



GPP Partner Agencies: Update on Activities – August 31, 2018

Note: This update covers the months of July and August, resulting from the European Summer break.

Documentation

The Guidance note and associated TORs for Scoping Processes have been updated and shortened for use by countries. All public GPP documents are available on the 'Agenda for Humanity' (A4H) website, in the initiatives section - <http://www.agendaforhumanity.org/initiatives/gpp>.

Meetings

Partners: The GPP Operational Subcommittee met on July 16th, chaired by the Ambassadors of Barbados and the Philippines. Planning meetings were held with representatives of Barbados and the Philippines to discuss the planned Member states briefing. A meeting was held with GNDR to discuss links and connections with GPP. The WFP led Preparedness 'Return on Investment' training workshop was attended, with a view to adapting the methodology for the needs of the GPP. A briefing meeting was held with the Republic of Marshall Islands to provide details on the GPP process and status prior to their taking over as V20 chair.

Resource Mobilisation: The GPP Secretariat held a bilateral meeting with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and discussions were held with OCHA and UNDP's external relations experts, and standby roster managers. Meetings were held with the Platform for Disaster Displacement, and the Getting Airports Ready for Disaster partners to explore opportunities for cooperation. Discussions were had with OCHA to explore options for hosting a Resource Mobilisation specialist.

Country status

The GPP secretariat held online discussions and email exchanges with National Government and United Nations representatives from; Burkina Faso, Maldives, Nepal, Tunisia, Vietnam and the regional OCHA office in Senegal to discuss Burkina Faso and Ghana. UNDP representatives in the Pacific are working to finalise TORs for Kiribati and the Republic of Marshall Islands, following on from the successful advertisement for stand-by partner support to Samoa made in mid-July.

The GPP Secretariat and United Nations partners met to discuss a potential new avenue of support for countries to undertake their scoping processes, with support as 'lead agency' coming from FAO, UNDP and WFP as OCHA has done previously in Ghana. All stakeholders will remain involved in the process, but UN partners have offered to be focal points in several countries. More details will be available once these processes are confirmed.

News

The presidency of the CVF and V20 was officially handed over from Ethiopia to the Republic of Marshall Islands on August 28th in Addis Ababa, with more details in the press release on the V20 website [available here](#). Sadly, the GPP Secretariat has said goodbye to Petra Jaervinen as she has left for new opportunities.

Upcoming events

Save the Date – on 20th September a Member States briefing will be held in Geneva, chaired by their Excellencies, the Ambassadors of Barbados and the Philippines. The briefing will review GPP country status and financing position. The next GPP subcommittee meeting will be held October – the date is still to be advised.

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