UNDP
SUPPORT TO INTER-AGENCY CRISIS RESPONSE PROCESSES

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2016 MILESTONES

2016 was an important year for the humanitarian-development nexus and several milestones were reached to overcome long-standing attitudinal, institutional, and funding obstacles bridging the divide. UNDP's Crisis Response Unit (CRU) supported and coordinated corporate efforts to advance the nexus approach in diverse crisis settings. UNDP commitments include progressing work to overcome the humanitarian-development divide through (a) joint analysis, (b) joint or joined-up planning and programming, (c) empowered leadership and coordination and (d) new solutions for financing.

2016

MAY

Istanbul – World Humanitarian Summit

Signature of the *Commitment to Action* that elaborates the "New Way of Working" and launch of the *Grand Bargain*.

JUNE

New York – Grand Bargain implementation meeting

Consensus on a way forward in terms of implementation, including on work stream 10 on the humanitarian-development nexus.

New York – Joint Think Piece

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SEPTEMBER

Bonn – Grand Bargain implementation meeting

First discussion on progress. Denmark and UNDP commit to launching a joint platform for information sharing to serve the Grand Bargain constituency and beyond.

OCTOBER

New York – IASC-UNDP Technical Retreat

First ever technical-level retreat between of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the UN Working Group on Transitions to elaborate a joint action plan on advancing the New Way of Working.

DECEMBER

New York – OCHA Global Policy Forum

UNDP and OCHA convene the group "Friends of the *New Way of Working*."

2017

FROM JANUARY

Globally

Country-level roll-out and support to implementation of the *New Way of Working*.

DISPLACEMENT

UNDP is a board member of the **SOLUTIONS ALLIANCE**. Established in 2013, this forum grew out of a recognition that temporary responses to alleviate displacement are inadequate, and that more focus must be put on long-term solutions. It brings together donors and host governments, UN agencies, multilateral financial institutions, NGOs, the private sector, and academia to promote innovative and effective responses to displacement. In 2016, the Alliance successfully held a Roundtable in Brussels with key high level stakeholders, which influenced several subsequent events on displacement including the World Humanitarian Summit.

UNDP also works on **DURABLE SOLUTIONS** for displacement in numerous countries, such as Sudan, Burundi, Myanmar and Afghanistan. As part of a technical working group UNDP has provided support to countries developing durable solutions strategies (e.g. Burundi, Kyrgyzstan, Ivory Coast, Mali) and developed a guide for strategy development as well as a training module.

PROGRAMME CRITICALITY

The Programme Criticality Framework is a component of the UN's Security Management System that is used to determine levels of acceptable security risk for programmes and mandated activities implemented by UN personnel. Implementation of the Framework is mandatory in high security risk environments.

The system's work on Programme Criticality is supported by a senior-level Programme Criticality Steering Committee (PCSC) overseeing implementation and quality assurance and a technical-level Programme Criticality Coordination Team (PCCT) co-chaired by UNDP's Crisis Response Unit and OCHA. The PCCT provides technical support to field offices, coordinating global policy development and supporting the roll-out of Programme Criticality at country level. It is supported by a Secretariat, which is currently being housed in UNDP's Crisis Response Unit (CRU).

INTERAGENCY FACILITATION MISSIONS FOR PROGRAMME CRITICALITY ASSESSMENTS

In 2016, the PCCT mobilized inter-agency facilitation teams for Programme Criticality assessments in 10 countries. Out of these, UNDP facilitators funded by CRU participated in eight missions. Among the ten PCCT member entities, UNDP also has the largest share of mission team members (22% of all), followed by UNHCR (19%).

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