

Summary Notes - Localisation Workstream Teleconference

16 April 2019

The co-conveners welcomed the participants and presented the proposed agenda of the teleconference to the localisation workstream members.

1 Report on demonstrator country mission to Nigeria

Highlights of the feedback and reflections from workstream members who participated in the third inter-agency mission to Nigeria (1-5 April 201) were provided. The full mission report will follow shortly. On plans to capitalise on the experience gained from the three inter-agency missions in the most impactful way, the Workstream Secretariat is planning a short report which highlights the most important findings to be published before the GB Annual Meeting and that which will also inform the planned guidance notes. The co-conveners are still exploring the possibility of short follow-up missions to the three demonstrator countries.

2. Update on the Development Process of Guidance Notes

The guidance notes, one of the main substantive outputs from the workstream, are intended to be short elaborations on the most pressing issues regarding localisation and are not designed to be handbooks or manuals. They will be discussed in the upcoming regional workshops to develop further content after which preliminary drafts can be circulated. It was suggested that a shared space should be created for organizations working on these notes to collaborate and consider linkages to be created across the various products.

3. Updates on Regional / Global Conferences

- Africa: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 15-16 July (confirmed)
- Middle East: Amman, Jordan - 29-30 July (confirmed)
- Asia and Pacific: Jakarta - August (tbc)
- Global: Brussels, Belgium - 12-13 September (tbc)

The purpose of these conferences is to bring in colleagues and governments in the different regions to be part of the dialogue on localisation. Workstream members who are interested in participating in the organization of the regional workshops are invited to contact Coree and Esther.

4. Review of Workplan

The co-conveners proposed to remove projects/activities on the workplan that are not allocated to a particular organization. Workstream members may still ask for them to be included again, if they are willing to take the lead. This includes the shared guidance on engaging local actors in coordination mechanisms (originally to be produced by OCHA / UNICEF) and the additional guidance on measuring funding/support to local and national actors (25% target).

As for interaction with the IASC, it was noted that there remains support to review or share this upcoming guidance note with the IASC Humanitarian Financing Results Group. This Group is currently in a transition phase and further follow-up will happen once it is set up more firmly.

Furthermore, it was reported that at the recent IASC Operational and Advocacy Group (OPAG) meeting, there was strong input from several participants to ensure that a localisation lens is used to inform the agenda of the results group and that they try to ensure improved consultation with fora of local actors.

Different workstream members offered to follow up with FTS to get updates on the current state of play of the reclassification of information according to the Workstream's categorization.

As the question of a localisation marker appears to remain an ongoing issue for some, it was suggested that they refer to the documents produced by the Localisation marker working group available on the workstream website.

5. Updates on GB Annual Meeting / Reporting / Friends of Gender Meeting

The Friends of Gender Group, which has supported the workstream with guidance on how to include the question of gender more strongly, met for the first time in person in late March, with about 15 partners being present. The members suggested to give inputs on the agenda on the regional workshops, possibly regarding funding for and engagement of local women's organizations. Reflection on the level of gender equality in the annual reporting indicated mixed reviews from the signatories. Drawing on the reports by the GB signatories, the Group will issue a statement on the extent of women's concerns in the Grand Bargain for the upcoming annual meeting.

It is intended to circulate a short (2-page) document in preparation of the annual GB Annual Meeting at the end of June by the co-conveners.

6. AOB

The possibility to create a "Localisation" side event at the upcoming ECOSOC event at the end of June was discussed. Different event setups were discussed, in particular the idea of hosting group discussions with small groups of UN agencies, donors and CSOs on specific key questions, in order to allow for more frank discussion and interaction.

7. Upcoming Workstream Call Dates:

18 June 2019, Tuesday – 09.00 to 11.00

20 August 2019, Tuesday – 15.00 to 17.00

15 October 2019, Tuesday – 09.00 to 11.00

17 December 2019, Tuesday – 15.00 to 17.00

Present:

Fiona Addae (WFP), Bianca Belger (Germany), Pierre-Elie Defachel (OCHA), Maria Karadenizli (UN Women), Sema Genel Karaosmanoglu (Hayata Destek), Anita Kattakuzhy (Oxfam), Julia Knittel (SDC), Madeleine Lundgren (Sweden), Butch Meilly (Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation), Howard Mollard (CAFOD), Michael Mosselmans (Christian Aid), Alycke Slomp (ZOA), Tim Stone (DFID), Anne Street (CAFOD), Robert White (UNHCR), Alex Kuhn (USAID), Ane de Vos (ZOA), Mercy Manyala (OCHA), Ellen Wielezynski (WFP), Francisco Yermo (ActionAid), Aiman Zarul (WHO), David Fisher and Esther Waldmeier (IFRC)