

## **Good Humanitarian Donorship Co-Conveners and Plenary Meeting, 18 May 2018**

### **Summary**

The plenary meeting focused on the preparation of the GHD High Level Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in New York and discussed the introduction of the 24<sup>th</sup> GHD principle on the use of cash based transfers.

#### **1. GHD Work Streams and Working Methods**

The work stream co-conveners agreed that a review of the current structures is required which takes into account the limited technical capacities and the need for a broader buy-in of GHD members. Many discussants expressed their satisfaction with GHD's profile shifting towards more interaction with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). Co-conveners felt that GHD must stay distinct from the Grand Bargain processes while exploring natural synergies between the two. Cash and Localization were seen as important pillars of GHD's work but could also evolve into new formats, including mainstreaming. A sequence of more frequent plenary meetings on distinct policy subjects could be an alternative to work stream sessions.

#### **2. GHD High Level Meeting Agenda and "Joint Messages"**

There was widely shared consensus that the a strategic dialog with the IASC was highly welcome and that the three selected topics for the HLM "System-wide Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)", "The humanitarian dimension of internal displacement" and "Prioritization of Humanitarian Financing" were relevant and timely. Members were broadly supportive of the approach to "joint outcome messages" for the HLM.

GHD members shared the view that PSEA should remain on the GHD agenda, and that a continuous dialogue both at working and strategic level with IASC counterparts will be needed to make progress in the system. GHD will focus on supporting change, including capacity building at local level where needed, but will refrain from being too prescriptive on how to achieve this.

On internal displacement, member expressed support for keeping the focus on the humanitarian response architecture (rather than raising protection and advocacy which is covered by other fora). Colleagues proposed a field-oriented approach to introducing the subject.

On Humanitarian Financing, members expressed a preference for a focussed discussion on a limited number of key questions, including pledging conferences, crisis severity measures and incentives for collective actions and results. There was agreement that more work is needed to refine both the agenda and the relevant section of the "joint messages".

Next steps: GHD members are invited to share comments with the Co-Chairs, including "red lines" if any. The draft agenda and the draft "joint messages" have been shared with the IASC secretariat and will be circulated among IASC members. Both may be amended as a result of the ongoing preparatory discussions between the Co-Chairs and the IASC secretariat.

### **3. Interaction with the IASC Task Team on PSEA and AAP**

The Co-Chairs informed that GHD has been approached on organizing a joint meeting with the Task Team on PSEA and AAP of the IASC. Given that there was sufficient interest, the meeting will be called for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Separate invitation to all GHD members will follow.

### **4. Introduction of a 24<sup>th</sup> GHD Principle**

The GHD work stream on Cash informed that work stream members had agreed on proposing a new GHD principle that reads “*Systematically consider the use of cash transfer to meet humanitarian needs*”. Members agreed in principle on the relevance and usefulness of such a new GHD principle but asked the work stream to provide more background on the rationale and expected implications. The HLM in June will provide an opportunity to endorse the additional principle at senior level during the “internal” session.

### **5. Update on the GHD Website**

The Co-Chairs informed that preparations were underway to transfer the current GHD website to a new platform that will provide more functionality, be less costly and easier to administer. The running costs for the website are covered by the GHD Co-Chairs.

### **6. Next Co-Chairs**

Members welcomed the announcement that the European Commission and Switzerland would be the incoming GHD Co-Chairs (2018-2020).