The GPP is officially operational! All twenty-five countries that applied for support have been considered successful, the World Bank will support from six to ten countries and the scoping process has started at least one country.

Documentation

In October 2017 the prioritization criteria were developed and approved by the GPP Operational Subcommittee. After the first round of applications in October 2017, the GPP Steering Committee chairs, Ethiopia and GFDRR as well as other members, requested that the country application and the prioritisation criteria be reviewed considering the results of the first round of applications. These two documents are now open for reconsideration until mid-March 2018.

Meetings

The GPP Partnership Consultant met with representatives of two initiatives that could be potentially beneficial for the GPP countries. First meeting was with Dr. Thorsten Klose-Zuber to discuss Forecast-based Financing (FbF) engagement and its potential relation to the GPP and the preparedness activities of countries. The second meeting was with the Global InsuResilience Partnership, which is an initiative that seeks to increase insurance coverage to protect people against the adverse impacts of extreme weather events. Both these initiatives have a great deal of overlap with GPP, and stronger and more formal links between the partnerships will be explored in the coming months.

The GPP Partnership Consultant also met with the IASC financing task team and discussed latest innovations and thinking in response financing. This included a discussion around how to incorporate thinking about preparedness financing into the work of the Task Team. A meeting also took place with the new director of GNDR to discuss how the GNDR can play a critical role in the GPP, at the global level with advice, and in particular at the country level incorporating CSOs as key stakeholders in the GPP process.

Financial Core Partners meeting

The GPP Financial Core Partners met on 31 of January 2018 to discuss the continuation or otherwise of funding for the Secretariat. GFDRR provided a preview on potential country selection for World Bank support. The meeting also included a brief update on the V20 Secretariat status by UNDP. UNDP also gave an update on the current financial status and presented different options for the continuation of the GPP secretariat support. Funding will see the secretariat remain status quo until mid-2018 but options after this must be explored.

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) 2018

The planning of the GPP activities for the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) (5-9 February 2018) was finalized. The GPP will have two key events and a number of smaller meetings at the HNPW. The first one is a panel discussion titled “Breaking the Begging Bowl” on 8th February. This panel will investigate the current financial architecture for supporting preparedness, and how these might link to funding for response and recovery and the panelists include the Philippines Ambassador H.E Evan P, Marcy Vigoda (Chief, Resource Mobilization Branch, OCHA) and Dylan Winder (Senior Adviser Humanitarian and Protracted Crises / Counsellor, UK Mission to the UN). The other key event is a GPP Operational Subcommittee meeting, which will be held 9th of February. The meeting will include an update on World Bank Country Selection, and plans for GPP Scoping Missions and Diagnostic Reviews in 2018 as well as resource mobilisation discussion.

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