Reform of the ACT Humanitarian Mechanism

Webinar, Asia and the Pacific Region

Revised ACT Humanitarian Policy

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**Configure**
An initial meeting of the TWG established the broad approach to the process, including establishing a work plan.

**Concepts**
Sub-groups, within the TWG, consisting of member and secretariat staff, developed concept notes.

**Consultation**
The concept notes formed the basis for regional consultation and then, after initial revisions, by ExCom.

**Approval**
Governing Board approved the new Humanitarian Policy in May 2021

**Preparation**
Preparations for operationalization of the new humanitarian policy is underway

**Roll Out**
Operationalising the new humanitarian policy and mechanism
A. RAPID RESPONSE FUND
   Expand the rapid response fund to cover small and medium-sized crises

B. APPEALS
   - Establish the Emergency Steering Committee for go/no go decisions
   - Re-focus the ACT appeals on large-scale (quick-onset and protracted) crises, and include raising funds from private donors

C. CONSORTIA
   - Establish the Consortia Approach as an integral part of the ACT Humanitarian Mechanism

D. EPRP
   - Incentivize joint programming at Forum level

E. FUNDING
   - Replace the International Coordination Fee as the main funding source for ACT Humanitarian Coordination

MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE...

Quality and Accountability
Rapid Response Fund

- Central pillar of localisation commitment for the Alliance
- Broadening of scope of use through scale up model – small and medium crises
- Ceiling being increased to USD$150k per member per emergency
- Member and forum EPRPs mandatory to access RRF
- Will be managed based upon calendar year from 2022
- Quality & Accountability
- Need for increased fundraising support from the secretariat and members
Appeals

- Focus on major and large scale crises
- Establishment of Emergency Steering Committees
- Strengthen local systems of response
- Linking ACT appeals with forum EPRP
- Quality & Accountability
Consortia

• Opportunities for higher level of back donor funding
• Embedded within EPRP process
• Building on existing good practice in some contexts
• National consortia and Global consortium
• Locally led response core principle
EPRP

- Mandatory from 2022
- Digital platform now available
- EPRP supports from secretariat
- Regular updates required
- Will be used by ESC and secretariat in decision making
- Q&A integrated into EPRPs - CHS

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• ICF model does not sustain the actual costs of humanitarian coordination
• standard budget line for secretariat management and coordination in each appeal and in GRRF
• A voluntary line item will be included in ACT Appeals for “secretariat support”
• Costs for secretariat support to consortia
NEXT STEPS....

**Preparations**
June – September 2021
Development of the ACT Humanitarian Operations Manual

**Testing**
October – December 2021
Pilot testing of new methodologies and tools (October – December 2021)

**Roll Out - Jan 2022**
All EPRPs will be online
Operational Manual will be the main reference for guidelines, tool, and templates

**Capacity**
Capacity strengthening at forum and member level

**Digitalisation**
Development of online/digital ACT humanitarian mechanism

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Thank you!