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

16 May 2023

Action Points

AGENDA

- Updates and Feedback: INCAF and UN-DAC dialogue conversation on financing and OPAG meeting. Discussion on next steps on peace (discussion on ideas)
- Discussion on the Deputies task for TF4 (working with IFIs)
- Brief updates on ongoing deliverables: Cluster Guidance; Basic services update; CoP.
- Launch of the mapping of good practices
- 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.
- Circulate the latest draft of the Advisory Note to TF4 members for review and comments until CoB 29 March (**FAO & UNHCR**) Done
- Share key asks for OPAG and ideas on the suitability of the Task Force Model with TF4 co-Chairs (**TF4 members**) Done
- Advise on plausible timeline to arrange a presentation on the peace element of the HDPN and the UN Good Practice Note (**PBSO**) PBSO's presentation is to be tabled for TF4 meeting on 20 June
- Circulate the updated version of the background document with key messages ahead of the INCAF meeting with TF4 members for their feedback (**WFP**) Done
- Discuss the key messages ahead of INCAF meeting (**WFP + TF4 co-Chairs**) Done

INCAF and UN-DAC dialogue conversation on financing and next steps

- UNDP briefed TF4 members.
- At their meeting on 28 March, INCAF, the UN-DAC dialogue and TF4 **agreed to create a smaller working subgroup on nexus financing** to collectively bring forward our work, our thinking, and our research in in this area.
- Currently the group is composed of **Spain** and **Sweden**, representing donors, **UNDP** and **UNHCR** for the UN, and **we are seeking interest from two NGOs** from TF4 to take part in the

subgroup. Additionally, the **USA** and **WFP** are also members of the subgroup as co-chairs of the UN-DAC dialogue, as well as **INCAF Secretariat**.

- **NRC** and **Development Initiatives** from TF4 have expressed interest in joining the group.
- The group will work primary as an advisory group – the representatives won't conduct the work themselves.
- By **December 2023**: the group will conduct a scoping study on landscape financing analysis of financial flows in three strategic contexts yet to be defined. The overall aim would be to provide actors in the country and the RC/HC with a clear picture to enable better coordination and coherence in better use of existing resources.
- The group will consider and engage in the **work of IFIs and climate financing**.
- Assess what works and what doesn't.
- A second phase of the work of the group would entail the elaboration of **nexus financing strategies** for these three contexts.
- Criteria for country selection: 1) existing **support and demand from the RC/HC** and ownership of the process, 2) interest and participation of UN-DAC dialogue **donors**, 3) chose the right moment in financing or crisis cycle, 4) **policy changes or shifts** present, 5) countries with **collective outcomes** and/or existing frameworks in place that could be revitalized, 6) countries where we could ensure complementarity with **Robert Piper's Agenda on Durable Solutions**.
- **Next meeting of the subgroup on financing to be held on 31st May**

OPAG and Deputies Meetings in March 2023

- As TF4 co-chair, Oxfam briefed TF4 members
- Key asks to OPAG on 23 March from TF4 were:
 - Ensuring greater connections between HDP Nexus initiatives.
 - Requesting IASC Principals **to support advocacy with bilateral donors and International Financial Institutions (IFIs)** on the need to bring development funding to fragile contexts and increasing their risk tolerance, possibly through identifying a sponsor or champion.
 - ***Socializing existing guidance*** and raising the work of TF4, amplifying key messages on the HDP Nexus and supporting country programmes in implementing IASC policy.
 - Challenging the TF to deliver but also refocus (**suggesting deprioritizing the work on conflict sensitivity in light of existing guidance**) so it can bring key workstreams to the finish line.
- Action points from OPAG were:
 - Strengthen linkages between IASC structures (between Task Forces and with EDG, Deputies Group and Principals) on issues relevant to the nexus [**IASC secretariat**]
 - Share outcomes of the IASC Deputies Group discussion on strengthening collaboration with IFIs with Task Force 4 and involve the Task Force in any follow up action. [**IASC secretariat, OPAG members**]
 - Identify opportunities to improve coordination at the global and country levels with development and peace organisations; share the ideas and suggestion with TF4 co-Chairs. [**OPAG members**]
 - Organise a follow up OPAG discussion on the forthcoming deliverables on the role of humanitarian in the provision of basic services drawing on learning from key country contexts in collaboration with country leadership and bringing in the financing aspect. [**IASC secretariat**]

- Identify how the nexus can be tackled in one or more of the various ongoing processes (Flagship Initiative, IDP Review, JIAF etc). [Task Force 4]
- Capitalize on the GCCG and other IASC structures to operationalize the sector/cluster specific guidance being developed. [Task Force 4]
- The Task Force to de-prioritize the development of an IASC product on conflict sensitivity in 2023 **but request the TF to generate spaces to disseminate the work done on conflict sensitivity by OPAG member organisations and others.** [Task Force 4]
- Action point from Deputies on 29 March was:
 - Explore opportunities to deepen joint analysis, including harmonization of programming across pillars – linking short-term actions with national systems and development work – as well as joint data and advocacy partnerships. [IASC Deputies]
- In the ensuing discussion, TF4 members underlined that there would be value in mainstreaming the Peace element in their work, and look broadly at advancements in integrating conflict sensitivity social cohesion and peace.
- There was agreement in considering progress made on the IDP review and potential linkages with TF4's work.
- They also raised that OCHA's Flagship Initiative remains quite elusive at this stage and that global briefings on the matter would be very useful. A proposed way forward was to proactively reach out to Flagship countries providing key products from TF4 and RG4 while enquiring about the appetite for briefings from TF4 on the HDP Nexus to HCTs.
- On the Deputies' action point, some TF4 members pointed out that at this moment there is not enough capacity within TF4 to delve into this new area of work – the TF4 is timebound until December 2023. Members highlighted the lack of clarity in the Deputies' ask. Options suggested to address it were to consider strengthening linkages with the CCA and the cooperation framework, or looking at existing joint analysis exercises currently undertaken with IFIs.

Updates on ongoing deliverables

- Sectoral/cluster guidance
 - TF4 members were briefed by UNHCR
 - The guidance will be finalized in June and edited to be as user-friendly as possible to the Clusters, in particular for the checklist tool. FAO and UNHCR asked TF4 members for support with the editing.
 - The IASC Secretariat is able to support with light editing for the layout but not professional editing services would be available. OCHA will consult internally.
 - The guidance will be circulated to OPAG for comments (10 days to a week) and for electronic endorsement as soon as it is finalized. We do not need to await full and perfect editing before sharing with OPAG.
- Basic Services
 - TF4 members were briefed by OCHA
 - Country calls and foundational calls have been finalized
 - The survey has been finalized – especially thanks to Oxfam that supported with the online version on the survey.

- Next steps: finalization of the online survey, for the sub-working group focal points to share with the email recipients identified, then analyzing and synthesizing into country briefs and lastly to extract lessons learned and potentially set out the basis of a guidance on the delivery of basic services.
 - Yemen, Myanmar and Afghanistan have provided substantive insights/lists and engaged actively with the sub-working group, while making headway with Iraq has been less fluid so far.
 - The team is considering alternatives to Iraq depending on further discussions with the country teams.
 - Next call of the sub-working group to be held by 26 May, to start discussion on analysis, findings and synthesis.
 - OPAG meeting on basic services to be held in September 2023
 - Some TF4 members suggested to further consider in the near future if we could now enlarge the basic services survey to other countries to enlarge the scope and garner even more material.
- Mapping of good practices
 - TF4 members were briefed by Oxfam as TF4 co-Chair
 - Martin Eklund (Unicef) and Jennifer Doherty (ALNAP) will be co-leading the work on the mapping of good practices
 - A first call has been held to touch-base and brainstorm around the process for this mapping, based on the previous one
 - The subgroup is looking at drafting a concept note to share with TF4 members and discuss
 - TF4 members are welcome to either confirm or indicate their interest in joining this workstream. Currently Care, Mercy Hands, IOM and UNFPA have indicated their interest to contribute. An email has been sent to these members by TF4 co-Chairs to start coordinating with Unicef and ALNAP.
 - WFP indicated interest in joining the subgroup
 - The subgroup expects to deliver on the mapping by November 2023 to be able to publish in December.
 - OCHA noted that last year they set aside a budget of about 5000 USD to edit and finalize the Mapping of Good Practices.

AOB

DCO shared that the UN has now decided to reestablish the JSC in a reconfigured format as a way for the humanitarian-development communities to come together on H-D collaboration and linkages to peace. As this has just been announced, no further substance can be shared with TF4 members at the moment. The JSC will be co-chaired by OCHA, DCO, DPPA, PBSO and UNDP, with a secretariat consisting of OCHA/DCO as the main supporters for the RC/HC.

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**)
- Generate spaces to disseminate work around Peace (**TF4 co-Chairs, PBSO, UNDP, FAO**)
- Suggest ways to link TF4's work with the IDP Review (**TF4 co-Chairs & IASC Secretariat**)
- 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**)

- 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**)
- 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**)
- 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**)
- Share the link to the online survey on the delivery of basic services with TF4 members by 26 May (**OCHA & WFP**)
- 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)**.
- Keep TF4 members abreast of new developments on the JSC and suggest a date to brief TF4 (**DCO & OCHA**)
- Next TF4 meeting to be held on the **20th of June 2023**