The use and recruitment of children by armed forces and armed groups is ongoing across Yemen.
Credit: Yemen Humanitarian Team.

LAST NEWS

L3 activated in the Yemen Crisis

On 1 July, the ERC O'Brien convened an ad hoc Principals meeting to discuss the activation of an IASC system-wide level 3 emergency response for Yemen. All agencies agreed to declare the L3 for a period of six months, with an interim review planned for September. The Emergency Directors proposed benchmarks to measure the impact of the L3 response activation. Since the violence escalated in March over 2,800 people have been killed and 13,000 injured while over one million people have been displaced from their homes. More than 21,1 million people- over 80 percent of Yemen's population- now
need some form of humanitarian assistance with 11.7 million targeted for assistance under the Revised Humanitarian Response Plan. Nearly 13 million people face a food security crisis and 9.4 million people have their access to water cut or severely disrupted raising the risk of outbreaks of water-borne diseases including cholera. There are reports of dengue fever and malaria in the south and areas bordering Saudi Arabia. The health system is facing imminent collapse with the closure of at least 160 health facilities due to insecurity and lack of fuel or other critical supplies. Humanitarians are scaling up operations and the UN, iNGOs and other agencies have reached some 4.4 million people with humanitarian aid since the escalation of the conflict. However, this number only represents a fraction of the people in need as access to the affected populations remains a major challenge. The (Regional) Humanitarian Coordinators, Amer Daoudi and Johannes Van Der Klaauw have called for an urgent ceasefire, to end the suffering of millions of people. Watch the latest multimedia [here](http://iwant2.sharemore sulla/2015/06/17).
Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on the Review of the 2008 IASC Gender Policy Statement and Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IHAE) in South Sudan


Gender: The reviewed IASC Policy set out the IASC’s commitment to achieving gender equality and ensuring that the human rights of women, girls, boys and men are equally promoted and protected in humanitarian action. The policy defines the actions, roles and responsibilities to be taken by the IASC and its various structures. The recent review shows that the strategic objectives of the IASC 2008 Gender Policy have not been adequately reflected in IASC work streams and that the development of a system wide Accountability Framework should be tackled urgently. A restructuring and strengthening of the Gender Reference Group and development of a two year work plan was urgently needed.

South Sudan evaluation: The IAHE is a tool to assess and reflect on the extent to which the collective response in South Sudan has met its objectives and to provide information on areas of work that need to be improved in the future. It promotes accountability to donors and affected population and enables system-wide strategic learning. The WG comments will be taken into account for the final report and management response matrix which should be finished by the end of August 2015.

IASC EVENTS

IASC events are organized on an ad hoc basis by the IASC secretariat in Geneva and New York

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings and the World Humanitarian Summit

Geneva, 3 June 2015: a panel composed of Sabine Rakotomalala, Guglielmo Schininà, Mark Van Ommeren and Margriet Blaauw, discussed how mental health and psychological support could contribute to the goal of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) “to commit to new ways of working together to save lives and reduce hardship around the globe” by relating back to the four

Upcoming Events

Geneva, 14 July: Briefing on the Syria Operational Peer Review

Geneva, date TBC: Briefing on the Iraq Operational Peer Review

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Other developments of interest in the humanitarian field include the following:

The Global Humanitarian
themes of the WHS: humanitarian effectiveness, reducing vulnerability and managing risk, transformation through innovation; and serving the needs of people in conflict. The integration of mental health and psychosocial support into humanitarian support is critical to support resilience, to help those affected access life-saving services, to restore day-to-day functioning, and to aid recovery. The MHPS TT will take these issues forward into the WHS discussions.

**DisasterReady.org**

Geneva, on 11 June 2015: Atish Gonsalves, Director of DisasterReady.org presented the growing library of advanced e-learning courses and other relevant resources. DisasterReady.org offers approximately 500 free e-learning modules on critical topics such as Humanitarianism, Program/Operations, Protection, Staff Welfare, Management & Leadership, Staff Safety & Security, and Soft Skills. DisasterReady has over 45,000 members to date; and is predicting to have over 75,000 by the end of 2015. Partners of DisasterReady include CARE, IFRC, OCHA, Save the Children, UNHCR, UNICEF and others. The IASC secretariat strongly recommends making use of this valuable source of information and training.

**PRODUCT OF THE MONTH: JUST LAUNCHED THE WHOLE OF SYSTEM REVIEW OF PROTECTION IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

The independent Whole-of-System Protection review which was launched during ECOSOC’s Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) Programme of Development Initiatives launched the Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2015, which provides the most up-to-date and comprehensive picture of global humanitarian financing.

In 2014, UNHCR and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) commissioned a joint study on the responsibility to respond to internal displacement in the ECOWAS region. This study seeks to shed light on how and to what extent the fundamental responsibility of governments toward IDPs is translated into effective response by three ECOWAS Member States, by using the twelve benchmarks of the Framework for National Responsibility as an assessment tool.

On the 16 June, the final report on the Independent High Level Panel on UN Peace Operations was released. It analyses and makes recommendations on the work of the panel over the past six months, looking at the UN peace operations to ascertain their relevance and effectiveness for today and tomorrow’s world.

The Global Overview 2015 was issued by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre and the Norwegian Refugee Council. The report has never before reported such a high estimate for the number of newly displaced in a year in the year 2014; 38 million people around the world had been forced to
Affair's section on 19 June was commissioned to identify whether the humanitarian community is currently set up to fulfill the aspirations set out in the Centrality of Protection and, if not, how to strengthen its ability to achieve protection outcomes. This would also include enhanced compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights norms. The recommendations underscore the need for conceptual clarity on protection in practice, and to address systemic issues of leadership, partnership, coordination and accountability. Recommendations from the report will be taken forward by the Global Protection Cluster partners and many others and we will report on progress in the coming months.

In June, ICVA launched the #ICVAPoP campaign. The campaign is calling on all humanitarian organizations to support the Principles of Partnership which were originally developed and endorsed by the Global Humanitarian Platform in 2007. ICVA encourages all organizations to join the #ICVAPoP. To find out more, visit the #ICVAPoP page.

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### IASC PRIORITIES

#### Recent Developments:

For more information or to join the groups, please visit the IASC Subsidiary Bodies [webpage](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=83487eb1105d72ff2427e4bd7&id=c892c17e37...).

#### Accountability to Affected Populations and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (AAP/PSEA)

From 15 to 17 June, the IASC Task Team on AAP/PSEA held a workshop in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The workshop aimed at operationalizing AAP and PSEA through all the phases of the Rapid Response to Movements of Population (RRMP) program. It resulted in developing a three months action plan. Participants discussed strengthening accountability to affected populations and more effective information sharing. Linkages were established with the Inter-Agency Community-based Complaints Pilot project. The Task Team is committed to supporting field operations and RRMP partners implementing the workshop recommendations.

On 22 June, the Task Team reviewed achievements towards and challenges of its 2014-15 workplan. Progress made include members consistently highlighting

#### Protection: Launch of whole-of-system protection review

On 19 June 2015, the Independent Whole-of-System of Protection in the Context of Humanitarian Action was officially launched in Geneva. A full day planning workshop is scheduled for the end of July upon which recommendations will be taken forward.

#### Humanitarian Financing

The IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team has completed half of the activities in its 2014-2015 workplan and is on track to implement the whole plan by the end of this year. At its mid-year retreat in Geneva in June, the Task Team's members provided an update of achievements so far. These include, among others, studies on challenges for local NGOs in accessing country-based pooled funds, capacity assessments, and UN partnership agreements; a list of best practices to accelerate the implementation of CERF projects and disbursement of sub-grants; and the launch of a report on the future of humanitarian financing, titled "Looking Beyond the Crisis". Research on donor conditions and other work is underway. The Task Team has established links with the Good Humanitarian Donorship initiative, the Pooled Fund Working Group, the process leading up to the World
the essential linkages between AAP and PSEA during field missions, advocacy and training; the production of information products including the Humanitarian accountability report; AAP/PSEA emerging as a priority in the World Humanitarian Summit consultations; support on AAP/PSEA to field operations; closer cooperation with the Global Protection Cluster and Task Team; inclusion of AAP/PSEA in HC/RC training manuals and and other key processes of the Transformative Agenda. Recently established Help Desk have reported little take up and more work is required to include AAP/PSEA in organizational recruitment and performance processes and developing relevant Standard Operating Procedures.

Humanitarian Summit, and the secretariat of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing. The Task Team discussed how to follow up on the recommendations from the 'Future Humanitarian Financing' report, how to contribute to work on bridging the humanitarian-development gap, and how to advocate for less restrictive donor conditions.

Upcoming Meetings

1 July: IASC Principals Ad Hoc meeting on Yemen
1-3 July: UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations
6 July: UN Working Group on Transitions Meeting on "Fit for Purpose"
15 July: Humanitarian Financing Task Team Meeting
28 July: Revitalizing Principled Humanitarian Action Task Team Meeting