

UN Country Team Nigeria Humanitarian – Development Nexus working group Terms of Reference

Introduction

The UN Nigeria Country Team retreat in August 2017 requested the instatement of a Humanitarian – Development nexus (H-D nexus) working group. The H-D nexus working group will consist of the members proposed during the UNCT retreat (UNDP, IOM, OCHA, WFP, WHO, UN Women, UNESCO, WMO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF) and the Terms of Reference presented here aim at providing guidance and practical advice to further operationalise the New Way of Working (NWoW) for the UN in Nigeria, with a focus on the crisis in North East Nigeria. More specifically the HD nexus working group will sensitize agencies about the NWOW and the HD nexus; will identify and record practices and experiences within and outside of Nigeria, will recommend pilot interventions and partnership strategies and will mobilize knowledge within the agencies.

It also aims at ensuring a commitment by the UN agencies in Nigeria to deliver a better and coordinated response, and adopt common strategies to reducing risks, vulnerabilities, exposure, hazards and threats; and to increasing the ability to adapt to change, to learn, and to self-organize of communities in other at-risk areas in Nigeria such as the Niger Delta, South East Nigeria and the Middle Belt.

In line with the 2016 UN Secretary General Report ‘One Humanity, Shared Responsibility’ and the core responsibility of ‘leaving no-one behind,’ development and humanitarian partners in Nigeria will commit to strategic collaboration and coordination through the New Way of Working; an inclusive approach to joint analysis, joint up planning based on comparative advantages, strengthened leadership and predictable multiyear financing.

Deliverables

1. The HD nexus working group has developed an agreement for its functioning: meetings, members, lead and co-lead, secretary, reporting functionalities;
2. The HD nexus working group has developed an outline for an action plan, pilot initiatives, recommendations and benchmarks to introduce the HD nexus within the annual and multiyear planning cycles;

3. The HD nexus working group has made and has widely communicated an inventory of UN agency experiences globally, of progress made through UN initiatives, and initiatives from other actors within Nigeria that contribute to a joint analysis, joint up planning, strengthened leadership and predictable multiyear financing;
4. The HD nexus group also proposes approaches to strengthen joint analysis, joint up planning, strengthened leadership and predictable multiyear financing;
5. The HD nexus working group has instated a multi agency ad hoc technical working group to develop a monitoring and data management functionality, as recommended during the UNCT retreat 2017;
6. The HD nexus working group, with guidance from the UNCT, has identified strategic partnerships with key national institutions, international actors, and other stakeholders and has developed a dialogue with these;
7. The HD nexus working group has reported back to the UNCT on its work;
8. The HD nexus working group will collect and share policies and best practices relevant to the Nigeria context from elsewhere;

Organisation

A first exploratory meeting was held on 14 August 2017. It was tentatively agreed to hold the HD nexus meetings each month before the UNCT.