

GHD WORK PLAN 2016-2018
AUSTRALIA – GERMANY CO-CHAIRS

This work plan outlines agreed priorities for the Australia - Germany co-chairing of GHD during 2016-2018. The **overall objective** of the work plan is to **support donors in implementing their World Humanitarian Summit commitments and GHD principles and operational best practices**, all of which aim to **improve the quality and impact of humanitarian assistance**. The work plan reflects GHD's mandate to support mutual learning and encourage donor behaviour that furthers principled humanitarian action. **Each agreed theme represents an area in which changed donor practice can help improve humanitarian outcomes**. We have chosen to focus on a **small number of high priority themes** to increase the likelihood of achieving impact. In addition to the themes outlined below, we aim to address important **cross-cutting issues**, including innovation, engagement with the private sector, inclusion and accountability, across relevant work streams.

In addition to the full program of work to be established under each work stream, GHD will also engage in a number of **ad hoc and time-bound activities**. GHD will continue to initiate **Crisis Coordination Calls** at the onset, or intensification, of crises to support effective donor information sharing and coordination at capital level. The US will lead these efforts on an as-needs basis. GHD will continue to undertake a **Donor Self-Assessment Survey** amongst members regarding their integration of GHD principles and operational best practices. Belgium will lead these efforts and will undertake the next biennial survey to be released in mid-2018. The GHD co-chairs will engage with relevant external stakeholders on key initiatives of interest to the group, for example related to improving needs assessments, and will invite interlocutors to brief the membership on these. The co-chairs will also ensure the smooth functioning of the GHD initiative by supporting implementation of this work plan and maintaining core GHD membership tools and support, including the GHD website and twitter account.

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Themes	
1.	Better ways of working: supporting implementation of WHS commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian – development nexus • Localization
2.	Incentivizing greater efficiencies and effectiveness: the role for donors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting requirements • Multi-year planning and funding • Earmarking • Cash programming
3.	Building strong humanitarian partnerships: investing in partnerships and improving dissemination and implementation of GHD principles and operational best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in dialogue with other major humanitarian donors (including UN Agencies, state donors outside the GHD) about how to promote principled humanitarian donorship • Engage in dialogue with other major stakeholders (including NGOs, the World Bank, CERF, IASC, the private sector, OECD DAC, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement) on promoting principled humanitarian action
Activity	Work-stream membership
1.0 Better ways of working: supporting implementation of WHS commitments	
1.1	Humanitarian-development nexus: Explore ways to strengthen coherence between humanitarian and development interventions in crisis contexts, while maintaining the distinctiveness of principled humanitarian action. <div style="float: right;"> Co-lead: Denmark; Japan Members: Finland, France; Germany; Estonia, Norway </div>
1.2	Localizing preparedness and response: Consider ways to promote more locally-led and context-specific humanitarian action. <div style="float: right;"> Co-lead: Australia Members: New Zealand </div>
2.0 Incentivizing greater efficiencies and effectiveness: the role for donors	

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2.1	Reporting Requirements: Explore options for harmonized, streamlined reporting, consistent with donor requirements.	Co-lead: Germany; US Members: EC, Spain, Norway
2.2	Multi-year Planning and Funding: Discuss ways to strengthen multi-year planning by agencies and multi-year funding by donors, particularly in response to protracted crises.	Co-lead: Canada; EC Members: Australia, Finland
2.3	Earmarking: Explore ways to increase the flexibility of funding for agencies while ensuring a strong narrative on the impact of unearmarked funding in order to build and maintain support in donor capitals.	Co-lead: Sweden Members: Germany, Finland
2.4	Cash Programming: Identify options to support scaling up of, and enhancing cooperation on, cash programming, where appropriate, and sharing learning on different models.	Co-lead: UK, Norway Members: Australia, Spain
3.0 Building strong humanitarian partnerships: investing in partnerships and improving dissemination and implementation of GHD principles and operational best practices		
3.1	<p>Dialogue and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with traditional partners and non-traditional partners (affected states, host countries, private sector, SHARE/Non-GHD members) to identify and discuss common priorities related to humanitarian aid effectiveness and reform • Coordinate with non-GHD countries on humanitarian aid effectiveness / principled action / GHD principles and operational best practices, including through GHD SHARE • GHD members’ internal discussion around humanitarian principles • Identify opportunities for re-affirmation of GHD principles and operational best practices, including via side events in the margins of humanitarian meetings. 	Co-lead: ROK, Australia, Germany Members: