
IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

12 May 2020

Summary Record

The IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian-Development Collaboration met on 12 May 2020 to discuss (i) INCAF-IASC Results Group 4 meeting on HDP nexus “*Commitments into Action*,” (ii) Follow-up to the Principals tasking on linkages between the GHRP, SPRP and the socio-economic plan; and (iii) Brief updates on light guidance on collective outcomes, HDN and its linkages to Peace, and Community of Practice.

INCAF-IASC Meeting on HDP Nexus Commitments into Action

Co-Chairs briefed that the **INCAF-IASC meeting would take place on Thursday 14 May to present key aspects of the “*Commitments into Action*” paper and to validate practical actions to apply a nexus approach in fragile contexts.** Co-Chairs thanked members for providing tremendous inputs, which they incorporated into the paper to the extent possible, while also considering commitments made by UNSDG, OECD DAC, INCAF, G20, GHRP and the IASC Principals. The paper identifies four action areas to develop and implement a nexus approach around, namely **(i) Diverse financing, (ii) Multi-stakeholder engagement, (iii) Knowledge, analysis and information sharing, and (iv) Full range of tools and approaches.** The paper serves as a background document to kickstart the conversation, rather than as a common agreement, while avoiding suggesting specific arrangements so that it could be applicable to wider stakeholders. Moving forward, the paper will be circulated with different constituencies to discuss how to make it concrete and workable in the COVID-19 environment. A follow-up meeting will take place in November to discuss progress, while knowledge-sharing activities such as webinars on relevant themes will be arranged in between the two meetings. Co-Chairs also noted that they liaised with the co-Chairs of Results Groups 1 on Operational Response, 3 on Collective Advocacy and 5 on Humanitarian Financing for coherence and synergies.

UNFPA suggested considering strengthened gender lens and roles of local organizations, linkages with the Secretary-General’s call to ceasefire and the intersection between the GHRP, SPRP and the Socio-Economic Plan. OECD proposed leveraging the full potential of Member States beyond financing aspects, including on compliance issues and containment measures. ICVA seconded OECD in that a full spectrum of Member States’ roles should be explored beyond the ‘ATM function.’ Save the Children stressed the need to hold a discussion with governments on what level of flexibility could be introduced to enable better access for national NGOs. WFP noted continued tension against the humanitarian principles, particularly around data protection and sharing, and opportunities to strengthen partnership with the private sector. InterAction shared NGO colleagues’ key concerns, including the need for further flexibility in funding and building on the existing humanitarian coordination mechanisms, as well as difficulties to channel voice in the GRHP and the Socio-Economic Plan. Members were requested to share further suggestions with co-Chairs and raise relevant points during the INCAF-IASC meeting.

Action Points:

1. Members to share further suggestions with co-Chairs and raise relevant issues during the INCAF-IASC meeting.
Actioned

Linkages between the GHRP, SPRP and the Socio-Economic Plan

Co-Chairs briefed that the IASC Principals met on 28 April and requested the Results Group 4 to **ensure the streamlining of efforts by considering the development of a shared set of indicators to support the complementary of work around the GHRP, Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP) and the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19** in collaboration with the JSC. Co-Chairs saw this as an opportunity to steer the sector to make nexus a reality in the implementation of the three processes, and suggested building upon the “*Commitments into Action*” paper by developing a set of key actions and indicators under the identified four key dimensions. As the paper was developed

in close consultations across Results Group 4, UNSDG and INCAF, this approach would ensure alignment and commitment across the three bodies. It was further noted that the OPAG would meet on 12 June to discuss how the Principal's decision had been followed up as well as to hear a progress update of the Group's general work. Members were requested to share any suggestions or volunteer to participate in the development of the indicators.

OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, DCO, WFP and InterAction expressed interest to contribute, while ICVA will revert after internal consultation. OHCHR shared that the Crisis Management Team on COVID-19 requested that OHCHR lead the development of human rights indicators for the UN system to assess and mitigate the impact of the pandemic on human rights. The sub-group of the CMT included DCO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, IAEA, WFP, WB, FAO, ICAO, IMO, DOS, DPO and DGC. Ten thematic indicators and various complementary indicators have been developed, building on existing work, including SDG indicators. The agreed indicators' framework was published last week as part of the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19 and will be shared with the wider Group. ICVA shared that an NGO nexus working group was arranging calls to hear from the representatives of the SPRP and Socio-Economic Plan on their interplay with the GHRP, as well as from several Resident Coordinators to gain views on the ground. DCO requested further clarity on how the indicators would complement existing ones and who would be responsible for monitoring, while suggesting making reference to the recent analysis on inter-linkages of the three plans. UNFPA echoed DCO, while also suggesting linking the work with relevant Principals' tasking on creating a comprehensive dashboard to better reflect progress and the use of the GHRP funds, and specifying concrete nexus-related actions and an implementation checklist on different elements of nexus process. WFP cautioned against increased reporting burdens of field colleagues as a result of the development of the indicators, while suggesting sharing WFP's internal nexus indicators for the Group's information. UNDP briefed on the new COVID-19 eDNA methodologies to inform impact assessment on the ground, currently under development with other UN agencies, World Bank and EU. For information, PBSO shared an overview of the World Bank's funding plan for the COVID-19 response, which in total amounts to USD 160 billion to cover until mid-2021.

Co-Chairs underlined members' reiterated call for building on existing processes and analysis. Members were requested to share aforementioned resources with the wider Group by Monday 18 May, after which the interested agencies and organizations will convene to refine a way forward.

Action Points:

1. OHCHR to share the human rights indicators' framework by 18 May. *Actioned*
2. DCO to share the presentation on inter-linkages between the GHRP, SPRP and Socio-Economic Plan by 18 May. *Actioned*
3. WFP to share internal nexus indicators with the wider Group by 18 May. *Actioned*
4. ICVA to confirm interest to participate in the development of the indicators. *Actioned*
5. Co-Chairs to convene the interested agencies and organizations for a follow-up discussion during the week of 18 May. *Actioned*

Brief update on the ongoing work

UNHCR shared a brief update on the **Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes** that the sub-group was at the final stage of incorporating comments received from the OPAG. The guidance will remain as a living document to be updated as the nexus landscape evolves. Co-Chairs requested members to encourage their respective OPAG representatives for a swift clearance, when the revised draft is re-submitted to the OPAG. The way the guidance was developed is already relevant and applicable to COVID-19 contexts, which makes it unnecessary to make explicit references to COVID-19 within the document. Alternatively, the sub-group is seeking ways to test the guidance in COVID-19 contexts during the pilot phase.

IOM and World Vision shared a brief update on the work around the **HDN and its linkages to Peace** that the draft issue paper was being finalized and would be shared with the wider Group for comments during the week of 18 May.

WFP and ICVA shared a brief update on the **Community of Practice** that the ToR was updated reflecting the survey results which identifies "tracking and mapping best practices across the three pillars" as one of the activities to be pursued by the

Community. The call planned for 14 May was postponed tentatively to 28 May. The Community continues growing with new interest and needs in light of COVID-19, including from NGOs.

Action Points:

1. UNHCR and WHO to finalize the revision of the draft guidance on collective outcomes and re-submit to the OPAG.
2. Members to encourage their respective OPAG representative to support a swift clearance of the guidance on collective outcomes.
3. IOM and World Vision to share the draft issue paper on the HDN and its linkages to Peace for comments during the week of 18 May.

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The Group's next meeting is scheduled to take place in mid-June 2020. Further details will be shared via the IASC secretariat. Subgroups leads will continue updating the co-Chairs on their respective activities.
