IASC Subsidiary Bodies

IASC Task Force on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas
Work Plan for 2010

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1. Narrative Summary

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Task force on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas was created in March 2009, with its first meeting convened on 27 April 2009. During the first seven months, the TF achieved the following:

1. An assessment of key strategic and practical challenges and institutional gaps in administering humanitarian assistance in urban areas; and
2. A set of recommendations for an IASC strategy and action plan to strengthen humanitarian operations in urban areas.

As the main outcome of this intensive process, the Task Force prepared the initial Report entitled “Initial Strategy Paper on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas”, which was endorsed by the IASC WG meeting in November 2009.

By the end of its first year, 2010, the TF aims to:

1. To provide an overall assessment of tools and methodologies in the IASC in delivering humanitarian assistance to affected population in urban areas
2. To enhance IASC understanding of effectiveness of current methods, practices and capacity in responding to humanitarian crises in urban areas, including through country case studies, and
3. To improve will promote knowledge management and sharing of tools and experiences from humanitarian response in urban areas through developing a MHCUA page on OneResponse website