

IASC Results Group 4 on Humanitarian Development Collaboration

Progress Report (February 2021)

2019/2020/2021 Priority Areas of Work – Reprioritized in light of COVID-19 and by OPAG on 25 September 2020

[List below the OPAG-agreed Priority Areas of Work for the biennium 2019-2021 and concrete deliverables, both as originally planned and reprioritized in light of the COVID-19 and by OPAG on 25 September 2020. Recognizing that the COVID-19 calls for system-wide reprioritization and resequencing of priorities and has an impact on the ability of the Results Groups to deliver, please note below: (a) areas of work that can be delivered as planned, (b) activities that will have to be postponed, and (c) new activities/ deliverables that will need to be taken onboard in support of the COVID-19 response]

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK	“ORIGINAL” CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	“REPRIORITIZED” CONCRETE DELIVERABLES	STATUS	LEADS	PARTNERS
Finalize and disseminate guidance on collective outcomes in order to ensure a common understanding of analysis, funding and financial strategies, and effective coordination initiatives [To be done in close collaboration with results from Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing].	Develop guidance on collective outcomes with greater operational specificity (taking into account the issues of gender, prevention, peace, justice and human rights).		The IASC endorsed the UN-IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes in June 2020, developed under the leadership of WHO and UNHCR, in collaboration with DCO, OECD and PBSO (RG5 was consulted)	WHO, UNHCR together with all RG4 members	DCO, OECD, PBSO
	Finalize the light conceptualization on collective outcomes as a contribution to the ongoing discussion on collective outcomes.		Completed in Q2 2019 . The light conceptualization was a pre-deliberation for the development of the guidance on collective outcomes.	WFP	DCO, PBSO, OECD/INCAF
		Plan and support the dissemination and socialization of the UN-IASC Light Guidance on Collective Outcomes .		[CONTINUOUS] Dissemination efforts continue, including through webinars at capital and country levels, UNHCR and GPC channels. All members are sharing the guidance through their own channels and in specific events. The Guidance has been	ICVA, UNHCR together with all RG4 members

			translated into Arabic, French, Chinese and Spanish through voluntary contributions of different agencies (ICVA members and UNHCR) and is available in the IASC webpage (Link)		
Capture and disseminate good practices on humanitarian, development and peace collaboration within the IASC.	<p>OECD/INCAF/RG4 workshop on building a common understanding of ‘what success looks like’ in implementation of nexus approaches and to help strengthen collaboration and complementarity between bilateral and multilateral approaches in taking forward nexus approaches.</p>		<p>Completed. The workshop took place on 8 November 2019 in the margins of the OECD INCAF meeting, report available here. As a follow up, RG4 and OECD INCAF identified knowledge management around Nexus implementation (planned); and better defining and understanding the ‘peace pillar’ of the nexus (completed contribution from RG4 with the issue paper) as key collaboration areas.</p>	<p>IOM, INCAF</p> <p>together with all RG4 members</p>	<p>OECD/INCAF, DAC network on conflict and Fragility</p>
		<p><u>NEW DELIVERABLE – COVID-19</u> Identify key action areas to develop and implement a nexus approach around in collaboration and support the application of a nexus approach on those areas in fragile contexts.</p>	<p>[COMPLETED] The “Commitments into Action” paper was completed in Q2 2020, which identifies four action areas, namely (i) Diverse financing, (ii) Multi-stakeholder engagement, (iii) Knowledge, analysis and information sharing, and (iv) Full range of tools and approaches. An INCAF-IASC meeting took place on 14 May to apply a nexus approach in fragile contexts.</p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>together with all RG4 members</p>	<p>UNSDG, OECD INCAF</p>

	<p>Consolidate lessons learned and identify good practices in selected fragile contexts from the Community of Practice and other RG4 members on humanitarian, development and peace collaboration.</p>		<p>[COMPLETED] and on-going</p> <p>A number of meetings and online sessions took place to share practice and to identify areas to include in further knowledge management processes, the following:</p> <p>Pop up sessions on thematic issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation on the Ethiopia Drought Response, focus on analysis around the nexus”</i>. Presenters from GPPI (Jan 2020) • <i>“Briefing on key questions and considerations for donors at the triple nexus: lessons from UK and Sweden”</i>, co-organized with RG5 and with presenters from Development Initiatives (Feb 2020). • <i>“Collective outcomes in practice: down-scaling commitments and coordination through sub-national area-based programming– the experience from Chad”</i> with presenters 	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>RG5 – around quality funding</p> <p>together with all RG4 members</p>	<p>OECD/INCAF, DAC network on conflict and Fragility</p> <p>The Nexus CoP</p>
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			<p>from Chad Wash Cluster, Chad Food Security cluster, WFP global FS cluster and Oxfam in Chad (Oct 2020).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Financing displacement and durable solutions in the HDPN”</i> with presenters from INCAF, OECD and OIM (Nov 2020) • <i>“Scaling up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action”</i>. With presenters from UNDRR and OCHA (Feb 2021) <p>As part of the collaboration with INCAF (OCDE), a Joint INCAF-IASC Results Group 4 session on Peace in the HDP Nexus. The round table aimed at unpacking what “Peace” means in the context of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN). The panel was composed by colleagues from OCHA, OECD, ICRC, Irish Aid and the Humanitarian working group in Mali, and facilitated by the New Humanitarian.</p>		
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	<p><u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 - September 2020</u> Based on criteria that RG4 will create on "good HDC approaches", mapping where the nexus is happening in the field, reflect on what is working, what models are being used, and highlight good practice.</p>	<p>June 2021</p> <p>A concept note was endorsed third week of February 2021. The sub-group pre-identified about 15 countries from which to collect information and map good HDN practice through a survey to be filled out by the RCO in collaboration with other key stakeholders over the month of March. The survey will be coordinated with other relevant RG4 initiatives. Sub-group members are working with field representatives to ensure an inclusive approach, ensuring the participation of NGOs and other key stakeholders as local actors. .</p> <p>Final product is expected in June/July 2021</p>	<p>OCHA, WFP, FAO, WVI, UNFPA, UNDP, FAO, PBSO, Oxfam, DCO</p> <p>together with all RG4 members</p>	<p>Community of Practice</p>
	<p><u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Work on better understanding of financing across the nexus, also to use as input to our OECD DAC/INCAF discussions on donors "walking the talk"</p>	<p>The initial conversation with RG5 has started and ideas identified.</p> <p>Coordination with INCAF to be feeding into the research on financing mechanisms and initial discussions around the session on findings.</p>	<p>ICVA, Save the Children, UNICEF, DI, UNDP, WVI, Oxfam</p> <p>together with all RG4 members</p>	<p>OECD/INCAF</p>

		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Consult with local organizations and NNGOs on their experience of nexus approaches and look at where RG4 can support these actors	The initial consultation phase will be integrated with the mapping exercise. Contacts with RG1 and other initiatives (Grand bargain) are ongoing to build on existing evidence.	Oxfam , Save the Children, UNICEF, ILO, ICVA, UNFPA, InterAction, together with all RG4 members	
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Learn about what works for INGOs under a nexus approach	The initial consultation phase will be integrated with the mapping exercise.	ICVA , WVI, InterAction, Oxfam together with all RG4 members	
Provide inter-agency guidance on the HDN and its linkages to peace , while safeguarding humanitarian principles	Finalize Key Messages on the Humanitarian-Development Nexus and its Links to Peace .		[COMPLETED] The Key Messages were incorporated in the issue paper which is up to date on current developments.	World Vision, IOM together with all RG4 members	UNSDG
	Strengthen the articulation of Peace in the Nexus through the development of guidance specifically on the conditions under which the triple collaboration approaches are appropriate or not.		[COMPLETED] The " Issue paper: Exploring peace within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN) " was endorsed in Nov 2020 . It entails key messages on HDN and its links to peace. The dissemination efforts continue.	IOM, FAO, OECD/INCAF, World Vision, PBSO ICVA, ICRC, UNFPA, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, WFP, UNICEF, OCHA together with all RG4 members	Interpeace,
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Compile and disseminate Practical Guidance or other tool to help humanitarians in the field understand when and how they can engage with Peace actors , processes and programming (noting that RG4 exists to provide advice to humanitarians and is not a peace group per se).	June 2021 (initial results) The sub-group is mapping existing guidance and tool kits to operationalize the P in the Nexus. A Concept Note outlining the final deliverables was endorsed by RG4 first week of March; development of an app to ease stakeholders' access to key information is currently being considered. Several	WFP, IOM , UNICEF, ILO, WVI, UNFPA, PBSO, DCO, OCHA together with all RG4 members	

			external stakeholders, including humanitarian donors such as Canada, have requested permission to use the " Issue paper: Exploring peace within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN) " for their training package for their staff.		
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE</u> Develop messaging on how to make nexus approaches compatible with humanitarian principles , based on concrete challenges shared by members and others.	The work will commence in Q3/4 2021	UNICEF, ICVA, ICRC, PBSO The work will commence in Q3/4 2021	
Upon request, provide support to country operations through a system of pooling or coordinating capacities , including by working with the humanitarian-development nexus community of practitioners, the Joint Steering Committee, among others.	Strengthen field practitioners by maintaining and expanding the community of practice Network (HDN CoPN) .		Continuous. The Network continues to provide an informal space as a connecting hub for country-level and global discussions, sharing knowledge and lessons learned, and bringing together different actors. Its activities are supportive of RG4's other workstreams, including the development of the guidance on collective outcomes and knowledge management. A survey was recently conducted three years after the Network's establishment, where interest was expressed for the Network to pursue advocacy nexus,	WFP, ICVA	

			address country-specific challenges/solutions with regards to nexus. Its ToR have since been reviewed to reflect this way forward.		
	Collate and provide information regarding IASC members' capacities that can be pooled to respond to requests for technical support from the field.		<p>[COMPLETED] A matrix mapping information on the HDPN capacity deployed for country support was built in December 2019, with the idea to keep it updated. The purpose was to maintain an update on a global overview about HDPN support; to follow the trend of capacities and, quite importantly to support over time, reduce overlaps and cover gaps when required; to facilitate contact between agencies and organisations in respective regions/countries. With the learning from this initiative it was agreed by the group to launch a mentoring initiative that will give a tailored support to the specific needs (see below) In 2020 while RG4 members have been in contact with a number of countries (including Haiti, Mali, Cameroon and CHAD), only one formal request for support was addressed to RG4 from Chad.</p>	Co-Chairs (UNDP, Oxfam) together with all RG4 members	All RG4 members

		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Put in place a Nexus mentor system	RG4 members supported the evolution of support to countries through a mentoring approach. An initial proposal has been discussed with RG4 members.	Co-Chairs (Oxfam, UNDP) together with all RG4 members	
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Put together an induction package for nexus advisors being deployed to the field - including reading and lists of people to talk to - this could become a general training workstream.	The work will commence in Q3/4 2021	OCHA, ICVA, WVI, IOM, PBSO together with all RG4 members	
Strengthen the sharing of data and analysis and enable the adaptation of planning tools to support better alignment between country-based humanitarian and development plans [<i>consider doing so for the JSC pilot countries as a starting point.</i>]	Review and suggest adaptation of planning tools to support better alignment between country-based humanitarian and development plans through input provided to the companion documents on HDPN and the CCA of the UNSDCF.		Completed in August 2019. RG4 member provided substantial inputs to the companion documents on HDPN and the CCA of the UNSDCF.	RG4 members	UNSDCF
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – OPAG 25 September 2020</u> Engage with countries (size been defined out of 40) undertaking a Common Country Analysis (CCA) and/or UNSDCF (UN Sustainable development planning cooperation framework) in 2021 to ensure they embed the nexus approach.	A concept note was endorsed in February 2021. The sub-group is using a pragmatic approach to connect HQ and the field to support UNCTs that are designing their CCA and CF. A Mapping of countries provides guidance to link the field process to HQs to ensure that HDPN is well reflected. For the CCA it ensures linkages between the HNO and data and risks. For the Cooperation Framework, it strives to ensure that collective outcomes are embedded.	DCO, WVI together with all RG4 members UNHCR, OCHA, UNDRR, IDMC, ICVA and OHCHR	

			The sub-group facilitates sharing of information with other key stakeholders at country level to facilitate the participation and involvement of NGO (who at times, can be excluded from the CCA process).		
Support the system-wide response to COVID-19 , notably the IASC Principals decisions, from the nexus perspectives.		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – COVID-19</u> Develop a shared set of indicators to support the complementary of work around the GHRP, SPRP and the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19.	[COMPLETED] This was tasked by the IASC Principals at their meeting on 28 April. Indicators were shared with OPAG for review. The RG is incorporating the OPAG's feedback. However, as the SPRP is being revised and as the GHRP incorporated into the GHO, this work has been overtaken by events. Advocacy has shifted from complementarity of plans to resource mobilization. RG4 will shift towards influencing the development of the GHO. OPAG did not prioritize continuation of this Action Point during its 25 September 2020 meeting.	Co-chairs OHCHR, UNHCR, UNFPA, DCO, WFP and InterAction together with all RG4 members	
		<u>NEW DELIVERABLE – COVID-19</u> Contribute to reinforcing socio-economic and nexus considerations in the GHRP.	[COMPLETED] IASC principals in their meeting on 17 April agreed to ensure that the GHRP revision process not only looks at the humanitarian needs in the targeted countries, but also has a good reading of socio-	Co-Chairs (Oxfam, UNDP)	

			economic frameworks and nexus considerations. In reaction to this, RG4 Co-Chairs provided nexus inputs to be considered for the second iteration of the GHRP.		
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