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GPP Partner Agencies: Update on Activities – December 10, 2018

Documentation

Two official responses have been received to the joint letter from the Ministries of Finance of Barbados and the Philippines seeking support from donor countries and bodies; from Sweden (Nov 16) and New Zealand (Dec 10), both are available on request. No other countries have formally responded to the twenty-two letters sent in August. As part of the ongoing discussion on options for the GPP in 2019 the options paper was further developed and refined, including an option for amalgamation with other initiatives working on DRR or preparedness. An annex to the options paper was developed with the CADRI Secretariat looking at the considerations of any potential amalgamation.

Meetings

The [Global Alliance for Urban Crises](#) held a Knowledge Product Consultation reviewing their new guidance and working group products, and the GPP joined other initiatives in providing a preparedness perspective supporting urban issues specifically. A call was held with JICA, the GPP Secretariat and the consultant from the Viet Nam scoping process to discuss possible areas of cooperation, in Viet Nam and beyond between JICA and the GPP. A call was held with the DFID resilience team to update both parties on recent developments and areas for mutual support.

On the 28th of November, core partners at Ambassador and Director level met to discuss possible options going forward for the GPP in 2019. The key issue under discussion is the gap in central resourcing to support the GPP MPTF. Core partners determined that they should provide recommendations for the future of the GPP to the V20 and UN Principals, and that resource mobilisation must be driven by the V20 countries if there is to be any success in finding money for programming in 2019. Partners agreed that the 'status quo' of structures and processes in the GPP should be maintained in the short term, up to the first quarter of 2019, to allow time for the UN to contact the V20 formally, to seek their support in mobilizing resources prior to or at the 2019 V20 Ministerial Meeting in April.

The incoming Ambassador for Barbados, H.E Chad Blackman, was provided a briefing on the GPP generally and the role of the Operational Subcommittee specifically. A second briefing was arranged to strengthen his knowledge on the future options for consideration by the GPP UN and V20 partners. UNDP Geneva with the GPP Secretariat met with the incoming head of OCHA in Geneva at the beginning of November to provide a background on the GPP, and likely activity moving forward. In early December this was followed up by UNDP New York's visiting Director, who held a follow up meeting which included discussion of the GPP contact to the V20. A plan for handover of essential Secretariat activity was held in the first week of December to manage the continuation of processes during the break in central Secretariat support to partners.

Country status

The first week of November saw the beginning of the Vietnam scoping process, supported by FAO, with a GPP Secretariat Mission from Nov 5th to 9th. The first draft of the Mission Report is due out in December, and given the wealth of preparedness research already completed, the Diagnostic Review is expected to be comparatively short. The Maldives, supported by UNDP, have hired a consultant and held their first stakeholder workshop in early December, with outcomes and a plan for a deeper diagnostic expected early in 2019. The GPP Partnership Consultant visited Tunisia as part of their scoping process, and an initial report of the WFP led mission is complete, and a plan for further diagnostic review signed and likely available before the end of 2019.