

Good Humanitarian Donorship Initiative – July 2008-July 2009: provisional work plan
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In order to provide some further focus to activities in the framework of GHD, three main proposed over-arching themes for the next year are:

1. Enhancing Partnership – reinforcing the humanitarian system model
2. Strengthening the operational/field focus of GHD – donor coordination
3. Humanitarian financing and allocation based on identified need

With continued emphasis also on individual good donorship mainstreaming – where donors are duly encouraged to provide or update their individual GHD implementation plans; and on continued efforts to bring 'newer' donors more actively into humanitarian donorship dialogue.

1. ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP – REINFORCING THE HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM MODEL				
Planned Activities	led by	Previous initiatives	Interim steps	Outcome/conclusions and agreed follow-up*
Strengthened systematic dialogue between donors and humanitarian partner organisations in support of the Principles of Partnership	Co-chairs	Last Montreux retreat was held in February 2007 focussing on humanitarian financing; IASC contact group on GHD; Since 2007 IASC representatives associated to annual July GHD meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacts with ICVA and SCHR planned to explore further (Oct 2008); - Discuss donor role in support of principles of partnership in GHD - Possibly convene Montreux retreat with IASC/SCHR - Explore possibility of holding GHP /GHD annual meeting back-to-back in July 2009 and other possible reinforced linkages 	
'New donors' facilitation	EC/ co-hosted by new member (rotating)	Started in 2008, list of themes identified, presentation of some new donors (developing) humanitarian policies - last session held October 2008	- next session proposed for late January, back-to-back with main GHD meeting	

Identify good practice on 'local participation' in internationally-funded Humanitarian Action	FR	URD study commissioned by FR presented July 2008 in Geneva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study has highlighted a number of issues –and possible linkages to work on this issue undertaken by NGO partners. - A brief review of the study's conclusions and discussion between donors on possible follow-up will be facilitated by FR (pos for late January GHD meeting) 	
GHD outreach activity	Co-chairs + FIN/EST + NZ (→ FRANZ)	2007-8 co-chair discussions with a no of countries explaining GHD. Linkage to other outreach initiatives, eg. under auspices of ODSG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and disseminate GHD fact sheet/presentation - FIN as ODSG chair planning outreach event in wider European area for 2009 (with EST) - FRANZ (on disaster response in Pacific) concept paper on interaction with humanitarian reform efforts - esp. clusters at regional level. . - Update and review website use 	
2. STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONAL/FIELD FOCUS OF GHD – DONOR COORDINATION				
Planned Activities	led by	Previous initiatives	Interim steps	Outcome/conclusions and agreed follow-up
Baseline 'mapping' of existing donor coordination groups/mechanisms at the field level	EC/UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GHD 'pilot' groups in DRC, Burundi, Sudan led by various donors - Geneva-based donor group on Chad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of experience of previous field level GHD 'pilot' groups Sudan/DRC (pilots), - Comprehensive field survey 	

			of donor coordination groups - Review of 'HQ' donor groups	
Review field coordination based on mapping (above) - and discuss modalities for strengthening coordination between donors where needed (i.e. an added-value approach);	NL/EC	Denmark led work on producing a field guidance note to GHD (finalised 2008)	- Disseminate widely GHD 'field guidance' note - NL to lead on establishing a GHD donor coordination group in Ramallah; - possible presentation by representatives of existing GHD field level groups at GHD annual meeting 2009 - Supplement Danish guidance note to include different levels and models of GHD coordination, including thematic groups - Explore feasibility of e-working methods/options for coordination with donors without field presence	
"Lessons Learned" exercise - collective donor behaviour - linked to GHD principles on a particular case	EC (will require involvement of all donors)	- Some individual donors hold 'lessons learned exercises' (but results not usually reviewed jointly)	- Discuss proposal and scope for case-study and format - Hold exercise and review conclusions	
3. HUMANITARIAN FINANCING AND ALLOCATION BASED ON IDENTIFIED NEED				
Planned Activities	led by	Previous initiativesⁱ	Interim steps	Outcome/conclusions and agreed follow-up
Needs based decision making	SE/EC	Swedish workshop on Pilot Training on Needs-Based Decision-Making for GHD, Stockholm, 25-27 June, 2008	- Expansion of the workshop on needs based decision making into a training course (Including review of existing	

			<p>or under development assessment tools: SENAC, IPC, HNTS etc. and ACE project of OCHA);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dissemination of 'guidelines for decision-makers' (developed in context of training) - Re-run the course in Brussels in 2009 	
Global Needs Assessment vulnerability and crisis indexes - plus update on 'severity indices'	EC+CAN	Presentation of GNA at the GHD annual meeting in July 2006; Needs-based decision making workshop March 2007; Severity Indices presentation in April 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic meeting: Presentation of 2009 GNA results and explanation of methodology - Update on severity indices development 	
Neglected crises: Forgotten Crisis Assessment	EC / LUX		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic meeting: presentation of EC approach and donor discussion on the concept and on different approaches used 	
Discuss complementarity between humanitarian financing mechanisms	IRL (→ NGO financing); CAN (→ donor contributions table); Montreux Convenors	(see end note 2) in 2008 - Canada circulated table of donor commitments to crises with CAP appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For possible discussion at Montreux - Donor contributions to CAP table (consider whether useful to continue and how to cover non-CAP crises?) - Explore further elements highlighted by study (Stoddard, 2008) on NGO financing 	
Cumulative overhead costs	SE	Related non-GHD initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SE will facilitate exploring 	

		CERF evaluation (2008); Study on Transaction Costs of Pooled Funds by Dirk Salomons, commissioned by UNICEF/WFP/UNHCR/FAO (2008 and ongoing)	further level of donor interest in follow-up on this work area. - Possible discussion at Montreux	
4. OTHER AREAS OF ON-GOING INTEREST TO GHD				
Planned Activities	led by	Previous initiatives	Interim steps	Outcome/conclusions and agreed follow-up
Enhance awareness of International Disaster Response Laws	AUS		-Presentation at GHD meeting - Donor discussion on follow-up	
Continued discussion on future GHD working arrangements	Co-chairs	GHD future options paper presented by co-chairs US/Sweden in 2008 on which the conclusion in July 2008 was to carry on the GHD initiative - but with more focus.	- Review of working arrangements issues -Nomination of future chair/s?	
Working Group on Displaced Persons in Emergency settings	USA	ODI GHP IDP study for USAID (interim report presented July 2008)	- Final report expected November 2008	
Rome-based GHD group	NL	Matrix exercise on donor conditionalities for FAO/WFP	- further workplan for the Rome group to be discussed	
5. MAINSTREAMING GHD INTO INDIVIDUAL DONOR ACTION				
Planned Activities	Led by	Previous initiatives	Interim steps	Outcome/conclusions and agreed follow-up
Donors intending to review/ put in place GHD implementation plans	N/A	The following GHD donors already have domestic implementation plans: CA, DK, IRL, NL, SE, UK, a number of others have incorporated	- EC (DG ECHO) GHD implementation plan foreseen for 2009 in European Consensus on HA Action Plan (contact person:	

		explicitly into HA policy strategies: DE, EC, FI - SE presented its domestic implementation as a model to new GHD members group in June 2008	Julia Stewart-David - LUX will shortly adopt a strategy on Hum. Aid - SE to update its GHD implementation plan - ESP plans to put in place a GHD implementation plan and is mainstreaming principles in its 'masterplan on Dev and Hum. Aid	
Continued monitoring of donor performance on GHD	USA +UK	Revised GHD indicators in 2007; 'Development Initiatives (national) reports on progress against GHD indicators'; - OECD/DAC peer reviews -DARA 'humanitarian response index'	- Presentation and discussion of the OECD-DAC Peer Review Synthesis Report - Discuss follow-up on DI 2008 report (in light of difficulties with some indicators) - Discuss donor approaches to other measurement exercises	

* Column to be completed during the year in order to record progress and conclusions.

Financing, needs, evidence-based decision making – have been main areas of work tackled by the GHD over the previous few years. Previous studies submitted linked to the issue include: (1) , Strengthening needs-based allocation: Next steps for GHD donors, Canada, July 2007; Allocate Humanitarian funding in proportion to needs and on the basis of needs assessments', URD, July 2008, GHD; Allocating humanitarian funding according to need: towards analytical frameworks for donors, Discussion Paper, Barnaby Willitts-King, Ireland, 12 March 2007

(2) International humanitarian financing: Review and comparative assessment of instruments, Abby Stoddard, USA, July 2008

(3) Indirect Support Costs Study, Development Initiatives, Sweden, June 2008

For further details of previous work of sub-groups related to needs and evidence-based decision making, please refer to previous annual reports of the GHD, GHD website or contact co-chairs for additional information.