



Afghanistan's Working Groups Mapping

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Forewords

One of ACBAR's pillars is to ensure coordination and effective information flow among NGOs and stakeholders. We believe that cross-organizations collaboration and dialogue increase NGOs' efficiency, improve the quality of our work and spark innovation.

To tackle Afghanistan humanitarian and development's challenges, NGOs and agencies (UN, donors, government etc.) have joined forces and created a myriad of sectorial fora, clusters, and working groups to discuss and tackle collectively the issues. This booklet is an attempt to list all the working groups and clusters available and open to NGOs/Civil Society in Afghanistan – mostly at national level.

This mapping is a working document, do not hesitate to contact us to update its information or add a new group. We hope it can be useful to NGOs' coordination efforts.

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5. Finance working group

Humanitarian



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Humanitarian / HCT

Name	Expanded Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)
Chair	Humanitarian Coordinator
Co-Chair	OCHA
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UN Agencies : HC, OCHA, WFP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA FAO IOM, UN Women and Protection, Nutrition, WASH, Health, FSAC, ES-NFI Clusters & R&R Chapter• Donors: ECHO (observer)• NGO representatives: NRC, DRC, RI, AOAD, ACTD, OCRD, ACBAR (observer), Red Cross (observer)
Short description	The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) serves as a strategic, policy-level and decision-making forum that guides principled humanitarian action in Afghanistan. The 'core' HCT is composed of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), six representatives of UN humanitarian agencies (including those with cluster lead responsibilities), six representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGO) and one representative of the UN Secretariat (OCHA). The expanded HCT is opened to observers
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 1/ ESNFI

Name	Emergency Shelter and NFI
Chair	UNHCR
Co-Chair	IOM
Participants	UN agencies: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNHABITAT, IOM Government: MORRD NGO: DRC, NRC, PIN, ACTED
Short description	<p>The ESNFI objective is to ensure that persons displaced and/or affected by conflict and natural disasters have adequate protection and privacy through provision of emergency shelter and NFIs . It also ensures</p> <p>that responses by ESNFI cluster members are informed by accurate assessments to allow contextual analysis and appropriately targeted interventions. The cluster strategy focuses on ensuring standardized technical specifications for emergency, transitional and durable shelter solutions as well as NFI standards, implementation modalities, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and inclusion of cross-cutting issues..</p>
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 2/FSAC

Name	Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC)
Chair	FSAC : co led FAO/ WFP
Co-Chair	Caritas Germany
Participants	<p>UN agencies: FAO, WFP, OCHA</p> <p>Government: MAIL</p> <p>Donors: ECHO, USAID, Cordaid</p> <p>Regular NGO: DRC, MEDAIR, ACTED, CoAR, Afghanaid, PAC, ADA, APA, ACF, GIZ/SEDEP, GAALO, RI, RCDC, CG, NEI, NCRO, CARE, OXFAM, HRDA, FRDO, CHA, IR, WHH, LML, CHI, AREA, ANCC, ASAARO, AIRO, IRC, OHW, PIN, CAID, MADERA, ORCD, NAC, ACBAR, ZOA, ActionAid, HELVETAS, SI, DACAAR, STARS, Canadian Embassy, SCI, SOFAR, SFL, FEWSNET</p>
Short description	<p>The FSAC cluster provides an action-orientated forum for bringing together national and international humanitarian partners to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance on the lives of crisis-affected population in Afghanistan. In particular, it will help ensure coherent, coordinated and integrated humanitarian responses that are driven by the evidenced-based assessment of food security needs of the crisis affected population. Over 172 partner organizations country-wide are active in the FSAC, including NGOs, Government ministries UN agencies and donors.</p>
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / FSAC 2.1

Name	Early Warning Information WG (EWIWG)	
Chair	FSAC	
Co-Chair	MAIL	
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· UN agencies: FSAC, FEWSNET, FAO, WFP, OCHA, UNEP, IOM· Government: MAIL, MRRD, MoWE, ANDMA, NEPA, LML· Regular NGO: ACF, iMMAP, AfghanAid,	
Short description	Under the FSAC the EWI WG is an inter-institutional mechanism to promote synergy among humanitarian community to predict environmental hazards for better preparation of the response. Its function is to gather, share and analyze food security and agriculture early warning information and prepare recommendations for the FSAC for further disseminations and response preparation.	
Frequency	During flooding and drought season at least twice a month	
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / FSAC 2.2

Name	Afghanistan Food Security Technical Team (AFSTT)
Chair	FSAC
Co-Chair	Caritas Germany
Participants	UN agencies: FSAC, FEWSNET, FAO, WFP, OCHA Government: MAIL, LML Regular NGO: ORCD, Caritas Germany, SI, ACTED, AWARO
Short description	The Afghanistan Food Security Technical Team (AFSTT) lead by FSAC discusses all technical issue related to assessments such as Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA), Pre-harvest assessment and also discuss technical issue related to Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). It is functioning to develop the assessment methodology, indicators, sampling size and prepare recommendations for effective implementation of the assessment in the country to collect the required information in timely manner.
Frequency	When required (ad hoc)
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 3 / Health

Name	National Health Cluster Coordination
Chair	MOPH/WHO
Co-Chair	National NGO (ORCD, ACTD)
Participants	UN agencies: UNICEF, OCHA, UNFPA, WHO Government: MOPH NGO: AADA, ACF, ACTD, AHDS, AKDN, BDN, BRAC, CAF, CHA, CORDAID, DAO, IMC, IRW, JOHANNITER, MMRCA, EMERGENCY, HADAAF, MSF, ORCD, PUAMI, SAF, SAVE THE CHILDREN, SCA, SDO, SHRDO, TDH, WVI, YHDO, LEPCO, OHPM, HNTPO, HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL, MRCA, ICRC/IFRC, ARCS Donors: ECHO, USAID, CHF
Short description	The Health Cluster's mission is to provide leadership to humanitarian health response in order to prevent and reduce crisis-related morbidity and mortality; ensure gaps are filled through effective coordination, and support for the mobilisation of resources. Health Cluster members shall work to enhance the accountability, predictability and effectiveness of quality humanitarian health actions in Afghanistan
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Health 3.1

Name	Health Cluster M&E Working Group
Chair	WHO
Co-Chair	
Participants	UN agencies: UNICEF, OCHA, WHO Government: MOPH NGO: SHRDO, HNTPO, ORCD, IMC, ACTD
Short description	Strengthening the M&E system of the health cluster, building availing evidence base information for health response to emergencies, measuring progress against cluster strategy and agreed results,
Frequency	Based on need
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Health 3.2

Name	Health Cluster Advocacy and Communication WG
Chair	WHO
Participants	UN agencies: UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO Government: MOPH NGO: ACF, AHDS, DAO, SAVE THE CHILDREN, CORDAID, ACTD
Short description	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draw the attention of the government, donors, key stakeholders and partners to the needs of and gaps in humanitarian assistance in health sector and ensure their commitment and support for policy impact2. Advocate for additional funding to fill the financial gaps to ensure an effective and efficient humanitarian response to the needs of vulnerable population.3. Highlight and promote the role of civil society in emergency preparedness and response and develop a collaborative relationship mechanisms.4. Considering the operational presence gap – engage the support of civil society's in humanitarian response.5. Find ways and means to engage with population on behavioral change in regards to public health threats.
Frequency	Based on need
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 4/ Nutrition

Name	Nutrition
Chair	UNICEF
Co-Chair	PND
Participants	AADA, ACTD, AHDS, AKHS, BARAN, BDN, CAF, CHA, HADAAD. HN TPO, IMC, MMRCA, MRCA, OHPM , ORCD, SAF, SCI, UNICEF, ACF, WVI , INTERSOS, Caritas Germany, MEDAIR,, HEERO, TIKA MoPH WFP, WHO,
Short description	The Nutrition cluster will facilitate a timely and effective nutrition response in Afghanistan and ensure that the capacity of national and local partners and institutions are strengthened to respond to and coordinate emergency nutrition interventions that demonstrate results and impact achieved.
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Nutrition 4.1

Name	Nutrition Assessment & Information Management (AIM)
Chair	PND
Co-Chair	ACF and WHO
Participants	PND/MoPH, DEWS/MoPH, HMIS, RH/MoPH, FEWS NET WHO, UNICAF, WFP ACF, SCI, GAIN, AKHS, AADA, MOVE, IMC, Medair, CAF
Short description	The main functions of AIM WG : 1. To develop and review standards and guidelines for nutrition assessment information 2. To review and contextualize relevant international guidelines for Afghanistan 3. To review and validate nutrition assessment and information collection, analysis and reporting. 4. To centralize nutrition information, disseminate and advocate for action. 5. To offer technical support on nutrition assessment and information when and as needed 6. Strengthen multi-sectoral linkages on nutrition assessment and information through direct participation at various forums 7. Promotion of knowledge management/success stories/lessons by stakeholders; among partners 9. Strengthen continuity of AIM WG partnership with stakeholders. 10. To monitor-use of evidence based information for decision making
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Nutrition 4.2

Name	IMAM Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition
Chair	PND
Co-Chair	WHO/WFP ACF
Participants	UNICEF UN-WFP UN-WHO FAO ACF SAF SCI AHDS MOVE IMC OHPM PU-AMI AADA Oxfam Merlin HP/MoPH CBHC
Short description	The overall objective of the TWG is to provide strategic guidance to strengthen IMAM programming in Afghanistan Specific Objectives: 1. To provide a forum for coordination with all IMAM partners to ensure effective programming 2. Facilitate exchange of experience, share information and knowledge management on IMAM 3. To provide technical support and oversight the implementation of IMAM in Afghanistan. 4.Review of the IMAM strategy, protocols and guidelines
Frequency	monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Nutrition 4.3

Name	Capacity Development Technical Working Group
Chair	Capacity development unit of Public Nutrition Department (PND).
Co-Chair	UNICEF/ WHO
Participants	UN agencies: Unicef WHO WFP NGOs: AKF. AADA SCI ACF WV PU-AMI IMC IHSAN/FHI 360 Government: Health promotion/MoPH, PND/MOPH, Capacity Development Department/MOPH
Short description	The overall objective of the TWG is to provide strategic guidance to strengthen the nutrition capacity development programme in Afghanistan. Specific Objectives: 1) Facilitate periodic nutrition capacity assessment to have a good understanding of gaps and needs for strengthening institutional capacities in nutrition at national level and across the regions 2) To provide a forum for coordination and communication with all partners to ensure effective capacity development in nutrition Facilitate development of consistency in use of standards and legitimate protocols in nutrition programming. 3)To provide technical support and oversight during training, monitoring and mentoring to ensure improved knowledge and skills.4)To provide clear guidelines and standards for follow-up and on the job mentoring and coaching 5) To provide clear guidance on monitoring systems and the identification of potential nutrition training resource persons and organizations/institutions, for the effective implementation of capacity building activities.
Frequency	monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Nutrition 4.4

Name	IYCF (Infant and Young Child Feeding)
Chair	IYCF unit of Public Nutrition Department (PND).
Co-Chair	UNICEF /SCI
Participants	UN agencies: WHO, UNICEF, WFP NGOs: AMA, CAF, AKHS, HPD, , SCI, ACF, , Save Children, , IMCI Government agencies: RH/MoPH CBHC/MoPH, PND/MoPH
Short description	<p>The overall objective of the TWG is to provide strategic guidance to strengthen IYCF programming in Afghanistan</p> <p>Specific Objective:</p> <p>Support coordination with all IYCF partners to ensure effective programming</p> <p>Provide IYCF technical guidance, facilitate exchange of experience, share information and knowledge management</p> <p>Review of the IYCF strategy, protocols and guidelines</p>
Frequency	monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters / Nutrition 4.5

Name	Micronutrient TWG
Chair	Micronutrient unit of Public Nutrition Department (PND).
Co-Chair	GAIN/MI
Participants	GAIN ACTD AKHS FHI360 UNICEF, WHO, WFP CAH/MOPH, RH/MOPH, PND/MOPH, CBHC/MOPH
Short description	<p>The overall objective of the TWG is to provide strategic guidance to strengthen Micronutrient programming in Afghanistan</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Strengthen the current forum on coordination, experience and information sharing</p> <p>Identify common bottlenecks and collaborate with BPHS/EPHS implementing partners, national and international NGOs, private sector and other stakeholders to overcome the bottlenecks and improve the quality and coverage of micronutrient programs.</p> <p>Provide technical guidance on implementation of MN programs to public and private sectors</p>
Frequency	
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 5 /WASH

Name	Water and Sanitation (WASH)
Chair	UNICEF – Co lead the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD).
Co-Chair	DACAAR – WHO
Participants	NGO: DACAAR, ACF, Solidarity International, ZOA, World Vision International, MEDAIR, WHH, ADA, FEWS NET, CARITAS Germany, CAWC, ADEO UN: WHO, UNICEF, OCHA Government: MRRD
Short description	The objective of the WASH Cluster is to achieve a more strategic WASH response through better prioritization of available resources, better articulation of needs, clarification of the division of labor among WASH agencies /partners and a better definition of roles and responsibilities of humanitarian organizations. Its key tasks are 1) Preparedness activities 2) Coordinate Emergency Response 3) Humanitarian Response Plan 4) Inform strategic decision making 5) coordinate leadership transition.
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 6 /Protection

Name	Afghanistan Protection Cluster (APC)
Chair	UNHCR
Co-Chair	NRC
Participants	NGO: APA, NRC, DRC, IRC, Oxfam, WCC, LEADO, WHH, Care, IMC, ACBAR, AOAD SCI, AfghanAid, YHDO, PIN, ZOA, HAGAR, Johanniter... UN agencies: UNICEF, UNAMA, OCHA, IOM, UNHabitat Government: AIHRC Other: Samuel Hall
Short description	The objectives of the APC are to achieve a common understanding of what the priority protection problems are; to adopt a coordinated approach for protection actors working within the humanitarian sphere to address these problems; To enhance effectiveness, efficiency and reduce duplication of humanitarian action; To enhance the protection of civilians within the context of humanitarian action including civilians impacted by conflict, targeted persecution and natural disasters. The work of the APC is guided by the principles of neutrality, impartiality, independence, and the humanitarian principle of 'Do no harm'.
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters/ Protection 6.1

Name	Gender Based Violence Sub Cluster
Chair	UNFPA
Co-Chair	Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission-AIHRC
Participants	For security reasons, the names of the organizations will not be displayed. The GBV sub cluster is composed by UN agencies, NGOs, Government ministries and Chief Executive Office.
Short description	<p>The Afghanistan Gender Based Violence Sub-Cluster was established as a national coordinating body to strengthen and enhance the efforts and activities of stakeholders in the country, in the prevention of and response to gender based violence (GBV). The objectives are to consolidate, coordinate, improve and support the activities of all relevant stakeholders in the prevention of and response to GBV within the context of humanitarian action in Afghanistan. Core activities are 1) Strengthen coordination 2) conduct GBV Assessment & Monitoring 3) Integrate Service Delivery- Emergency Response Preparedness and Capacity Building 4) Advocacy.</p> <p>Within the humanitarian setting, the AGBV SC shall target and prioritize GBV issues relating to most vulnerable or affected groups. The members of the Sub-Cluster meet both at the national and regional levels. GBV SC has five regional SCs; Herat for western region, Jalalabad for eastern region, Baniya for central highlands region, Mazar for northern region and Kandahar for southern region.</p>
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters/ Protection 6.2

Name	Child Protection Sub WG
Chair	UNICEF
Co-Chair	Save the Children
Participants	The CPiE sub-cluster has 43 members (NGOs, International Organizations, civil society, government and UN Agencies).
Short description	The Child Protection in Emergency (CPiE) sub-cluster is one of the four Areas of Responsibility (AoR) under the Afghan Protection Cluster (APC).
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters/ Protection 6.3

Name	House Land Property
Chair	UN Habitat
Co-Chair	UNHCR
Participants	
Short description	<p>The Housing Land and Property Task -Force (HLP TF) will facilitate predictable, accountable and effective response by humanitarian, human rights and development actors to HLP protection concerns arising from conflict, natural and human made disasters induced displacement.</p> <p>More specifically, the HLP TF will aim to:</p> <p>a) Contribute to the identification and resolution of HLP issues across Afghanistan; b) Provide leadership and guidance on HLP issues to national and international actors; c) Enhance accountability, predictability and effectiveness (including reducing duplication) of HLP-related humanitarian action.</p>
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters/ Protection 6.4

Name	Mine Action Stakeholder Group Meeting
Chair	DMAC (Directorate of Mine Action Coordination)
Co-Chair	UNMAS (United Nations Mine Action Service)
Participants	
Short description	The meeting take place in first week of the month at DMAC compound where mine action related issues, such as progress against the annual plan, civilian casualties due to mine/ERW accidents, security incidents to MA teams, funding status, etc are discussed.
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	MohammadWa@unops.org (Mohammad Wakil)

Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters/ Protection 6.5

Name	Protection of Civilian Working Group (APC Working Group)
Chair	UNAMA
Co-Chair	APC Coordinator
Participants	UNAMA, APC, NRC, UNMAS, UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNFPA, ACBAR, AIHRC, Center for Civilians in Conflict, ICRC (Observer), CPiE SC Coordinator, GBV SC Coordinator, and HLP TF Coordinator.
Short description	<p>The PoC WG is a small and focused non-political technical forum where protection involved and mandated entities from various spheres of engagement with the conflict and the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan share knowledge and experiences, striving to reach a common understanding of Protection of Civilians (PoC) specific concerns. The PoC WG ultimately aims to contribute to informed and innovative responses of the humanitarian community in Afghanistan to PoC concerns.</p> <p>The PoC WG was formed in early 2011 to address the absence of a working level forum for the various PoC actors in Afghanistan to deliberate on - and develop approaches to - multifaceted and rapidly evolving PoC concerns stemming from the ongoing conflict. The PoC WG aims to achieve results inter alia through joint analysis and by enabling coordinated and complementary interventions including advocacy and strategic and practical guidance to the broader humanitarian community. The PoC WG does not replace individual members' mandates and engagement on PoC issues, including monitoring, interventions, advocacy, etc.</p>
Frequency	Meetings of the group are called when circumstances require and aim to develop a common understanding of the impact of the conflict on civilians.
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Humanitarian / Humanitarian Clusters 7 / R&R Chapter

Name	Returnees & Refugees Chapter (R&R Chapter)
Chair	UNHCR
Co-Chair	IOM
Participants	Donors- ECHO. UN agencies: WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNMAS, UNHCR, UNHABITAT+ all cluster coordinators Government: MoRR and related agencies working on the Returnee Response NGO: NRC, DRC, IRC, APO, APA, TLO, Solidarites, Health Net TPO, TdH, Relief International, ICRC, ARCS, ACTD/Johanniter, DACAAR, ACBAR, IMC, NCA, AfghanAID
Short description	<p>Meetings aim to provide a reporting mechanism for coordinating agencies and on multi-thematic response activities dealing specifically with returnees. Members strategize and coordinate humanitarian activities and share information on challenges and bottlenecks faced at the operational level. The Chapter is a strategic advisory body that informs high level strategy and direction of the wider response. Chapter coordinators also exist as technical experts, advising the government, UN agencies and donor partners, and participate in other coordination forums.</p> <p>The main focus of the Refugee & Returnee Chapter is the delivery of assistance to vulnerable refugees and returnees. For the Pakistani refugee in Khost/Paktika, the focus is on delivering humanitarian assistance to address immediate needs and reinforce effective coping mechanisms going forward. Interventions focus on promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing on refugees in host communities. They cover protection (including child protection), food, shelter, health, nutrition and WASH. In 2016, with the unprecedented returnees/deportees crisis, interventions include immediate humanitarian assistance to address the challenges of the initial stages of return and establish a foundation for sustainable reintegration. Response efforts aim to expand both the partner network referral mechanisms and address specific vulnerabilities, particularly in the areas of protection, shelter and health.</p>
Frequency	Twice monthly; usually every second Wednesday at 1400 at UNHCR
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 1/ Gender

Name	Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) Task Force
Chair	UN-Women
Co-Chair	NRC
Participants	UN agencies: UN Women, UNHCR, Donors: MoWA NGOs: DRC, NRC, MRCA, W4W
Short description	The GiHA Task Force is a sub- group of the Gender Working Group (GWG), that aims to bridge humanitarian and development work in Afghanistan for more synergistic actions in preparedness, response and recovery for sustainable development. It adopts the vision of the GWG for a “peaceful and progressive Afghanistan where women and men enjoy security, equal rights and opportunities in all aspects of life.” And its mission is to raise awareness, build capacity and monitor the work of the humanitarian community in Afghanistan on gender equality programming in humanitarian action and to find strategies to work in synergy with development actors to mitigate the impact of crises on sustainable development. With the mandate to advise the HCT and the UNCT through the ICCT and the GWG on all matters relevant to gender equality, be they referred to it from the HCT /UNCT/ICCT or identified and reported on of its own volition.
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 2/ Access

Name	HAG - Humanitarian Access Group
Chair	OCHA
Co-Chair	NRC
Participants	UN, NGO representatives & Others
Short description	An access working group designed to link field level access issues with higher level advocacy, harmonizing access strategies to deliver against the strategic objectives of the HRP especially in areas concerning IDPs and Health Sector delivery. Additionally focused on providing pragmatic solutions of access issues.
Frequency	At least every 6 weeks
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 3/ KIS

Name	Kabul Informal Settlement Task Force (KIS)
Chair	OCHA
Co-Chair	WHH
Participants	UN agencies: OCHA, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNHABITAT NGOs: ADRA, ACF, DRC, WHH, NFUAJ, CARE, SHRDO, TdH, IR, PUMI, WCC, Government Agencies: MoRR, DoRR and ANDMA
Short description	An estimated 33,000 inhabitants (5,400 families) in some 50 'informal settlements' live in and around Kabul. IDPs, returnees and economic migrants are among the most vulnerable people in need of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan. Since 2011, the humanitarian community is working closely with government partners (MoRR and DoRR) along with other stakeholders to ensure effective humanitarian response and access to basic services for the KIS population. Humanitarian partners have implemented livelihood support projects, WASH, nutrition, legal rights and education related activities as well as nutrition support, hygiene promotion and vocational training for women.
Frequency	Monthly meeting
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 4/ Victim Assistance

Name	VA/ Disability Coordination Meeting
Chair	UNMAS/DMAC
Co-Chair	MoLSAMD
Participants	UN Agencies: UNMAS and UNMAS ACAP III Project Government: MoLSAMD, MoPH, MoE, DMAC, AIHRC NGOs: DAO, KOO, ICRC, AOAD, Empor, FWF, AABRAR, ALSO, SCA, LSO, ANAD, ANAB, CIC, AAPT, IAM, ANSOP, BARAN, COEW, FEKR, AAR Japan, SERVE, RAHYAB, ROAWV, FOPD, HI, Aihrc
Short description	VA coordination is part of the UNMAS/DMAC coordination mechanism which focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinating victim assistance and disability activities among VA partners from Govt. UN agencies and NGOs,- Update about Mine Action Program of Afghanistan,- Promoting VA sectors for further development and funding- Avoid duplications in victim assistance and disability projects implementation.
Frequency	Bi monthly
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 5/ Cash Voucher

Name	Cash Voucher Working Group
Chair	Currently rotating among the cluster leads of ES/NFI, Protection, FSAC and OCHA
Co-Chair	None at the moment
Participants	Regular participants; ACF, ACTED, AFGHANAID, CARITAS GERMANY, IRC, UNHCR, OCHA, DRC, ECHO, PIN, The Johanniter, WFP.
Short description	<p>The Afghanistan Cash and Voucher Working Group (CVWG) is a forum of practitioners from humanitarian organizations (NGOs and UN agencies) and donors that are either implementing or are interested in cash/voucher programs. The main objectives of the CVWG are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share information, lessons learned and best practice on CBIs across various platforms; including transfer methods and standard transfer amounts (SMEB).• Harmonize CBT methodologies and tools.• Establish a common platform for engagement with Government (advocacy) and Private Sector (contracting);• Provide support to clusters wishing to engage in CBIs;• Act as a forum for testing new methods of implementation.
Frequency	Monthly
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 6/ Re-integration

Name	(Re)-integration Working Group
Chair	Government on rotational basis (MoRR, MRRD, MUDH, MOLSAM, MoF etc)
Co-Chair	UNHCR
Participants	<p>UN agencies: IOM, FAO, OCHA, Protection Cluster UNAMA, UNDOC, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN MACCA, UNOPS, UN Women</p> <p>NGOs: ACBAR, AfghanAid, AKF, DACAAR, DRC, Halo Trust, IRC, ILO, Mercy Corps, NRC, SCI, Solidarites, TDH, TLO, WHH, GIZ</p> <p>IFIs: World Bank, KFW,</p> <p>Government: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations, Arazi, Ministry of Economy, Capital Region Independent Development Authority (CRIDA), Independent Directorate of Local Governance, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs & Disabled, CEO office, IDLG</p> <p>Others: Samuel Hall</p>
Short description	To coordinate (re)-integration stakeholders and activities in Afghanistan with a view to identifying, mapping and addressing major gaps and needs; to improve information gathering and exchange; to develop evidence-based policy recommendations and to jointly mobilize resources for (re)-integration activities across the country. The (Re)-integration Working Group (RWG) is a platform for information sharing and decision making at the programmatic levels.
Frequency	Every six weeks
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 7/ AHF

Name	Afghanistan Humanitarian Forum (AHF)
Chair	ACBAR
Co-Chair	none
Participants	ACBAR NGO members working in Humanitarian, OCHA (2 nd part of the meeting), Access Group representative, HCT representative
Short description	The Afghan Humanitarian Forum (AHF) is a coordination forum co-facilitated by the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR) and the OCHA Head of Office. The AHF focuses on the coordination of NGO activities at the national and sub-national levels, representation/ communication on the interests of NGOs to other humanitarian stakeholders and the government, and promotion of high ethical and professional standards amongst the NGO community. The AHF is composed all heads of International and National humanitarian NGOs and feeds into the HCT. OCHA presents in 2 nd part a situation and CHF update
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	infocoordofficer@acbar.org

Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 8/ DRR

Name	Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group
Chair	WFP
Co-Chair	ANDMA
Participants	UN agencies: WFP (Chair), FAO, IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNEP, UN Habitat, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women, WHO, IFAD, UNFPA, UNMAS, World Bank Government: ANDMA NGO: NA
Short description	<p>Background: Afghanistan is one of the countries most vulnerable to natural hazard events in the world, in addition to having suffered over 30 years of war. Against this background, there is significant interest in DRR amongst the Government and donors, focusing on reducing the physical and social risks of such disasters.</p> <p>Meeting the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in June 2015, President Ghani asked that the UN System to support his Government in DRR. At that time, the UNCT agreed that the UN will work as one in response to this, and that UN agencies' work in this area would be set out as a joint programme.</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of the UN AFG DRR Working Group is to support the development and implementation of a DRR framework for Afghanistan, enabling the Government to undertake disaster risk mapping, strengthen disaster risk reduction programming and projects, including the mainstreaming the disaster risk reduction and climate change in the emergency management and development processes, prioritize responses, and manage the coordination of such responses, promoting community resilience and the adequate inclusion of gender and social protection-related considerations.</p>
Frequency	Monthly meeting
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Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 9/ EiE

Name	Education in Emergency Working Group (EiE WG)
Chair	Ministry of Education (MoE)
Co-Chair	UNICEF and Save the Children
Participants	Ministry of Education NRC, SCI,IMMAP, ACBAR UNHCR, UNICEF, OCHA USAID
Short description	The EiE WG objective is to ensure that all emergency affected children access quality education with accepted level of disruption. The role of the working group is to capacity build the general education department and assist the GED in managing information system, identifying a common action plan, setting standards, mobilizing resources, advocating and coordinating with other relevant stakeholder (ANDMA, other clusters etc.)
Frequency	Monthly/ sometimes twice a month
Contact	Bharat Kumar Nayak Senior Education Advisor bharat.nayak.savethechildren.org Manan Kotak: afg.edu@humanitarianresponse.info

Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 10/ Info Management

Name	Information Management Working Group (IMWG)
Chair	Head of IMU (UNOCHA)
Co-Chair	Not yet decided but Representative of ANDMA will Co-Chair in future.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government (ANDMA) - Cluster IMOs - Cluster technical staff - UN Agencies (other than clusters, e.g. GiHA/UN Women, UNDP, UNICEF, IOM, WFP) - Key NGOs who have IM, GIS activities (e.g. ACTED, DRC, NRC, iMMAP, MercyCorps, NCA, REACH, etc. - Membership is open for all who has Assessment/IM/GIS activities in Afghanistan
Short description	<p>In 2011, ICCT agreed to form IMWG with multi-sectoral participation from the cluster; NGO; and Key Government partners for coordinated IM activities and information sharing in order to improve the information upon which humanitarian response is conducted. IMWG will be convened within the context of the country Humanitarian Coordination Architecture; and open to requests from the ICCT and HCT. The IMWG will meet on a monthly basis (as needed) with a strong focus on the activities of the Humanitarian Program Cycle (HPC). OCHA will chair the IMWG on behalf of the ICCT. ToR: https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/system/files/documents/files/afghanistan_imwg_tor_20160126.pdf</p>
Frequency	Monthly (or as need basis)
Contact	shresthan@un.org https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/afghanistan/information-management

Humanitarian / Task Force and Working Groups 10/ Assessment

Name	Humanitarian Coordinated Assessment Working Group (HCAWG).
Chair	UNOCHA
Co-Chair	ANDMA
Participants	UN: OCHA, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNMACCA, UNOPS, UNWOMEN, WFP, WHO Government: ANDMA, MoRR, PND NGOs: ACF, COAR, SHRDO
Short description	The HCAWG has been reconvened as a technical working group under the Inter-Cluster Coordination Team (ICCT) to ensure operational coordination of needs assessments to enhance the quality of humanitarian response in line with the IASC Operational Guidance for Coordinated Assessments for Humanitarian Crises and Multi-Sector Initial Rapid Assessment Guidance. Purpose: 1) To improve the planning and implementation of coordinated multi-sectoral needs assessments, including the recommendation of relevant tools and methodologies for different phases and scales of emergencies relevant for the context; 2) To serve as a forum for the open joint inter-sectoral analysis of the humanitarian situation based on the primary and secondary data obtained through coordinated assessments 3) To provide recommendations and guidance to the ICCT and HCT on the needs assessments and needs prioritization based on the regularly updated information on needs; 4) Ensure age, gender and diversity as well as other cross-cutting issues are mainstreamed in the process of design, planning and implementation of the coordinated needs assessments; and analysis of the data.
Frequency	As needed
Contact	Kate Carey, UNOCHA (carey2@un.org)

Development



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Development / Disability 1

Name	Disability Stakeholders Coordination Group (DSCG) since 2007
Chair	Deputy Minister of Martyrs and Disability Affairs of MoLSAMD
Co-Chair	Facilitated by: MoLSAMD + UNMAS
Participants	Government: MoLSAMD, MoPH, MoE, MoJ, NGOs: AABRAR, AAR JAPAN, AAPT, ACBRN, ACKU, ACPD, ADVS, ANAB, ANAD, ACSF, AIHRC, ALSO, AOAD, ANSOP, BARAN/CAF, Blind School, CCD, CiC, COEWCA, CPI, DAO, DMAC, ECI, EMPOR, FEKER, FWF, H4AH, HI, ICRC, IAM, KARAMA, KOO, NECDO, NSDO, PTI, RAHYAB, ROAWV, SCA, SERVE Afghanistan, SC, UNICEF, UNMAS, WHO, Donors: UNMAS, sometimes other stakeholders as well
Short description	The overall goal is to increase communication, coordination and to share learning between all actors working to support persons with disabilities. 1) To provide technical assistance to the Government as required 2) To develop coordinated and plan based fundraising strategies 3) To advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities and the services required to ensure 4) social, educational and economic integration into Afghan Society 5) To assist with the capacity development of National NGOs, DPOs and Government actors 6) To coordinate major disability issues among the NGOs to improve quality and avoid duplication 7) To encourage the involvement of persons with disability in the decision making process 8) To assist in developing a strategy in which the needs of persons with disabilities are included in policies of all relevant lines ministries and their needs/right are integrated into the respective ministries development plans rather than segregated or envisaged as charity.
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	MoLSAMD, Mr. Sadiq Mohibi, email: dscg.dsu@gmail.com

Development / Education / HRBD 2.1

Name	Human Resource Development Board (HRDB) Steering Committee
Chair	Will rotate every 6 month among the participating Ministries
Co-Chair	USAID
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government: MoE, MoHE, MoLSAMD, MoWA, MoPH, MRRD, MoF, MoCIT• NGO representatives: SCA, SCI, RI, AKF, ACBAR, JICA• Donors : UNICEF, UNESCO, USAID, GIZ, DFID, Embassies (French, Denmark, Australian, UK, Canada)
Short description	Policy, Advocacy, Alignment of Resources, Prioritisation and Coordination of the major education stakeholders (Ministries, NGOs & Donors)
Frequency	Quarterly
Contact	Zohal Sadaat, Head HRBD Secretariat - z.sadaat@moe.gov.af

Development / Education / ANEC 2.1

Name	Afghan National Education Coalition (ANEC)
Chair	Mr. Abdul Bashir Khaliqi Director of ANAF AE organization
Co-Chair	ACBAR, AWN, ACSFO, ANTC, IWA, WCBDO
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NGOs (not the final list) ACBAR, AWN, ACSF-O, ANTC, ANAF AE, IWA, WCBDO, NFUAJ, SCA, TEO, AKF, WVI, ADRA, Concern Worldwide, AAE, SHAO• Donors: UNESCO-Afghanistan, JICA-Afghanistan, and some more.
Short description	The education coalition platform and working group was established in May-2016 by the national and international organizations active in the field of education in Afghanistan. The purpose of the Coalition is to help the NGOs and CSOs working in the field of education to take part in all education national events in the country and enable them to advocate on education related issues.
Frequency	Monthly
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Development / Environment/ CEC 3.1

Name	The Committee for Environmental Coordination (CEC)
Chair	NEPA
Co-Chair	
Participants	Members of the CEC are appointed by the President's Office, based upon recommendations from the Director-General of NEPA, and include representatives from all relevant line ministries, national institutions, provincial, district and village councils, and civil society organizations.
Short description	Established under Article 10 of the Environment Law Its role is to include the mainstreaming of environmental issues into national development policies, assessing and providing recommendation on the delegation of functions of government institutions on environmental issues, and guiding the coordination of environmental activities across relevant stakeholders at the national and provincial levels.
Frequency	
Contact	

Development / Environment / SEACs 3.2

Name	Subnational Environment Advisory Councils (SEACs)
Chair	Provincial Governor
Co-Chair	NEPA
Participants	Provincial chairpersons, district chairpersons, sub-governors, NEPA's provincial officers, civil society members, farmers, nomads, Islamic scholars, and tribal elders in each province
Short description	Established under Article 12 of the Environment Law in order to make recommendations regarding financial matters, including budgets and annual accounts, and environmental issues that are of local importance
Frequency	Every 6 months
Contact	

Development / Environment / PAWG 3.3

Name	The Protected Area Working Group (PAWG)
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Chair

Co-Chair

Participants	government institutions, the donor community, NGOs, and the UN
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Short description	Formerly known as the Band-e Amir Coordination Committee, is an informal body established in 2006 that aims to facilitate coordination, policy, planning, and information sharing among government institutions, the donor community, NGOs, and the UN in the declaration and management of protected areas
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Frequency

Contact

Development / Health 4

Name	Afghanistan National Public Health Association (ANPHA)
Chair	Board
Co-Chair	
Participants	Health professionals and career health workers, national and international institutions are interested in the goals and objectives of ANPHA can get the membership of the association.
Short description	<p>ANPHA is established to serve as the national advocate for high quality and evidence based public health practices. Utilizing public health networks and experts, ANPHA recognizes great and pressing need for reforming the Afghanistan health system to ensure access to the delivery of the best preventive measures and high quality health services for all Afghans in an equitable manner. Other objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance evidence and awareness of cultural diversity;• Advocate for evidence based public health policies; and• Support universal health system development and reform.
Frequency	
Contact	http://anpha.af/membership-application/

Development / Gender – Gender Working Group 1

Name	UNCT-Gender Working Group
Chair	UN-Women
Co-Chair	
Participants (organizations)	UN agencies
Short description	<p>Its mandate is to advise the UNCT on all matters relevant to gender- its specific functions includes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internal coordination and harmonization:2. Policy development and resources3. Capacity development:4. Strategic advice:5. Research and analysis:6. Monitoring and reporting:7. Linkage on gender between UN and external stakeholders:
Frequency of meetings	Monthly -
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Development / Gender – Gender Working Group Mol 2

Name	Ministry of Interior Gender Working Group
Chair	head of Human Rights, women and children directorate of MOI
Participants (organizations)	Government: Civilian Deputy Chief of Staff of Mol, representatives from the Deputy Minister for Policy and Strategy, Criminal Investigation Directorate (Family Response Unit), Office of the Inspector General, General Directorate (GD) of Personnel, GD of Human Resources, GD of Education, GD of Recruitment International community: CSTC-A, EUPOL, UNAMA, UNDP and SSMI civil society organizations : Afghan Women Network.
Short description	The WG working towards accomplishment of the MOIA Strategic Plans, National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan(NAPWA), Strategy for the Management of Affairs of ANP Female Personnel (SMAFP), United Nation Security Council Resolution(UNSCR) 1325 and work plan of the Directorate of Human rights, Women and Children Affairs (WAHRCR) for the activities of gender at MOIA level for the reporting and monitoring purposes.
Frequency of meetings	Monthly -
Contact	Directorate of Human Rights, women affairs and children (Mol)

Development / Civil Society – Government/ ADF 6.1

Name	Afghanistan Development Forum
Chair	ACBAR
Co-Chair	
Participants (organizations)	ACBAR members Representatives of the GoA
Short description	ACBAR aims to improve the coordination / exchange of information among development NGOs and to improve the legal environment for NGOs in Afghanistan. The ADF invites on a monthly basis representatives from the development sector (i.e. Health, Education) as well as representatives from the government to present and discuss policies and regulation with NGOs.
Frequency of meetings	Monthly -
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Development / Civil Society – Government/ CSO-GoA Coordination6.2

Name	CSOs-Government Coordination Working Group
Chair	Maqsood Hamid, International center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)
Co-Chair	Counterpart International
Participants (organizations)	MoEc, MoJ, MoWA, MoLabor, MoFinance, UNDP, UNAMA International NGOs (Counterpart International, InterNews) Local Civil Society Organizations from Kabul and 7 regions of Afghanistan (ANCB, ACBAR, AWN, AWEK, SWABAC, ABRAAR, THRA, DEL, Networks from 7 regions (Herat, Kandahar, Paktya, Nengarhar, Baghlan, Mazar, and Bamian), HUDA, AICS, WPSO and CS-JWG)
Short description	The main objective of the Working Group is to improve CSOs – Government Coordination and follow up/advocate for positive changes and recommendations by CSOs.
Frequency of meetings	Bi-monthly
Contact	Mohammad Maqsoud Hamid mhamid@counterpart.org

Development / Legal 7

Name	Criminal Law Reform Working Group (CLRWG)
Chair	Legislative Department/Ministry of Justice Current Chairperson: Mohammad Ashraf Rasooli
Co-Chair	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) & JSSP UNODC Focal person: Mohammad Jawid Mobasher
Participants (organizations)	Justice and Judicial organizations: (MoJ, SC, AGO, MoI, HOO, NDS, AIHRC, AIBA, MEC) International Organization and embassies: (UNODC, UNDP, UNAMA, UNWOMEN, US Embassy, German Embassy, Italy Embassy, JSSP, EU, GIZ, USID, IDLO) Civil Society and NGOs: (Lawyer's Association, APPRO, DI, IWA, AWN)
Short description	Review the draft criminal laws and regulations in line with the national and international standards and provides technical comments to legislative department of MoJ.
Frequency of meetings	Once in a week
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Development / Legal 7.2 / Transitional Justice

Name	Transitional Justice Working Group
Chair	-
Co-Chair	-
Participants (organizations)	-
Short description	ACBAR could not collect information on this existing working group, please contact us if you have information. (infocoordofficer@acbar.org)
Frequency of meetings	-
Contact	-

Advocacy



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Advocacy 1 - NGOs

Name	Afghanistan Working Group (AWG)
Chair	ACBAR
Co-Chair	none
Participants	ACBAR NGO members- mainly advocacy/policy/communications / public relation managers
Short description	ACBAR created monthly advocacy meetings to facilitate policy discussions, trend and issue analysis, as well as to coordinate advocacy efforts among NGO members. These meetings have led to the publication of multiple reports and position paper on aid effectiveness, the militarization of aid, access , civilians casualties etc. NGOs wishing to promote joint advocacy on a particular topic are encouraged to propose their project via the AWG
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	advocacymanager@acbar.org

Advocacy 2 – Women Peace & Development

Name	Women, Peace and Security Working Group Meeting / 1325
Chair	Finnish Embassy
Co-Chair	Women and Peace Studies Organization (WPSO) / Secretariat: UN Women
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government institutions: Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Attorney General Office, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, High Peace Council, Afghanistan Independence Human Rights Commission, , Ministry of Finance, Office of President, Office of the National Security Council, International Community: Swedish Embassy, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, USAID, British Embassy, Canadian Embassy, Dutch Embassy, Danish Embassy, Norwegian Embassy, European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL), European Union (EU), NATO-RS, Italian Embassy, Australian Embassy, World Bank UN: UNAMA, UNDP, UN Woman, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP Civil Society: Asia Foundation, Aga Khan Foundation, Farkhunda Zahra Naderi Organization, Women and Children Legal Research Foundation (WCLRF), Norwegian Committee for Afghanistan (NCA), Cordaid, Afghan Civil Society Forum – Organization (ACSFO), Afghan Women’s Network (AWN), Open Society Foundation (OSF), Afghan Women Education Center (AWEC), Oxfam, APPRO, Medica Afghanistan, Internews, Afghan Civil Society Organization Network for Peace (ACSONP), EPD, Counterpart, International, HBS
Short description	The purpose of this Working Group is to bring all relevant actors and stakeholders together to share information, consolidate and coordinate the actions aiming to the implementation of WPS agenda (of UNSCRs 1325, 1820, 1888 1889 and 1960) in Afghanistan
Frequency	Every 4 – 6 weeks
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Advocacy 3 – Civil Society

Name	Civil Society Support Group (CSSG)
Chair	UNAMA
Participants	UN: UNAMA , other UN agencies if required Donors: DFID, DFAT, USAID, EU, Australian /German /Canadian / Denmark /Finland I France/ Italian /Japan/ Netherland,/ UK/ US / Poland EmbassiesNATO- NGOs: AICS, AKDN, ACBAR SCA, SDC
Short description	UNAMA set up the Civil Society Support Group (CSSG) comprised of technical-level lead donors to facilitate civil society-international community discussions aimed at promoting coherent donor support for Afghan Civil Society. This forum is particularly useful prior to the holding of international development conferences to assess progress made with the Government of Afghanistan and International Community's implementation of the Self-reliance through Mutual Accountability Framework (SMAF). That is because, this forum enables the Civil Society Joint Working Group (CSJWG) or the Civil Society Working Committee for the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan (CSWC-BCA), national platforms consisting of around 30 civil society thematic networks covering over 1000 civil society organizations (CSOs) representing different populations from all parts of Afghanistan, to inform the donor community of CS-JWG/CSWC-BCA preparations for its participation in those development conferences and to seek donor support. Donors also have the opportunity to inform of their in support of Afghan civil society and Afghan government.
Frequency	Ad hoc base but regular during civil society preparations for International conferences on Afghanistan
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Advocacy 4 – Child Rights

Name	Child rights Advocacy Forum (CRAF)
Chair	Save the Children
Co-Chair	Women and Children Legal and Research Foundation
Participants	Save the Children International (SCI), Women and Children Legal Research Foundation (WCLRF), War Child UK (WCUK), Children in Crisis (CiC), Child Fund-Afghanistan (CFA), World Vision Afghanistan (WVA), War Child Canada (WCC), Empowerment Center for Women (ECW), Women for Afghan Women (WAW), Care for Afghan Families (CAF), Afghanistan Humanitarian and Development Services (AHDS), Bu Ali Rehabilitation and Aid Network (BARAN), Help the Afghan Children (HTAC) –
Short description	The Child Rights Advocacy Forum (CRAF) is an advocacy network of child rights-based, non-governmental organizations established in July 2012 and committed to longstanding child rights joint advocacy engagement. The CRAF initiative recognizes children as subjects of rights, not limited to objects of protection. Understanding that a collective front, and a long-term commitment are necessary to address complex child rights issues, the platform focuses on analytical reflection, advocacy and action-orientated initiatives to improve child rights situation, promote a safer environment for children to develop their full potential and their participation at all levels possible through working closely with various stakeholders including duty bearers
Frequency	Monthly
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Advocacy 5 – Extractives

Name	Civil Society Coalition on Extractives
Chair	Tbd
Co-Chair	Tbd
Participants	Human Rights Research and Social Change Organization (HRRAC), Humanitarian Organization for Local Development (HOLD), Afghanistan Civil Society Forum Organization (ACSFo), Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA), WADAN, Pajhwak Afghan News (PAN) – new members to come
Short description	Afghanistan signed in 2009 the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) an International process that will ensure transparency in natural resource contract evaluation, use of technology and revenues. A multi-stakeholder group (MSG) consisting of representatives of government, civil society organizations and private companies regularly to oversee the EITI process. The Civil Society Coalition 1-Ensure participation of civil society in the process of EITI implementation, deliberation on critical issues such as the reporting templates, what revenue streams to include and what not to, selection of auditor, verifying the authenticity of the data as reported by the company and government. 2-Ensure that the process follows the trajectory set by the International EITI board. Any deviation must be brought to the attention of the secretariat and other stakeholders. 3- In case of no attention to respond by secretariat on repeated appeals from the coalition, to take the case to the EITI international secretariat. 4-To watch the transparency and accountability in public life, government operations and in business.
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	HRRAC director@afghanadvocacy.org.af

Advocacy 6 – Budget

Name	Civil Society Advocacy Group on National Budget
Facilitated by	Counterpart International
Participants	28 CSOs
Short description	The group is consisting of 28 civil society organizations working to engage the CSOs and people in the process of national budget formulation, and implementation process and to make sure a balanced and applicable national budget is approved by Parliament.
Frequency	the group meets each two months. The urgent meetings are hold up need at any time based on urgency issues.
Contact	Abdul Basir Faizi afaizi@counterpart.org

Advocacy 7 – Family Law

Name	Civil Society Advocacy Group on Family Law
Chaired by	Women and Children Legal Research Foundation (WCLRF)
Participants	15 Afghan Civil Society Organizations
Short description	The group is consisting of 15 women rights civil society organizations advocating to ensure women and children friendly articles are considered in the draft family and the draft law is passed by the Afghan government
Frequency	the group meets each two months. The urgent meetings are hold up need at any time based on urgency issues.
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Advocacy 8 – Disability

Name	Advocacy Committee for Persons with Disabilities Civil Society Advocacy Group on People with Disabilities (ACPD)
Chaired by	Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)-
Participants	30 Afghan Civil Society Organizations
Short description	The group is consisting 30 people with disabilities rights civil society organization advocating to the current law on people Persons with disabilities (PwDs) is amended in light with UN HR conventions for people with disabilities and the rights of mentioned category of the society is observed and promoted by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), governmental and non-governmental initiations and public.
Frequency	the group meets each two months. The urgent meetings are hold up need at any time based on urgency issues.
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Advocacy 9 – Protection of Civilians

Name	Civilian Protection Advocacy Working Group
Chaired by	TLO
Participants	19 different national and international organizations
Short description	The group advocates for, and works toward encouraging afghan security forces, international forces and AOG to consider human rights and protection of civilians in their military operations and attacks.
Frequency	Planned to be reactivated in February 2017. Monthly meetings
Contact	Rahim.khurram@tlo-afghanistan.org

Advocacy 10 – Counter Violence Extremism

Name	Afghan CVE Working Group
Chaired by	United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
Participants	<p>NGOs: ORCD, Path organization, Afghan Justice Organization, PTRO, WPSO, TLO, Equality for Peace and Democracy (EPD), Sound Humanitarian, Participatory & Organizational Uplift (SHPOUL), Peace Volunteer Network, Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU), Afghanistan New Generation Organization (ANGO)</p> <p>Research group/ companies/ think tanks: Saba Story Radio (SSR). Naawor Consultancy, Rumi Consultancy, Lapis Communications, Qara Group Drops, ATR, Samuel Hall, Compass International, Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT), The Asia Foundation, Nangarhar Theater Company, RSDO, Afghanistan Center for non-violence, Taleeah Social Institution (TSI), Sayara Strategies</p> <p>Donors with observer status: Office of the National Security Council (Afghan Government), Coffey International (Official advisors on National CVE Strategy), USG (PAS, USAID, CSO, INL), UNAMA (Peace &Reconciliation)</p>
Short description	<p>In November of 2015, USIP convened a consultation meeting with a select group of stakeholders, including individuals and organizations doing research and programming related to CVE in Afghanistan. The session aimed to brainstorm ideas around CVE and identify the most strategic areas to counter violence extremism in the Afghan context. The group identified four main objectives for itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defining terms of VE/CVE based on Afghan context and language• Identifying best practices for CVE in Afghanistan/Identifying priorities for research• Promoting coordination, collaboration between CSOs, government and donors• Advocacy for effective CVE policies in Afghanistan
Frequency	Monthly
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Advocacy 11 – AWN Advocacy Committee

Name	AWN Advocacy Committee
Chaired by	Robina Hamdard
Participants	Nilofar Shirzad
	EJOP,FSJO,WFAW,HUDA,AMA,SALAM,WCBDO,AWSSCO,WCLRF,WSSB,TSCO,HAGAR,PTCRO,AWTD O,AWSE,AWEVSO,AFCO, TPWSHA, HAWCA,AIL,PATH (and the rest is the individuals that have membership of this committee)
Short description	Advocacy align with AWN's three strategic areas (1) Women, Peace and Security (2) Women's political participation and Leadership (3) Women's Social and legal protection.
Frequency	Monthly
Contact	advocacy@awn.af-net

Displacement & Returnees Executive Committee (DiREC)



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Name	Displacement and Returnees Executive Committee (DiREC)
Co-Chair	H.E. Minister, Balkhi, H.E. Mastoor, Special Representative and Senior Adviser of the CE, Mr. Mark Bowden, UN Deputy Special Representative/Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan
Participants	Chair and Co-Chair of each working group, plus IOM and OCHA
Short description	<p>HE President Ghani decided that in coordination with the Office of Chief Executive , a forum should be established aiming to coordinate national and international efforts regarding immediate response and long-term solutions to the crisis of returnees and IDPs. It was further decided that Displacement and Returnees Executive Committee (DiREC) should be established.</p> <p>Objective: The objective of the Displacement and Returnees Executive Committee (DiREC) is to execute policy decisions and recommendations of the Council of Ministries' Sub-committee of Migration Affairs RETURNES AND IDPs. It will lead and oversee the overall coordination of displacement endeavors and review and provide guidance on their activities.</p> <p>Scope of Work</p> <p>Define a management strategy for coordinating the humanitarian and development programs including establishing clear roles and responsibilities of concerned institutions at national and sub-national levels Assign responsibilities for updating policy and government response as new information arrives. Define reporting responsibilities of working groups.</p>

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Name	Displacement and Returnees Executive Committee (DiREC)
Co-Chair	H.E. Minister, Balkhi, H.E. Mastoor, Special Representative and Senior Adviser of the CE, Mr. Mark Bowden, UN Deputy Special Representative/Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan
Participants	<p>15 line ministries : 1) MoRR; 2) Ministry of Agriculture Livestock (MoAL); 3) Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoIA); 4) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA); 5) Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation Development (MRRD); 6) Ministry of High Education (MoHE); 7) Ministry of Education (MoE); 8) Ministry of Public Health (MoPH); 9) Ministry of Energy and Waters (MoEW); 10) Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MoUDH); 11) Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MoLSAMD); 12) Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA); 13) Ministry of Borders and Tribal, Affairs (MoBTA); 14) Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs (MoHRA); 15) Ministry of Finance (MoF)</p> <p>7 independent directorates: 1) Afghan Red Crescent Society (IFRC); 2) National Directorate of Security (NDS); 3) Afghanistan's Independent Land Authority (ARAZI); 4) Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG); 5) National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA); 6) Central Statistics Organization (CSO); 7) National Radio Television (RTA)</p>
Short description	<p>The objective of the Council of Ministers' Sub-Committee of Migration Affairs is to propose a whole-of government policy framework that will provide guidance to all stakeholders working on the refugees/returnees and IDPs reintegration program.</p> <p>Scope of Work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Define an overarching policy objective; Define common organizing principles for the policy. Monitor and track the overall implementation process.

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Name	Policy Support Working Group
Co-Chair	Office of National Security Council and UNHCR
Participants	Office of the Chief Executive (OCE) Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR), Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs & Disabled (MoLSAMD), Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Arazi, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and OCHA
Short description	1. Provide an overall policy framework on returnees and IDPs, defining overarching policy objectives, recommendations and guidelines. 2. Provide a summary overview of gaps between existing legislation and directives in key sectoral areas, and propose possible solutions based on the functional requirements of the current situation; 3. Define the populations to whom the draft policy inputs and recommendations 4. Work in close coordination with the Technical Group and the Financing Group, including in formulating a plan of action on short-term, medium-term and longer term actions required to address issues of returnees and IDPs. 5. Work closely with all relevant national and international agencies and sectoral for dealing with the issue of returnees and IDPs. RETURNES AND IDPs. 6. Provide policy analysis briefings to DIREC (on patterns, trends, forecasts, susceptibility issues) of displacement-related information and data collected by national and international agencies.

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Name	Technical Working Group
Co-Chair	Office of H.E. the President (Scott Guggenheim) and Arazi
Participants	Office of the Chief Executive (OCE) Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR), Ministry of Finance (MoF), Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs & Disabled (MoLSAMD), Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), CRIDA, UNHCR, UN-Habitat, IOM, World Bank, NRC (NGO representative) and Private Sector
Short description	The objective of the technical group is to provide guidance on the technical standards and instruments to be used for voluntary, safe and dignified durable solutions to displaced population (reintegration/local integration, resettlement and return. The government's goal is to ensure that returnees' and IDPs' basic rights are respected, protected and fulfilled in line with their constitutional rights and other obligations of the Government of Afghanistan that will enable them to become productive, well-integrated members of the nation and of the communities. Scope of Work: 1) To provide guidance on the technical standards and implementation of policies and action plans in key sectoral areas. 2) The technical standards and instruments recommended by the group will be based on research, analysis and contextualized to the current situation. 3) Registration and civil documentation and demographic intention 4) Improving returnees and IDPs access to services and provision of humanitarian support such as: Education, Health, housing, livelihoods, jobs and etc. 5) Improving returnee and IDPs access to livelihoods and jobs through socio-economic baselines, market assessment, institutional mapping. 6) To work with ARAZI on land allocation, including eligibility guidelines.

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Name	Finance Working Group
Co-Chair	Ministry of Finance and World Bank
Participants	Office of the Chief Executive (OCE) Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR), Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), UNAMA and UNHCR
Short description	<p>The objective of the Financing working Group is to set out broad guidance of the details of costings of planned program interventions and DIREC and other two working groups. But also establish some broad cost parameters or financial envelopes for integration and to achieve the goal the FWG needs to establish potential sources of funding.</p> <p>Scope of Work</p> <p>Developing financing strategy for Returnees and IDPs</p> <p>Cataloguing the currently existing resources (in non-discretionary, discretionary, and off-budget programmes) that may be available to support immediate, medium- and long-term response needs;</p> <p>Identifying the policy decisions and actions required by Government, by programme administrators, and by donors to access available resources;</p> <p>Preparing a mechanism (or mechanisms) to help the policy and technical groups cost out proposals, including those that may not be covered by existing programmes (in their current forms or as adjusted to support the response); and</p> <p>Calculate aggregate financing needs, with appropriate classifications for humanitarian and development programming as well as on and off budget support.</p>



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