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In implementing the workplan endorsed in October 2011, the Co-Chairs Germany and Poland organized a series of formal and informal meetings, including four plenary meetings in Geneva and two liaison meetings in New York and Rome as well as briefing for the Working Group of the EU Council COHFA in Bruxelles and the Visehrad Group (V 4) in Prague.

Taking up the priority proposed by the Co-Chairs, interested GHD members regularly discussed issues related to preparedness and risk reduction. In June 2012, a new workstream on Preparedness, Risk Reduction, Resilience and Response (PDR 4) has been established. The PDR 4 Paper prepared for the GHD plenary meeting in June highlights four major themes that were at the core of discussions: institutional preparedness, country-level preparedness, preparedness financing and partnerships for preparedness.

The work of the future workstream was to maintain and develop the GHD website (http://www.goodhumanitarianandonorship.org).

In their efforts to enhance partnerships, the Co-Chairs strengthened the GHD’s cooperation with humanitarian partners such as OCHA and the IASC and NGOs. A representative of OECD/DAC participated regularly in the GHD meetings. The GHD – SHARE mentoring process was pursued very actively under the lead of Hungary. An Outreach Paper was developed that summarizes objectives and tools of outreach activities and identifies both possible partners and expected outcomes in order to guide GHD members to strengthen their efforts in this area of work.

Aiming at better implementation of GHD principles in the field, GHD members elaborated a guidance to promote the establishment of and communication with Local Groups. This guidance proposes a list of objectives for local groups related to the GHD principles.

The Review of GHD Indicators Paper was elaborated by workstream 2.4 under the lead of Canada and comprises an analytical matrix with evaluative questions of good donor practices. This matrix is at the core of a pilot project aiming at a meaningful and easy way of compiling and assessing donor practices. To facilitate the review process, a Standing Workstream was established and replaced existing workstream 2.4.

The Safety and Security Paper as endorsed in 2011 has been updated and further developed by a questionnaire process within workstream 2.5 under the lead of the USA. This workstream was also active in encouraging participation in GHD Chatrooms on the website.

Two more workstreams, on needs assessments (led by EC) and equitable humanitarian financing (led by Sweden) respectively, were concerned with needs-based allocation of funds and improving humanitarian financing.

At the plenary meeting in October 2011, GHD had an exchange of views on the implementation of GHD principles in the area of civil-military cooperation. GHD members are committed to placing issues related to civil-military cooperation higher on the GHD agenda in line with the Oslo Guidelines and the MCDA Guidelines.

The four papers submitted to the GHD HLM reflect important achievements during the period under review. GHD members are committed to continue active participation in relevant workstreams and help to further develop their workplan in 2012/13.