance

- The note on Conflict Sensitivity, Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace was commissioned by the UNSDG and drafted by Peaceful Change Initiative UNDP and PBSO, published in 2022 but still relevant.
- One of the main tools we have in terms of practical guidance for programming.

Ongoing priorities: Sector guidance; financing; delivery of basic; mapping of good practices

- Sector guidance will be ready to circulate to OPAG by early July
- Basic services: Replies from the countries surveyed is being collected, a common analysis framework has to be put together by the subgroup soon. The timeline for this workstream is

probably going to need updating and adaptations. TF4 co-Chairs pointed out that linking this surveys with the Flagship Initiative would be very valuable.

- CoP : WFP updated that the next CoP event will be held on 20 July at 3pm CET on Libya
- Financing group: country matrix is being put together as well as the methodology for the landscape analysis being undertaken within 3 case study countries; the results of the analysis will be presented at the 24 February Pathways for Peace event. The ToR for the Financing Group is also being put together from March 2023 to February 2024. Criteria for country selection include: demand-driven from the country, planning/financing cycle and relevant moments to engage in the country, preexistence of coordination frameworks, engagement of the UN system. Possible linkages to climate finance and Robert Piper's initiative on Durable Solutions. The next meeting of the Financing Group is to be held on 12 July. TF4 co-Chairs reminded the Group that we should pay particular attention to identifying good practices/workarounds that could be shared for replication.
- Mapping of Good Practices: the questionnaire and country selection matrix has already been adapted and a meeting will be held on the first week of July to feedback on these documents. It was advised to share the concept note of this workstream with TF4 as soon as possible.

Peace puzzle

As TF4 co-Chair, Oxfam updated TF4 members on recent conversations about how to maintain attention and reflections on Peace in the Nexus. Suggested topics for the series of dialogues on peace envisaged to be organized/promoted within TF4 are:

- Conflict-sensitivity guidance
- Peace and security
- Pathways to peace
- Measurement of peace contributions

This series of dialogues could kick-off in September and be held until the end of the year.

AOB

- Future of the Task Force: There are ongoing discussions within the IASC - with the ERC but also co-chairs of subsidiary bodies and all TF co-Chairs. The mandate of the subsidiary bodies of the IASC could be extended until mid-2024. TF4 members are welcome to start discussing internally whether they would welcome an extension of TF4. UNDP flagged that the TF is valuable, especially as it is one of the rarer places in which we get to work on concrete products.
- Peter Batchelor is stepping down as co-Chair and will be replaced by Roberto Paganini from UNDP.

ACTION POINTS:

- Share proposal for the dialogue series on Peace with the reduced group and then TF4 members (**TF4 co-Chairs**)