WHAT'S NEXT?

A group of donors, aid organizations, and UN agencies met in Berlin to discuss the outline of a joint, two-year pilot on a common donor reporting framework. The template consists of eight core questions and up to three chosen questions to supplement them, based on the most common questions in donor reports.

**COMMON 8+3 TEMPLATE AGREED UPON**

After a two-year pilot most users found that the template successfully simplifies and standardizes reporting. 6 out of 11 donors found that the quality of reporting has even improved with the template, with some seeing also quicker turnovers and fewer clarification requests regarding reporting.

**FINAL PILOT REVIEW SHOWS THAT THE 8+3 TEMPLATE IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER EXISTING DONOR TEMPLATES:**

"I appreciate that report drafts are now more organized. For the most part, the quality of the reports I receive has increased."

(Respondent working in Myanmar)

"Questions regarding lessons learned as well as participation of and accountability to the affected population are particularly useful to assess the implementation and/or impact of projects and aid the development of future projects."

(Respondent working in Iraq)

Easier report preparation for aid organizations’ staff, particularly frontline staff;

Less need for reporting trainings, capacity-building and donor specialists;

Internal learning as it’s easier for organizations to monitor and compare assessments.

**MIDTERM PILOT REVIEW FINDS THE 8+3 TEMPLATE SAVES TIME**

The review demonstrated that the users valued the simplification in language, and that the template saves time. Lessons from the review were used to further improve the 8+3 template and adapt it to participants’ needs.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

JOIN TO HARMONIZE REPORTING!

Workstream Co-Convenors are now actively reaching out to other donors and (I)NGOs to join the roll-out of the template until Q1 2020 to use the momentum to reach a real and tangible harmonization. The more donors adopt the 8+3 template as a standard, the greater the benefit of harmonization, reducing the reporting burden across the humanitarian system.

**ROLL OUT OF THE TEMPLATE**

- CANADA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, OCHA, UNHCR: Rolling out the template globally with all NGO partners.
- FRANCE: Embedded the 8+3 template in their humanitarian strategy to be used with all partners for the next three years.
- AUSTRALIA, ITALY: Committed to use the 8+3 template and are actively developing an approach.
- US STATE DEPARTMENT (PRM): Committed to support the use of 8+3 template.

**EXPLORING WORKSTREAM COOPERATION**

Co-convenors Germany and ICVA plan to foster linkages with workstreams 1 and 4 to tackle common issues and projects.