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In implementing the *work plan* endorsed on 12th October 2012, the co-chairs Denmark and the Czech Republic organized a series of formal and informal meetings, including three plenary meetings in Geneva (12th October 2012; 21st February 2013 and 22nd May 2013). One meeting of interested GHD members was held in Rome (4th March 2013).

The **priority themes** proposed by the co-chairs for the period 2012 – 2013 were the following: Consultancy led analysis on how to bring the GHD agenda forward in the coming years; Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD) and Review of GHD indicators.

Ten years after a historic agreement on 23 principles for Good Humanitarian Donorship in Stockholm, the co-chairs decided to initiate an assessment of the initiative with a view to agreeing on its role for the future. The consultancy-led analysis prompted the GHD members to agree on a **"refresh"** exercise. The conclusions of the "refresh" process "*GHDI – Fit for Purpose towards its Second Decade*" (attached to this Annual Report) were adopted by the GHDI at its High Level Meeting on 18 July 2013.

LRRD, one of the original priorities, was overshadowed by the importance of the comprehensive "refresh" process. Nevertheless, it was found to be highly relevant in the framework of the current global discussion on resilience, and in many ways complementary to the DRR and disaster preparedness work done by the PDR4 work stream.

Standing work stream on indicators (led by Belgium) focused on the first pilot review of donor performance against the GHD principles. 27 GHD donors contributed to the self-assessment report "How donors are implementing the GHD principles". The report was launched during the GHD side-event organized in the margins of the humanitarian affairs segment of ECOSOC and is attached to this Progress Report.

In June 2012, a new work stream on **Preparedness, Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience and Response (PDR 4)** was established to address and advance the following topics:

corporate/institutional preparedness; strengthening preparedness at the country level; preparedness financing and partnership. Co-chairs of the work stream (Poland and Germany) elaborated a report on the work stream activities which is attached to this Annual Report.

Work stream on **needs assessments** (led by EU - ECHO) convened two meetings. In September 2012, the coordinators of the IASC Needs Assessment Task Force (OCHA, WFP) provided information on the implementation of coordinated needs assessments at field level, building on the finalisation of methodological work and linking to discussions on the Transformative Agenda. Work stream members re-emphasised the importance attached to evidence based humanitarian programming, building on coordinated assessments.

Linked to the programme cycle approach confirmed under the Transformative Agenda and institutionally incorporated by ECHO and OCHA, a stakeholder meeting on the humanitarian programme cycle was organised in March 2013, with emphasis on needs assessment and monitoring. While the progress made in coordinated needs assessment, notably at field level, was commended, areas of work requiring further development were highlighted: information analysis; output monitoring; linking humanitarian finance strategies and needs assessment; capacity at cluster level for conducting sectoral assessments; and monitoring. With reference to the GHD aspects, there is value in assessing the complementarity of donor decision making and inter-agency strategic prioritisation.

Equitable humanitarian financing work stream (led by Sweden) was concerned with improving humanitarian financing. Two meetings, organized with adequate participation from OCHA, focused specifically on the status of CAP financing but also on other issues regarding humanitarian financing like different Pooled Fund mechanism, and on innovations meant to improve humanitarian financing. A lot of substantive discussions took place around developments regarding the new *IASC Program Cycle Reference Module.* Issues relating to monitoring and implementation were also discussed. The two meetings provided a very useful platform for exchange of information and views amongst donors and between donors and OCHA.

Within the **GHD – SHARE** work stream (led by Croatia), two country presentations were organized: Luxembourg (11 October 2012) and Guatemala (24 May 2013). Luxembourg presented its 1) humanitarian aid strategy currently being revised, and 2) the satellite based platform **emergency.lu** – an innovative public-private partnership spearheaded by the Government of Luxembourg as a rapid response solution for early action and disaster relief. Guatemala presented its humanitarian policy, with the emphasis on the disaster risk reduction.

The **Safety and Security** work stream (led by USA) was not convened during the period.

GHD website (http://www.goodhumanitariandonorship.org) was maintained and developed by the GHD co-chairs.

Attachments:

- report “GHDI – Fit for Purpose towards its Second Decade”
- report “How donors are implementing the GHD principles”
- report on the PDR4 work stream activities