**GOOD HUMANITARIAN DONORSHIP (GHD)**

Plenary meeting

17 March 2017, Permanent Mission of Australia, Geneva

**Present**: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, OIC, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA.

1. **Welcome and Opening**

Australia and Germany opened the meeting.

1. **Work stream co-leads reports on progress, priorities and activities to date**

Co-leads presented on the work streams as follows:

* 1.1 Humanitarian-development nexus: Japan and Denmark co-leads had met on 3 March to discuss the draft concept note. The work stream would develop a briefing paper on common ground through conducting case studies. Denmark noted the current experience in Lebanon where linkages between humanitarian, development and peace building were producing good results. The co-leads would ask GHD members key questions to reflect upon to produce a coherent message.
* 1.2 Localizing preparedness and response: Australia noted the work stream had met on 21 February. The work on the development of a localisation marker in the Grand Bargain work stream on localisation was intended to help track how much funding is going to local actors, identify who the local actors are, and create a baseline. There was more work needed on definitions. Australia and Canada are engaged with the IASC task team on localisation and would value more engagement with all members of the GHD to take messages to this task team. Australia noted the intention to compile good practice examples for GHD members to strengthen support to local actors leading to an agreed operational best practise based on GHD principle 8.

* 2.1 Reporting requirements: Germany and the US held a meeting of the work stream on 8 February. They noted that practical work on reporting was being taken forward, including the workshop held on 18 November and the GPPi proposed “10+3” common reporting format pilot. There was a global push for less reporting, but the work stream was looking at ways to optimise requests for reporting while ensuring appropriate oversights and minimising inefficiencies. This would be better described as “smarter reporting”. GHD members would receive a survey on this.
* 2.2 Multi-year planning and funding: Canada and EU held a work stream meeting on 10 February. The work stream will build on work identified in the Grand Bargain work stream on donor practices. They would undertake a survey of GHD members to establish a baseline of current policy and practices.
* 2.3 Earmarking: The work stream met on 7 February. Sweden advised that they had sent out a survey to all GHD members which had previously been shared with Grand Bargain donor signatories. The work stream will provide a link between, and complement the work on earmarking in the Grand Bargain process, with all members of the GHD, therefore providing transparency on the process and the way forward.
* 2.4 Cash programming: UK and Norway had held a work stream meeting on 13 March. The work stream would identify concerns, challenges and opportunities in cash programming through an online survey to GHD members. The work stream will also provide linkages between the Grand Bargain work stream on cash and GHD members.
* 3.1 dialogue and outreach: Korea (with Australia and Germany as co-leads) noted the work stream had not met but was undertaking “behind the scenes” work in outreach activities. Germany noted the intention to look at the GHD principles and operational best practices in line with linking them to World Humanitarian Summit follow up. This would not open up the GHD principles but would be more of an alignment.

As there were a number of surveys proposed from the work streams, it was suggested that the co-chairs would coordinate with the work stream co-leads to combine into one request to all GHD members if possible.

Co-leads have shared the concept notes for each work stream, some of which are still draft given not all work streams had met (attached). They outline the key issues to be addressed and current state of play of these; identify evidence available and any gaps to support action; and summarise outcomes and planned activities going forward.

Germany reminded the group that each GHD member is expected to be a member of at least one work stream and should provide details of which work stream(s) to [ghd.geneva@dfat.gov.au](mailto:ghd.geneva@dfat.gov.au). (checking on the status of this email address!?)

1. **Exchange on GHD working methods**

The co-chairs noted that the website was being modified following a security problem. There would also be a functionality bar which will include minutes from previous meetings. A dedicated area for the work streams would also be included where concept notes, information on surveys and forthcoming events would be included.

1. **Update on Upcoming meetings**

The next plenary meeting is planned to be held at the Australian Permanent Mission on **Wednesday 17 May**.

The High Level Meeting is planned to take place in Geneva on **Monday 19 June** 2017. A draft agenda will be shared with GHD members in due course.

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