UNICEF Procedure for Transfer of Resources to Civil Society Organizations
Training day with partners organized by ICVA & UNICEF
Geneva, 14 April 2015

Key takeaways

The learning event was very successful. It offered a great opportunity to improve knowledge and understanding on the new UNICEF procedures but also share comments, exchange ideas with UNICEF about UNICEF-NGOs partnership and identify follow up actions.

The training was attended by 18 NGOs (members and not members, international and national) and 10 UNICEF staff.

There is great appetite from NGOs in following up with UNICEF on future learning opportunities but also on creating room for continued dialogue on partnership. Practical suggestions have been made:

• revitalize the PCA working group and plan regular conference call (twice a year) to follow up on implementation of the new guidelines and procedures
• explore opportunities with UNICEF in Geneva (Julien Temple) for the organization of operational consultations with NGOs
• Follow up with UNICEF (Andrea and Silvia) on how to best engage with National NGOs and ensure their participation to trainings

Similar training events are planned at regional level in the coming months. Dates are not yet fixed but I spoke already with UNICEF regional focal points for Amman and Dakar (most likely planned for May).

ICVA will support/facilitate reaching out to partners as in Geneva (sharing information and invite, provide support for logistical arrangements, etc) and through the ICVA regional hubs. UNICEF indicated they would prefer to keep the relationship between Geneva and NY.

Trainers (Andrea Suley, Silvia Chiarucci) acknowledged the contributions from partners and from ICVA to the drafting of the new guidelines and also clearly stated that the language used in the final version of the legal document does not give justice nor reflect the Principles of Partnership. Nevertheless they declared their wish to build a better partnership at field level while implementing the new procedures. They are still welcoming feedback and comments on the manual/guidelines still in the draft version.

Webinars could be organized by UNICEF upon request from partners;

An e-learning course will be available at the end of the year (building on the experience of these kind of trainings)