



### Summary notes:

#### Online second meeting on consultations with IDPs & Host Communities on behalf of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement – 09 June (10:00-11:30)

**Participants:** Act Alliance, CARE International, Christian Aid, Danish Refugee Council, High-Level Panel Secretariat, International Organization for Migration, Norwegian Refugee Council, Platform on Disaster Displacement, Save the Children, UNHCR, UNICEF.

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Make sure to set-up the consultations process in each country, allowing for a start as soon as possible.
- Stakeholders to provide more details about where they can work, priority countries where they have the capacity to lead or to cooperate with others.
- Getting to a final decision, if possible, in terms of assigning different responsibilities in specific countries.

#### Overall reminders for the consultations (HLP Secretariat):

- The Secretariat is eager to get feedback coming out of this exercise and hear more about the consultations, particularly because the Panel may not be able to undertake visits.
- The Panel feels that these consultations are even more important than before given the current situation and the restrictions.
- Slide 2: The consultations will focus on IDPs and host communities.
- Need to consider how to make sure both communities are represented.
- Pay particular attention to AGD. It is also important for the Panel.
- Tried to select countries where we know there is an active ongoing humanitarian activity and where there are means of communication with displaced populations.
- Wanted to ensure geographical diversity across continents as much as possible, also in terms of causes for displacement (conflicts, disasters) and looking at urban, rural or camp settings.
- Wanted to make sure we had enough countries suitable for the different workstreams.
- Not an exhaustive list. Any last-minute suggestion would be welcome.
- Slide 3: we have a list of around 25 countries. We received positive feedback from stakeholders and a very good spread across the world.
- Slide 4: we have quite a number of countries where multiple organizations have indicated a capacity to be involved with consultations.
- It is a great opportunity to work together and maximize the coverage of these consultations.
- We want to make sure that it is coordinated and streamlined as possible.

#### Revision of the cover note and the questions guide:

- The Secretariat shared with by email a revised cover note. This can be shared with your field colleagues.
- The Secretariat revised also the questions guide according to our first meeting on the topic.
- Details have been added to the questions guide, on specific details that the HLP Secretariat wants to make are received, e.g. on methodology used, on number of participants broken down by age and gender, and then by any different sort of population groups (e.g. IDPs or host community).

#### Methodology of the consultations / tools used:

- Each agency or organization can use its own format/tools to feedback the results.



- Since the idea is to make use of already existing channel at field level, it appears unnecessary to impose new formats. Many organizations already have templates used for focus group discussions and consultations that is why we did not want to impose a set one. However if anyone is particularly interested in receiving an indicative format, the Secretariat has received one from the Danish Refugee Council that can be shared.

#### Coordination & responsibilities:

- Easier that coordination takes place at country level rather than organized from Geneva.
- There might be clear leads in some countries but in other countries it might be difficult to reach consensus. It is important to avoid inertia or a collective action problem where too many people may be involved and then the consultations never happens.
- Welcoming guidance from the stakeholders. You know your country offices, the dynamics at country level and whether this is possible.
- We need to have a mechanism to allocate countries.
- It is useful for the Secretariat to know where you have the capacity to lead versus where you have the capacity to contribute. Hoping to be able to defer a lot of that coordination to country level without the need to be involved from Geneva.
- Suggest having one or two focal points who are responsible for reaching out the Secretariat per country.
- Suggestion from IOM to share the list of focal points on SharePoint so that it can be updated as necessary.
- Where there is one agency or NGO in the country, that is easy to have one focal point and the consultations can start relatively fast.
- Where there are two organizations, the idea is that the organizations should be able to work together and there can be two focal points.
- Where there are more than two organizations, probably better that the Secretariat gets touch with relevant in-country staff to share the information, details on the process, the objectives and askg them to quickly identify how to coordinate among themselves, who is going to do what, how to avoid duplications. In-country staff could have a meeting to discuss all this and decide who could act as focal point.
- Coordination between several organizations may look into clearly distributing which agency or NGO is to cover a specific geographical area.
- There is a number of countries on the list where only UNHCR and IOM indicated their availability. They can to touch base on the ground and work together.
- To clarify the role of a focal point, it would entail 3 responsibilities:
  - 1) be to in touch with the different organizations that indicated a capacity in a given country to agree on who is going to cover what area, where, and with whom (organize a discussion around distribution/rationalization of efforts);
  - 2) Be the contact person with the HLP Secretariat to share updates, questions and answers in case necessary;
  - 3) to consolidate, at the end of the process, the different reports from the consultations and transmit those back to the Secretariat (this would not entail editing, analyzing or standardizing reports; it would basically be about receiving the reports from partners and forwarding them to the Secretariat in one single batch).
- Once the process is launched, the Secretariat will ensure all the linkages and connections are done with the governments and the Resident Coordinators to facilitate the consultations.
- Repeat an element mentioned last time: HLP Secretariat particularly interested in covering four countries of which the Panel members are from and involve those members in the discussions: Ethiopia, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Colombia. However, should partners feel that, for whatever reason, it is better not to involve Panel members in their process, this is



also possible. Each political situation is different. We have to work on a case-by-case basis with the agencies that would be operating.

#### Timeline:

- Secretariat needs to receive field results from the consultations by the end of September.

#### The Secretariat role after the consultation:

- The Secretariat will summarize those inputs (similar to what was done with the written submissions) and then submit the analysis to the Panel.

#### Further details on the consultations by stakeholder, as captured by note-takers:

##### **Norwegian Refugee Council**

- Where we cannot lead, we would be happy to contribute.
- When the focal points are identified, it would be useful to share the list.

##### **Christian Aid**

- Christian Aid will work alongside with ACT Alliance as a member of the Alliance.
- IDP organisations in Nigeria and South Sudan will be interested to participated in. They were heavily engaged with the GP20 campaign.

##### **Act Alliance**

- As a network, we cannot mandate participation of our members immediately, but we are happy to take up a lead role and details will need to be worked out country level.
- Can support UNHCR in Burkina Faso.
- Happy to follow-up at country level in Ethiopia.

##### **IOM**

- IOM and UNHCR can be focal points for Cameroon, CAR, and DRC.

##### **UNHCR**

- UNCHR can lead in Burkina Faso.
- UNHCR has a coverage in specific areas in Ethiopia in West Guji, Gedeo, West & East Wellega, Somali and few others. Other regions we do not cover can be covered by others.
- The consultations activities would take place under the Protection Cluster or the CCCM Cluster so we can perhaps consider utilizing those capacities to show a unified front to the RC and it will reinforce the cluster mechanism.

##### **UNICEF**

- Interested in exploring engagement in the following target countries: Iraq, South Africa, Uganda, Nigeria, Guatemala, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Philippines.

##### **Danish Refugee Council**

- Waiting for confirmation from country offices for Ukraine and South Sudan. Iraq has just declined now as they are facing access challenges, even without COVID-19.
- Will reach out to other countries and later confirm their ability to lead or not.

##### **CARE**

- Will check again with teams in Haiti and Pakistan, given there are no volunteers there yet.



- In South Sudan we have indicated exactly where we can conduct data collection based on existing presence, can it be added into the matrix?
- What CARE has offered is based on where we are, where we work already, where we have physical capacity. We may not have a presence elsewhere, so it is also important that we start to work fairly quickly with concrete offers that have been made. Let's keep it simple.

Next steps:

- All stakeholders on the call are encouraged to send to Giovanni and Caelin an e-mail with a firm confirmation of the countries where your organization can organize the consultations and provide a contact person (with e-mail address) who would be involved in the process at country level (**DEADLINE: June 12 CoB GVA**).
- The Secretariat will follow-up on moving forward on the process with organizations.
- The Secretariat can share the Danish Refugee Council template if seen as useful.
- ICVA happy to help organize follow-up meetings during the consultations or towards the end of the process if this is helpful in keeping a general overview from Geneva level on the process and its results. HLP Secretariat and ICVA to discuss timing.
- APRRN and Women's Refugee Commission could not attend the meeting but are willing to continue to support.
- Christian Aid shared to all stakeholders a [discussion paper on IDP participation](#) developed for the UNHCR-NGO Annual Consultation in 2018, which might present a useful overview of standards.