

GPP Partner Agencies: Update on Activities – November 30, 2017

Note: All public GPP information is available on the 'Agenda for Humanity' (A4H) website, in the initiatives section - <u>http://www.agendaforhumanity.org/initiatives/3840</u>.

Documentation

The Agenda for Humanity's first annual <u>synthesis report</u> was released on the 28th of November. The report includes a section on the GPP and the importance of preparedness is mentioned throughout the document among multiple initiatives. The GPP secretariat provided suggestions toward the report's recommendations, and a short update about the activities of the GPP was also prepared for the Agenda for Humanity November/December Newsletter.

A concept note was developed for the Humanitarian Partnerships Network Week (HNPW) Meeting, which takes place in February 2018. The GPP will have two sessions during the meeting. A panel discussion focusing on the current financial architecture for supporting preparedness will take place on the 8th of February 2018 and an Operational Subcommittee meeting open to all is planned to take place on Friday 9th of February.

A support package of documentations for countries was developed in conjunction with core partners, and is in the final revision stages. It includes a detailed narrative guide, and a 'Step by Step' visual guide to scoping missions and diagnostic reviews in countries, as well as detailed guidance on how financing of scoping missions and diagnostic reviews will be managed. A draft Diagnostic Review Template is also developed and available.

Meetings

The first GPP Steering Committee meeting was held on **9**th of **November**, in Geneva, co-chaired by Ethiopia and GFDRR/WB. The objective of the meeting was to determine the Steering Committee process and to decide which countries would be eligible for GPP support. Prior to, and following the GPP Steering Committee meeting on November 9th, the GPP Secretariat met with Ethiopia a number of times to discuss the next steps

Two planning meetings of the Humanitarian Partnerships Network Meeting were attended by the GPP in November. A planned meeting of core partner directors has been delayed until early December. A briefing was provided for senior staff in UNDP by the Secretariat, and a meeting held with CADRI partners to discuss the HNPW as above.

In December, the GPP Secretariat will take part in the Global Humanitarian Policy Forum in New York. Amongst others, the secretariat will participate in a dedicated workshop on "Advancing the ambition of the Agenda for Humanity: Learning from the process so far and moving the change agenda forward". A number of bilateral meetings with core partners and potential donors have been planned in the sidelines of the Global Humanitarian Policy Forum.

Country Application Selection

The Steering Committee was unable to come to a consensus around the country selection, as the concern over the ranking of countries was not resolved to the satisfaction of the chair, Ethiopia. An extraordinary meeting of the Steering Committee is planned to take place on Friday 1st December to finalise the outstanding issues.