



## GPC HLP AoR Meeting, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 held at IFRC, Geneva

**Present:** NRC (co-chair), IFRC (co-chair), UNHCR, IOM, FAO and the GPC Support Cell – apologies UN-Habitat/GLTN, OHCHR and IDMC

- **Minutes from HLP AoR meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September were approved and will be posted on the dedicated HLP AoR page on the GPC website.**
  - *Draft ToRs and a draft Work Plan 2016 – 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting*
  - *Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm at IFRC*
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### ***1 – Discussion on proposed draft Terms of Reference for the HLP AoR***

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Following on from the decisions made at the last HLP AoR meeting a ToR had been drafted and was presented by the co-chairs. The ToR outlined the following:

1. Brief Background to the HLP AoR
2. Scope of the HLP AoR – focus being on emergency/early recovery phase of humanitarian crisis. Coordination highlighted and required with Solutions Alliance (responsible for HLP in the reconstruction and development phases) to ensure compatibility/coverage throughout the HLP cycle.
3. Mission Statement – more predictable, accountable and effective response through inter-agency coordination.
4. Overall Objective – facilitate a more systematic approach to addressing HLP issues on the ground.
5. Participation – open to all
6. Coordination and Reporting – regular meetings, cross-cluster nature, reporting to GPC coordinator
7. Functions of the HLP AoR – define workplan, prioritise activities, support to country level, review advocacy strategies, statements, promote inter-cluster initiatives, capacity building for humanitarian actors, contribute to IASC strategic priorities.

**The proposed terms of reference were approved (by those agencies attending the meeting). They will be circulated again for final comment by the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

### ***2 – Discussion on proposed draft Work Plan 2016 - 2018***

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Building upon the ToRs (with the new mandate in mind) and taking the previous work plan from 2012 – 2014 as a template, the co-chairs developed a workplan for 2016 – 2018 purely as means to start the discussion.

An overview of the Work Plan was provided as follows:

1. Introduction to the HLP AoR which outlines what HLP means in the emergency context, the means of coordination and partnership and how this is reflected at the country level.
2. Strategic Objectives, more particularly:



- Improved global support to HLP coordination and response in humanitarian emergencies; and
- Enhanced global attention to HLP through donor engagement, advocacy and awareness raising across clusters.

Additionally ongoing efforts to improve global level coordination and management will continue including mapping of partners' activities, updating dedicated website, maintaining contact list and having regular meetings.

### 3. Suggested outputs against the two strategic objectives:

#### Strategic Objective 1:

- HLP AoR Website revised and regularly updated
- HeLP desk is reactivated and fully functional
- Field guidance and operational support provided
- Strengthened HLP capacity at global and field level
- Improved coordination on HLP issues and activities
- Increased HLP rapid response capacity

#### Strategic Objective 2:

- More robust global level advocacy on HLP
- Enhanced donor awareness and engagement on HLP
- HLP awareness in other clusters and sub-clusters

#### Questions/Clarifications raised on the Work Plan:

1. Overall it would be good to see a stronger reference to the Solutions Alliance and the coordination between the two entities. It was agreed that a specific output for coordination with Solutions Alliance would be incorporated and greater emphasis also added in the Introduction.

2. A question was asked around the proposed HeLP desk and how it functioned. It was set up in 2012 to match the GPC help desk function. Essentially a query came in and it was up to one of four advisors to respond. Given the state of the HLP AoR over the past two years, very few people realised that this was an offered 'service' and consequently no requests were received. It was agreed that the more publicity the more likelihood that the service will be used and this could be a challenge given our limited resources. It was agreed that it was an activity that had to remain but that we would have to remain flexible and review it after a year.

3. A question was raised over HLP rosters – NorCap used to hold a roster for HLP Advisors and there were three deployments. The reactivation of the roster is something that will have to be considered by NRC internally, before this is taken further. IFRC has reached out to Displacement Solutions to see whether the HLP roster that is held by DS is still functional. IFRC and NRC will report back on this.



4. Will the Work Plan be shared with the field before it is agreed? Such a comment was welcomed and the co-chairs are in the process of reaching out to HLP working groups in the field. However given the reactivation of the HLP AoR (and limited resources) and time restrictions at the country level, the co-chairs felt that it may be best to include this as part of output 1.3 bearing in mind the different contexts in which people are working in.

It was agreed that the Work Plan would be revised to take into account the comments above, suggested activities would be added to the the work plan and it will be circulated on the 11<sup>th</sup> November for further comment.

### **In essence the proposed objectives and outputs were approved**

### ***3 – Updates***

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Solutions Alliance – update from the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October:

- There will be a Rule of Law roundtable held in Brussels in February. It is being organised by a sub-group led by Asylum Access.
- It is proposed to hold a joint activity next year with the HLP AoR to consider HLP issues throughout the displacement/programme cycle and how they should be addressed.
- Reported that members of the Solutions Alliance were happy with the new approach/mandate of the HLP AoR and the SA.

GPC Retreat – Held in September:

- Specific session for the AoRs with a focus of how we all work together as a Protection sector and how to ensure a holistic approach, notes will be shared.
- Co-chairs also reported that a meeting had been called by the Child Protection AoR to discuss putting together some SoPs with the GPC on how the AoRs and the Protection Cluster should work at the country level. The current HLP WGs (predominately NRC led) have reported no significant issues with working with their relevant Protection Cluster. However, the co-chairs will still continue to ensure that the HLP AoR is represented in such meetings and any documentation that arises.

Global Shelter and CCCM Cluster Meetings

- Feedback from both welcomed the revival of the HLP AoR and listed HLP as one of the main challenges to their responses.
- Feedback from the GSC was that there was a strong need to get support for HLP at the beginning of a response, HLP issues need to be understood quickly as they may often change agencies' programmes if the HLP context is better understood – i.e. rental, including means of improving security of tenure. Noted that HLP in urban areas is more complex but aware that resources to address such issues are very scarce.
- Feedback from the CCCM Cluster was that land or lack of available land is one of the most significant challenges to ensuring durable solutions for camps. Aware that specific expertise is required to consider HLP issues around return from the beginning of a response.



#### **4 – AOB?**

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IOM is running a one day training in Geneva during Peace Week "Resolving Land and Natural Resources Conflict in Peacebuilding" on 18 November, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Details to be circulated.

UN-Habitat & GLTN "Land & Conflict Forum – Developing an issue-based coalition" 1 – 2 November in Nairobi. Wrap up session on Monday at 3pm (GVA time) dial in details circulated.

Mailing list – with the reactivation of the HLP AoR comes a need to reach out to as many agencies/people as possible. However, aware that not everyone wants to be included on every email therefore proposed to have specific mailing lists for active partners and those who would just like to receive final form documents, information – a community of practice essentially. Consequently each agency to provide details of who to include in the 'active working group' list and who to include in the 'Community of Practice' list.

#### **5 – Action Points**

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- ToRs circulated with minutes for final comment by 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Co-Chairs to circulate link to GBV Guidance on HLP
- IFRC & NRC to draft and circulate proposed activities to complement outputs listed in the draft Work Plan
- IFRC and NRC to present the ToRs and proposed Work Plan to the November GPC SAG meeting
- IFRC & NRC will take part in the review of the GPC Strategic Framework 2016 – 2020 so as to ensure the HLP AoR is represented accordingly
- It is proposed to hold the **next meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm, at IFRC.**