



## Humanitarian Financing Working Group Summary Meeting Notes

Tuesday 23 April 2019 15:00-16:30

ICVA Conference Room, 26-28 Avenue Giuseppe-Motta, Online webinar

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### NGO Member Participants included:

Christian Aid, DDI, HI, ICVA, Intersos, IRC, MDM (as DDI), NRC, Oxfam, Plan

#### **1. Update on the UN contracts partnership agreements meeting on 28 March**

- A group of NGOs led by Oxfam is working to analyse partnership agreements with UNHCR, OCHA, UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP.
- The group met with UN agencies to present some of the preliminary findings in Geneva on 28 March. First such meeting since 2017. The meeting had high turnout.
- A pre-meeting took place on 25 September, in Geneva as well, in order to ensure a coordinated NGO voice.
- There is agreement to continue with quarterly consultations and a yearly face to face meeting, with each meeting focused on one theme.
- The analysis of agencies' contract is now finished and in draft mode, and will be shared with the agencies by the end of the month.
- All agencies that worked on it need to give comments or sign off on it by the end of the week, 26 April.
- The UN agencies seem to have a positive interest in the consultations, for the most part.
- It is important that UN comes to those consultations with their points, and not only NGOs.

#### **2. Readout from the IASC Humanitarian Financing Results Group**

- The previous Humanitarian Financing Task Team was co-chaired by OCHA and ICVA. It has been announced that they were selected again to co-chair the new Results Group (RG) that is replacing the Task Team (TT). OCHA is still determining who will be the co-chair internally. Jeremy Rempel will co-chair from ICVA.
- The new Results Group 5: Humanitarian financing will be reporting to Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG), a new body. The Results Group are to be time-bound and evaluated after 12 months.
- The first meetings of the OPAG took place on 11 and 12 April, together with the RGs co-chair.
- A much less democratic process than in the TT in determining the workplan and membership of the groups.

- The proposal to the workplan is to be submitted to the OPAG by 1 May, so the RG5 will be meeting tomorrow 24 April to work on it.
- The OPAG acknowledges that the workplans have been somewhat too ambitious, and might need revision as the idea is to keep the groups accountable to delivering.
- There is an intention to improve cooperation and coordination between the RGs on overlapping topics such as the Nexus.
- There are questions regarding membership in the RGs. The IASC Secretariat is taking sometimes the line that only IASC members can be RG members, but we are working on a compromise, which looks right now as each NGO network having 3 extra seats.
- ICVA is still working on better representation for L/NNGOs.
- Since ICVA has southern membership, it gets an extra seat for a southern NGO.
- This is still problematic, but there is a feeling that actors that would like to join meetings will not be stopped, even if not members. Only problem is that it gives the IASC Secretariat the option to fall back to the official position if they are inclined to.
- Regarding the priorities of the workplan, The OPAG is the one to decide, but the RG will try to work and sign off on the workplan. The OPAG will do the final sign off, but cannot sign off on something that the RG and its co-chairs are not committed to.
- The RG will take the points from OPAG back into a table and see how to assign them to members.
- **ICVA to share the workplan documents**
- The RG will meet on 24 April to discuss that.

### **3. Update on the Pooled Fund Working Group merging proposal**

- NRC and ICVA is looking at a process of better consolidating the voice of NGOs regarding the pooled funds.
- NRC is co-chair of the OCHA-NGO Pooled Fund Dialogue Platform and the Core Group which is the place for NGOs to discuss the PF platform.
- We also have the Pooled Fund Working Group where NRC and ICVA are members, together with 3 other NGOs – ARRDN Jordan, TROCAIR, Save the Children.
- We are trying to merge between those in order to align the NGOs that are present in the PFWG with those in the PF Platform Group.
- This will add one NGO to the PFWG, which is the piece we will need to propose to OCHA.
- Hopefully we will be able to finish this process by the next PFWG on 28 June.
- If the RG5 changes co-chairs, we need to think what will happen in the PFWG – it is not sure that there will always be an NGO co-chair for the RG5.

### **4. Update on the new UN Security Council resolution on counter-terrorism measures**

- On 28 March 2019, the UNSC has passed [a new resolution on Counter-terrorism measures](#).
- There were some concerns regarding the language there and the impact on the country level.
- We are interested in doing a meeting to debrief on the measures and especially the process, as it seems the info from NY colleagues did not reach Geneva. We will try to bring the NY colleagues and the field staff for this briefing call.
- It was a common concern for French NGOs, and around 15 of them wrote a statement ahead of the resolution.

- There is interest in a debrief, despite the fact that we cannot change the result – but important to understand how to be more involved in the future.
- **ICVA to put together a briefing call**

Next Meeting: Monday 20 May 2019