

IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team Meeting

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Agenda

1. Localization – discussion on HFTT activities 2.4 and 5.2
2. Humanitarian Development Nexus – briefing by NRC
3. Innovation – read-out of the 13 July World Economic Forum workshop in New York and planning of the learning lab module on Islamic Social Financing
4. AOB

Logistics

In Geneva: Room D-610, D building, 6th floor, Palais des Nations

In New York: 13th floor conference room, DC2-1370, 2 UN Plaza, 44th Street

Via Webex: Meeting number 648 281 171; password 12345

Notes

1. Localization – discussion on HFTT activities 2.4 and 5.2

IFRC: The GB workstream on localization selected Iraq, Bangladesh and Nigeria as demonstration countries and will organise field missions to their capitals. The mission to Bangladesh will take place in the second week of September. There are no dates of missions to Iraq and Nigeria yet.

IFRC is leading the research on financing for local actors and capacity strengthening. The research focuses on regulatory frameworks, pooled funds and domestic resource mobilization. The research will result in a guidance document supporting funding to local actors.

It is expected that the findings of the missions will inform the research and vice versa. IFRC will organize regional meetings and a global meeting towards the end of the year. It is expected that the country research will be completed by then. IFRC is also launching the localization website.

OCHA (HFTT co-chair): We were approached to organize the missions to Iraq and Nigeria on localisation. We suggested up to 5 people instead of proposed 8 and shorter mission times. We also suggested doing some research ahead of the missions, so they are better prepared.

ICVA (HFTT co-chair) requested that IFRC briefs HFTT every 6 months to provide an update on the progress made.

FTS: The localization definitions are finalized and FTS must categorize the organisations listed in FTS database to be able to report on the funding to national and local responders. There are over 8,000 organizations registered in FTS and only 2,000 are categorised into international and national. Categorising the remaining 6,000 organizations will require agreement with the broad humanitarian community on the methodology to be used. FTS is currently in discussions with IFRC on where this process is best placed.

CAFOD: This initiative is very timely and needs to be done as quickly as possible.

OCHA (HFTT co-chair): As much as the work on this needs to start quickly, we must be careful because neither OCHA nor IASC has the mandate to categorize organizations. We should put in place a self-determination mechanism allowing organizations to be categorized themselves.

CAFOD: this is problematic because different actors have different opinion on which organizations should be considered national and which ones international.

ICVA (HFTT co-chair): One option would be that the GB workstream on localization takes this work forward and frequently reports to the HFTT on the progress.

WFP: The Grand Bargain and the HFTT have different participation composition and governance, hence it will require collaboration between both of them but ultimate decision on how the categorisation will be undertaken needs to be agreed upon in advance.

Action Point:

- Organize separate consultations between HFTT co-chairs, FTS, CERF, CBPFs and IFRC to reach an agreement on the way forward with categorizing organizations.

2. Humanitarian Development Nexus – briefing by NRC

NRC: We convened a meeting last week with the agencies that expressed interest in this activity. It is a large group of actors (FAO, NRC, UNDP, OCHA, MPTFO). The group agreed to concentrate on the following objectives.

- Document to which extend predictable, multi-year, flexible financing is made available at country level and how does it match collective outcomes or interoperable humanitarian and development financial requirements
- Identify gaps and opportunities for improvement at country level
- Produce a paper translating cross-cutting learning into recommendations for global policy discussion with decision makers and practitioners

The group will be updating the HFTT quarterly on the progress made. NRC will also share the ToRs next week.

Action Point:

- NRC to share the ToRs for the study

3. Innovation – read-out of the 13 July World Economic Forum workshop in New York and planning of the learning lab module on Islamic Social Financing

OCHA (HFTT co-chair) attended the workshop organised by the World Economic Forum (WEF). Some of the HFTT members participated in the workshop as well. Donors, private sector and foundations were also present.

There were a lot of discussions on what the private sector can offer. There was an agreement that we need to find a middle ground that could help us discuss the obstacles and challenges.

The participants discussed the possibility of forming a platform and a neutral space where humanitarian actors and the private sector could discuss the challenges, such as the risk taking and risk sharing.

The private sector sees different priorities in humanitarian emergencies than humanitarian actors. Their two priorities in emergencies are the need to create jobs and the need to sustain education. They feel that humanitarian organizations we are not doing enough in these fields.

The HFTT secretariat will soon circulate an outcome document from the workshop. The HFTT co-chair believes that it is important that the HFTT keeps the connection with WEF.

UNICEF: Humanitarian actors usually look at the private sector as the source of income. But now the private sector is more involved in the operations. The question that we should explore is, how the private sector could become an operational partner as well, not only a financial partner.

OCHA (HFTT co-chair): Humanitarian organisations should understand better the private sector. There were several private sector partners who had thorough understanding of the humanitarian system but not vice-versa.

Action Point:

- The HFTT secretariat to circulate the note from the workshop organized by WEF

4. AOB

- There will be a workshop of the learning lab in Kuala Lumpur on 21 – 24 October and we will have a planning call on 8 August at 2pm GVA time.
- There will be no HFTT meeting in August due to the holiday season. Since the General Assembly will be in the second half of September, the next HFTT meeting will be on Wednesday, 12 September.

Participants

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