

Concept Note: Financing HPD Coherence

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Title: Financing Humanitarian, Development and Peace (HDP) Coherence

Hosts: United States and Germany

Short Description: Panelists and participants will discuss how to work more effectively across the intersection of humanitarian, development, and peace (HDP) work, especially focused on financing in a way that promotes coherence and addresses the root causes of crises. Participants should walk away with a shared understanding of the challenges and solutions to financing that supports an HDP approach, and ideally use this understanding to inform the next iteration of the QCPR.

Relation to QCPR: HDP is discussed in the 2020 QCPR and each QCPR implementation report considers progress made towards more coherence across these three areas of work. While there is general support for more coherence in humanitarian, development, and peace work, funding remains siloed and overall financing in a strategic manner remains a challenge. This event will consider the essential element of making sure financing is strategic and actually supports a more coherent approach across HDP areas to implementation, driving towards a common understanding in advance of the 2024 QCPR.

Format: The meeting will be held in person on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 1:15 – 2:30 PM, in UN conference room 11. The meeting will be closed to the press. Interpretation is not available. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and share thoughts. Interventions should be short and spontaneous, to facilitate genuine conversation.

Concept Note: Compounding crises and exponentially growing needs demonstrate that we must shift course on how global aid is planned, programmed, and financed. Particularly in areas of protracted crisis, there is an over reliance on expensive emergency solutions - which are largely intended to keep people alive - while opportunities to build long-term solutions are being missed. This event will focus on increasing coherence across humanitarian, development and peace (HDP) efforts, and how financing can more strategically support this approach. HDP is an approach, not a program or specific sector. HDP refers to strengthening collaboration, coherence and complementarity across local, regional, and national humanitarian, development, and peace actors as well as the full spectrum of donor-funded actors. Current responses and funding are often siloed and short-term, making it hard to address interconnected challenges and root causes. Siloed funding leads to program planning and implementation that misses utilizing the best of development, peace, and humanitarian knowledge and experience. It is essential that the international community ensures that financing is strategic, linked to policy objectives, and addresses the root causes of challenges to effectively respond to protracted crises.

This conversation will examine how to better work within the financing cycles for more coherence and coordination, and discuss ways to improve donors' funding to address underlying causes of crisis and fragility. We will discuss how to better use pooled funds, and/or if new funding mechanism that seeks to address root causes of protracted conflicts are necessary. Participants should walk away with a shared understanding of some of the challenges and solutions to financing that supports an HDP approach, and ideally use this understanding to inform the next iteration of the QCPR.

Panelists will share thoughts and consider the following questions:

- How do we create a better value proposition, to increase sustainable investment in protracted crises and fragile states, and get to better results? How can we engage with international financial institutions, banks, and other investors to increase sustainable investment in these areas?
- How can donors improve their funding methods to encourage more coherence in planning and implementation?
- How can the UN use existing pooled funds like the PBF and CERF to promote an HDP approach?

Panelists will include representatives from Member States, the World Bank, and UNDP.

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