

GPP Partner Agencies: Update on Activities – September 30, 2018

Documentation

In anticipation of the planned Member States briefing, one-page updates on each of the 25 country applications were developed and are available for all interested parties, feel free to make a request of any or all 25 documents. The Links and Boundaries document was updated with information from GNDR. We are currently developing a 'visual' version of the Links and Boundaries Document, to make it simpler to see the distinctions and potential synergies between different preparedness and DRR initiatives.

Meetings

Unfortunately, the Member States briefing planned for the 20th September has had to be postponed. The chairs (Barbados and the Philippines) are considering possible new dates. We will keep you informed.

Partners: The GPP Secretariat met individually with core partners to discuss the options for going forward for the GPP in 2019. An options paper was developed from these discussions and shared with core partners. Likewise, an internal note was developed for the use of UN core partners based on these meetings. A meeting was held with Director of the MPTF Office, and a brainstorming held with the WFP Return on Investment specialist to see how their methodology could be employed for the GPP. A meeting was held with Barbados and Philippines to find a new date for the Member States Briefing, and to review options for 2019. UNCHR discussed their refugee and displacement preparedness planning with the Secretariat also.

Country status

The GPP secretariat held online discussions and email exchanges with National Government and United Nations representatives from; Maldives, Nepal, Tunisia and Vietnam. Maldives will be initiating their scoping process now that their Presidential elections are complete. A timeline and TOR for a possible Nepal scoping process was developed, and the UN and Government focal points in Tunisia are considering a scoping process led by WFP. In Vietnam it is likely that a scoping process will commence during late October. A meeting was held with World Bank representatives from Ghana to discuss potential support and accessing ACP/EU funds.

UNDP and WFP representatives in the Pacific are working to organise TORs for stand-by partner deployments to Kiribati and the Republic of Marshal Islands and are in discussions with the relevant DFAT offices and NDMOs to follow up on these and the already advertised Samoa deployment. A detailed status update for all countries where a scoping process is underway or planned has been developed for core partners.

News

His Excellency, Bentley Gibbs, the Ambassador for Barbados to the United Nations in Geneva, has sadly left Geneva and returned to Barbados, and the GPP Operational Subcommittee will greatly miss his spirit and enthusiasm for the initiative that he brought to the role of chair.

Upcoming events

There is a V20 Ministerial Meeting planned to take place in the margins of the IMF/WB meetings in Indonesia in October 12-14. The next GPP subcommittee meeting will be held late October early November – the date is TBA.