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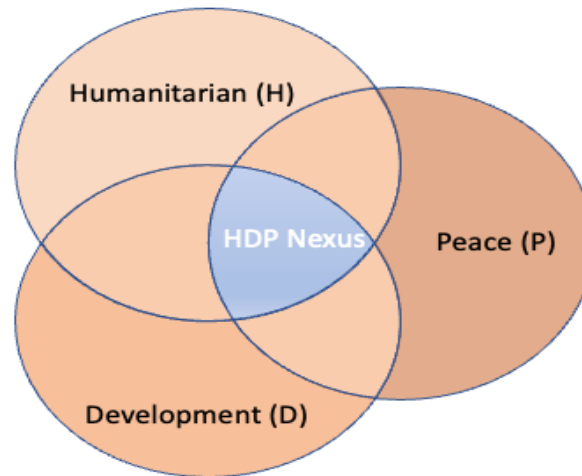
Advancing NEXUS in the MENA Region

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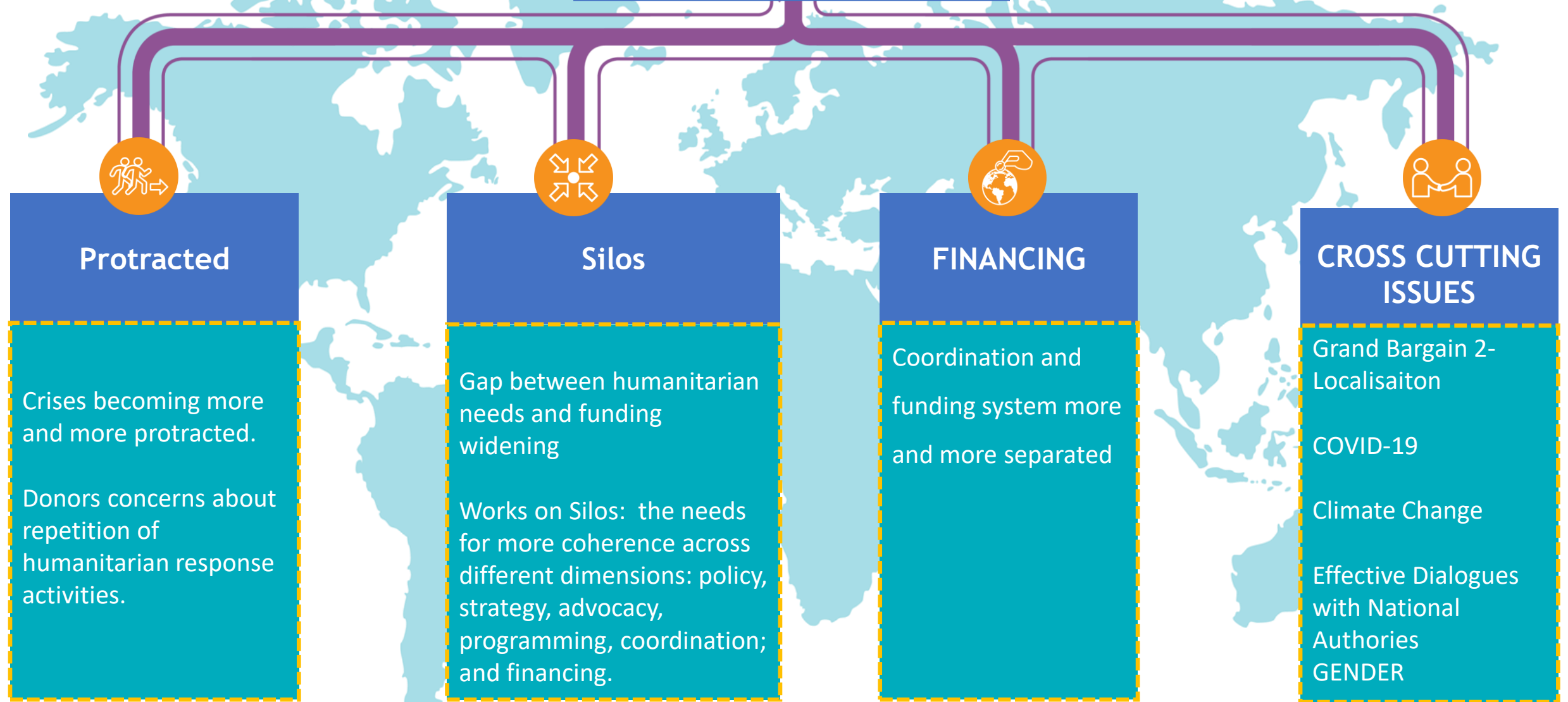
ADVANCING NEXUS IN
THE MENA REGION
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RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION
OF THE STATE OF HUMANITARIAN
DEVELOPMENT-PEACE (HDP) NEXUS
IN THE MENA REGION
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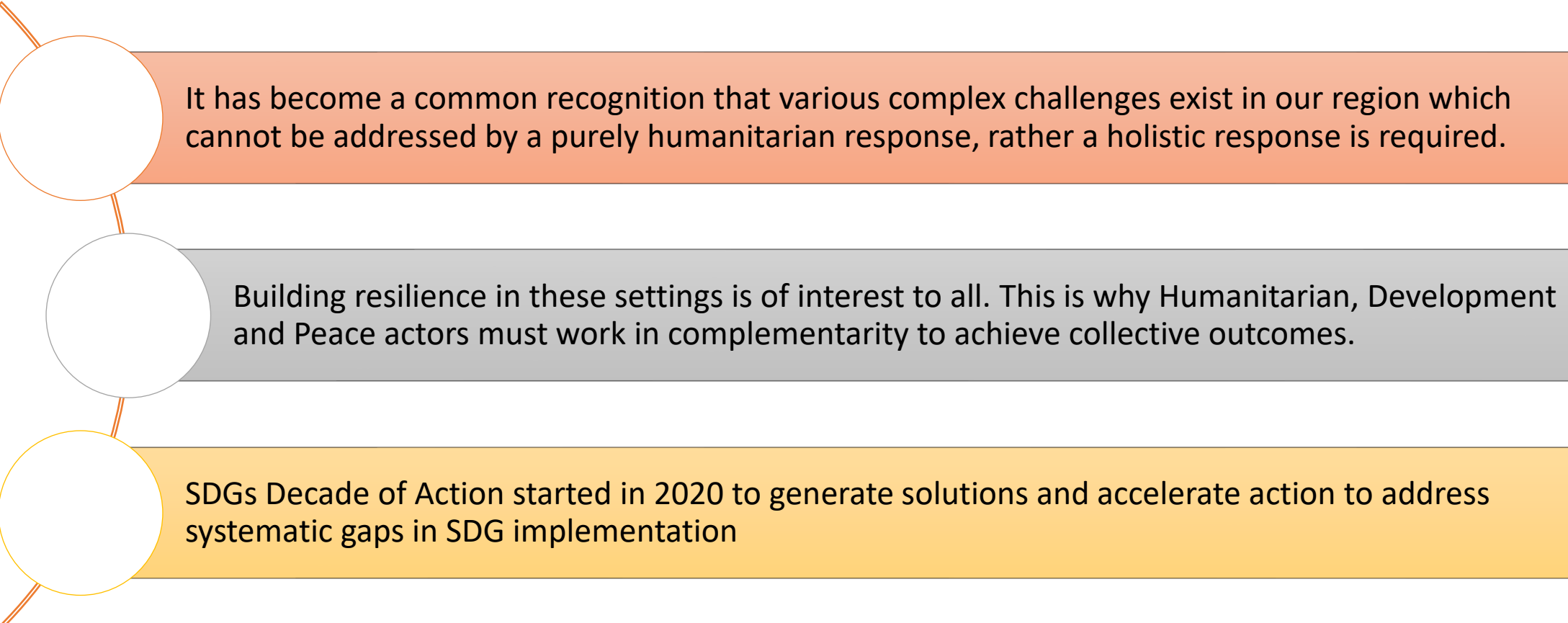
Research and Documentation – September 2022



Why the NEXUS?



Why is HDP NEXUS Important



It has become a common recognition that various complex challenges exist in our region which cannot be addressed by a purely humanitarian response, rather a holistic response is required.

Building resilience in these settings is of interest to all. This is why Humanitarian, Development and Peace actors must work in complementarity to achieve collective outcomes.

SDGs Decade of Action started in 2020 to generate solutions and accelerate action to address systematic gaps in SDG implementation

What are Collective Outcomes?

- A collective outcome (CO) is a jointly envisioned result with the aim of addressing and reducing needs, risks and vulnerabilities, requiring the combined effort of humanitarian, development and peace communities and other actors as appropriate. To be effective, the CO should be context specific, engage the comparative advantage of all actors and draw on multi-year timeframes. They should be developed through joint (or joined-up) analysis, complementary planning and programming, effective leadership/coordination, refined financing beyond project-based funding and sequencing in formulation and implementation.

Policy Framework

To effectively address the interlinkages among the humanitarian, development, and peace actions, a series of dialogues, policies, and framework agreements have been crafted by various entities, which build the foundation of the HDP nexus. Some of the policies include:

- ❑ **OECD DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus**
- ❑ The Global Compact on Refugees
- ❑ The Grand Bargain Agreement
- ❑ The New Way of Working
- ❑ Council of the EU conclusions on the Integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crises
- ❑ Council of the EU Conclusions on the operationalization of the Humanitarian-Development Nexus



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Research Objective

Better understand the current stage of the operationalization of NEXUS approach in the selected countries throughout MENA (Iraq, Syria, Syria cross-border from Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, and Libya).

Documents policy changes and situational changes that reflect the NEXUS approach.

Exhibits good practice and good examples accessible to humanitarian, development, and peace actors.

Examines how HDP nexus approaches can be integrated and operationalized globally, in the MENA region, and in each of the target countries.

Three- Tiered Approach

Quantitative Data Analysis- a quantitative perception survey was carried out with INGO, NNGO and NGO Forum's representatives in 8 countries.

- OCHA Survey
- Key Informant Interview

Qualitative Desk Research - grounded in an extensive review of relevant literature on policies, data, or trends on NEXUS in MENA and as a series of key informant interviews conducted remotely with humanitarian practitioners in a sub-set of countries: Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Syria/Turkey hub, and Yemen

Documentation – Case studies presented through the research

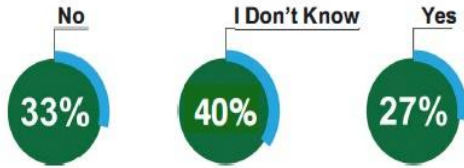




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Key Regional Level Findings

Are HDP nexus policies in place at your country of operation?



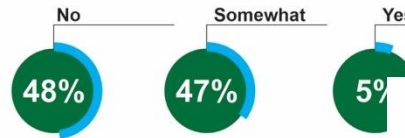
Is there equal access to funding for local NGOs (LNGOs)?



Is HDP Nexus being implemented by your country of operation?



Is there joint analysis and sharing of experiences across the region?



Is inclusive, participatory, and transparent planning and programming for HDP nexus being undertaken in your country of operation?



Key Regional Findings from Interviews

Lack of Clarity

The need for institutionalization of
NEXUS

Increased Collaboration with
Government Actors

Coordination

Quality Funding

Involvement of International
Financial Institutions in HDP NEXUS

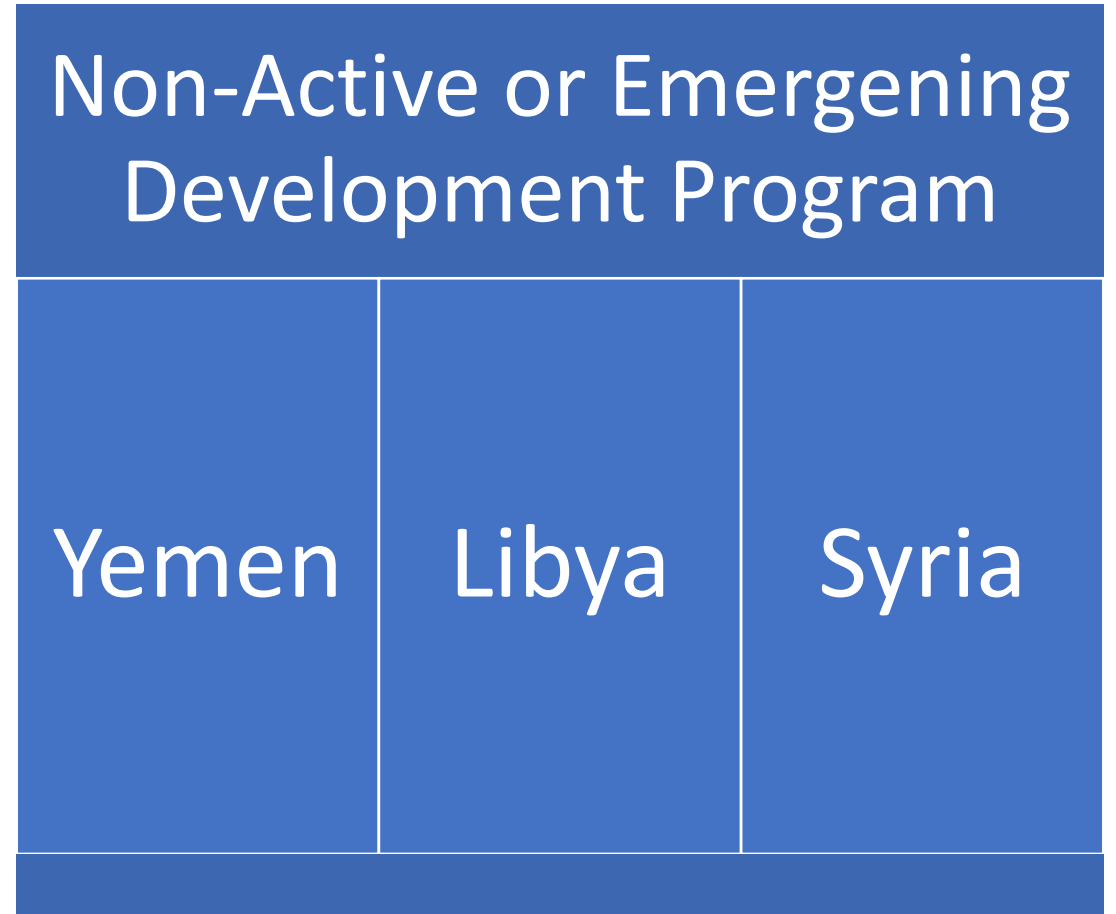
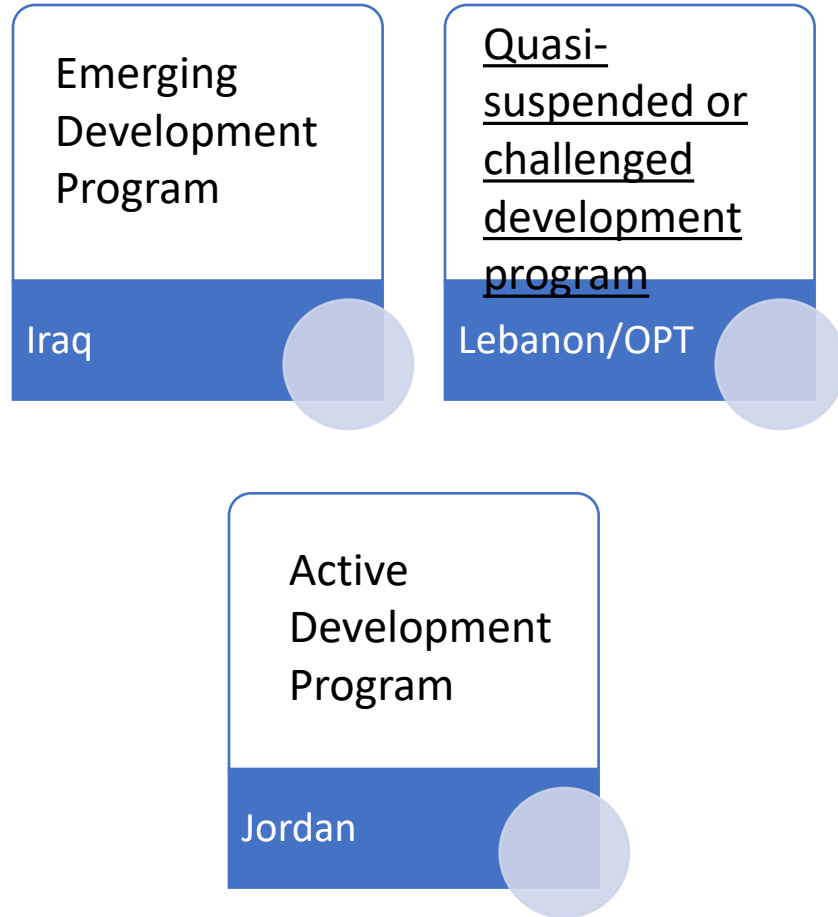


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Overall Identified Challenges

- Humanitarian Actors Across MENA Face Issues Related to:
 - ☐ Ambiguity on HDP NEXUS Definition
 - ☐ Lack of integration and institutionalization of NEXUS
 - ☐ Unsystematic or rare collaboration with government actors and other key humanitarian and development actors
 - ☐ Insufficient amount of quality and flexible funding.

Country Level Findings





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Common Characteristics- Country Specific

Common Challenges

- No Collective Outcomes
- Lack of Coordination between humanitarian, development, and peace actors
- Coordination Mechanisms not serving HDP Approach
- DAC Recommendations have not been met
- Limited/Inadequate government interaction
- Difficulty with the peace component

Common Progresses

- Strong Civil Society
- Strong Coordination Mechanisms
- Sharing of Experiences is prevalent
- Recognition of importance of equal partnerships



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Suggested Ways Forward

Moving Beyond
Rehetoric

Being Inclusive
and actively
listening to the
people concerned

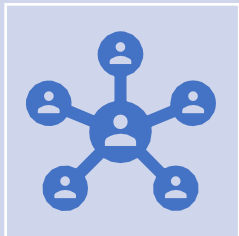
Flexible, multi-
year qualitative
funding

Ways to Connect



ICVA NEXUS Working Group – Share information, consult members, analysis coordination NGO's initiative and influence process and discussions with the global HDPN fora.

Joint this mailing list by emailing –
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Community of Practice Network (CoPN) on the Humanitarian Development Nexus: *This ICVA-WFP led community of practice* on the NEXUS provides support and guidance on ways to implement the elements necessary to strengthen collaboration across humanitarian, development and peace actors who have agreed to work together to solve problems of common concern, share knowledge and cultivate best practices.

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