

## IASC Results Group 4 - Humanitarian Development Collaboration

21 July 2021

### Summary Record

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#### INTRODUCTION

On 21 July 2021, the IASC Results Group 4 convened to discuss (i) Brief updates and information about i) the collaboration with INCAF on the DAC recommendations interim report, and financing across the nexus; ii) the humanitarian principles proposal; (ii) Mapping of good practice, its synthesis report and dissemination strategy; (iii) Peace tool kit; (iv) the nexus academy RG4 contribution; (v) Rapid updates on advances and requests for members re. community of practice, gender, support to field leadership; (vi) Actions and next meeting.

#### ACTIONS AND NEXT MEETING

- Communicate to RG4 the September dates of the workshops with INCAF on the DAC recommendations interim report, and the financing across the nexus report. **[RG4 co-Chairs]** **[ACTIONED]**
- To facilitate the identification of key topics and speakers for the Humanitarian principles pod cast initiative (TBC), share with RG4 a paragraph outlining the concept of a podcast regarding dilemmas related to humanitarian principles faced by humanitarians when working across the nexus; and follow up with the New Humanitarian regarding their interest to collaborate. **[RG4 co-Chairs]**
- RG4 members to share with Co-Chairs information on the recurrent dilemmas linked to the humanitarian principles when working across the Nexus.
- Share the mapping of good practice country profiles formally with the RC/HCs **[IASC secretariat]** **[ACTIONED]**
- Share the nexus academy slides with RG4 **[UNDP and RG4 co-Chairs]** **[ACTIONED]**
- Facilitate nomination of 'nexus experts' in consultation period of nexus academy, to support the review of core module content. **[RG4 members]** **[ACTIONED]**
- Provide comments on the TOR of the taskforce reviewing how to mainstream gender across nexus guidances by 23 July **[RG4 members]** **[ACTIONED]**
- Share peace-related guidance with Valerie Kuenzler at Interpeace – [kuenzler@interpeace.org](mailto:kuenzler@interpeace.org) **[RG4 members]**
- Update the RG4 calendar for the remainder of 2021 as per list provided in the meeting **[RG4 co-Chairs]** **[ACTIONED]**
- Collect more information in preparation of the sessions requested by ICVA members in the MENA region, and the DRC. **[ICVA/ WFP]**

#### BRIEF UPDATES AND INFORMATION

The co-Chairs noted that all action points from the last meeting had been completed.

**Collaboration with INCAF on the DAC recommendations interim report, and report on financing across the nexus:** The meeting planned with the OECD/INCAF Secretariat on the initial findings from the DAC recommendations interim report was postponed from July to September, and so was the two-hour workshop on the financing across the nexus report. As for the latter, RG4 has received a doodle to facilitate pinning down a date.

**Humanitarian principles proposal (this is an action agreed by members as a good one to deliver, not included in the initial work plan):** As the ICRC had capacity challenges to provide the RG4 deliverable related to a document outlining potential challenges relating to the nexus and humanitarian principles by the end of 2021, it was agreed to explore the option of developing a podcast in coordination with the New Humanitarian, which had a series of podcasts on humanitarian issues. To date, feedback from the New Humanitarian was being awaited. Any RG4 member organization interested in being involved was invited to express its availability to participate.

In the ensuing discussion and given the potential of a podcast to engage a broader audience, OCHA, UNHCR, Save the Children, and UNICEF expressed preliminary interest in participating in the development of a podcast. UNHCR, in particular, noted its interest in being involved in discussions featuring forced displacement and protracted situations. Agencies interested, and members of RG4, were invited to share some of the more common dilemmas related to the humanitarian principles encountered when working across the nexus.

## **MAPPING OF GOOD PRACTICE, ITS SYNTHESIS REPORT AND DISSEMINATION STRATEGY**

OCHA briefed that based on the 16 country profiles, the sub-working group had discussed the outline of the synthesis report, which aimed at following the structure of the survey. RG4 focal points were sought regarding the drafting of one-pagers on some thematic areas, e.g. the necessary steps to operationalize the nexus (sharing analysis, joined-up programming, collective outcomes), gender, and peacebuilding. OCHA was working on an online website featuring the countries that had implemented nexus approaches. The online map and synthesis report should be ready by the end of August and September, respectively.

RG4 expressed support for the idea of the RG4 co-chairs to organize an event in October to launch the online platform.

## **NEXUS ACADEMY – RG4 CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Hugh Macleman/ UNDP provided an update on the Nexus Academy, noting that that the initiative has been launched with two aims, first to build a better understanding among the three pillars of the nexus (humanitarian, development, and peace) – the so-called trilingualism; and second to scale up the deployable capacity in the system to accelerate and support nexus approaches.

Beyond training, the academy will also focus on enhancing *learning* – for which the mapping of good practice and peace toolkit initiatives of RG4 will be important; *community* backed by a peer-to-peer network and practical tools; and *capacity* to ensure that agencies can place the right people to provide joined-up global-to-local support for policy, partnerships and programmes.

In terms of the **roadmap**, the consultation around the prototype of modules is being undertaken in July/August with some 70 people across 50 agencies; the 6-week pilot training is to take place in mid-September; the launch of the nexus academy in December, and the first multi-agency (including from DAC who are delivering 77% of

development-focused ODA in fragile contexts, UN, NGO community) training session to take place in January. The academy aims to run four trainings a year over a period of five years.

There are **nine core modules** consisting of: 1) why nexus approaches; 2) when and how to use nexus approaches; 3) starting points for building 'trilingualism'; 4) role of different actors; 5) frameworks and entry points; 6) tools and mechanisms; 7) purpose of different nexus support roles; 8) programming; and 9) financing with a nexus approach. In addition, a module design will be offered to facilitate agencies' development of tailored modules, including on sectoral/thematic priorities; as well as a short HDP nexus foundational module that can be integrated into agency training courses.

RG4 members noted that Interpeace had developed a comprehensive nexus training, and DRR had invested in integrating DRR into various training modules. DCO was also engaging peace and development advisers, as well as human rights advisors on nexus approaches, particularly to align key messages.

## PEACE TOOLKIT

WFP presented the next steps regarding the peace tool kit. These included the mapping of tools led by Interpeace until September 2021; linkages and complementarity, including with the work on the nexus academy, and the mapping of good practice; and the sharing of outcomes and recommendations with OPAG in November.

RG4 members agreed that the peace toolkit should outline the key documents to be drawn on from the peacebuilding side along the programming cycle, to enable joint analysis and joined-up programming across the triple nexus.

## RAPID UPDATES

The RG4 co-chairs listed the **key RG4 events** until the end of the year, i.e.: in September, the two workshops with OECD/INCAF on the DAC recommendations interim report, and the financing across the nexus report; in October the launch event of the mapping of good practice, and feedback on the peace toolkit; in November the humanitarian principles podcast, the discussion on the peace toolkit, and the webinar with the INCAF task team; in December the launch of the nexus academy and celebrating all the work of RG4.

On the **community of practice network (COPN)**, WFP briefed that a request for support had been received from OCHA DRC; and one for nexus briefings from ICVA members in the MENA region. In addition, Burkina Faso was revisiting the nexus approach. To this end, the COPN is connecting OCHA and UNDP with nexus advisors in the region.

On the terms of references (TOR) regarding the taskforce that was asked to [mainstream gender across the nexus](#) – an initiative which followed the [Inter-agency Humanitarian Evaluation \(IAHE\) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls \(GEEWG\)](#), the RG4 co-chairs explained that this was not a RG4 initiative, yet that they were channeling the information to the taskforce co-leads. They highlighted the importance of placing the focus on practice, rather than the production of guidance to accelerate change.

## AOB

There won't be a RG4 meeting in August.