DAC Temporary Working Group on Refugees and Migration

Draft Agenda: 3rd Meeting of the DAC Temporary Working Group on Refugees and Migration

Agenda

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Background

The third meeting of the DAC’s Temporary Working Group will focus on substantive outcomes based on the previous discussions among members on the role of development co-operation in addressing the refugee and migration crises, both in donor countries as well as in developing countries. As decided by the DAC High Level Meeting held on 18-19 February 2016 the TWG needs to deliver on the following two objectives by 2017:

1. Support the capacity of DAC members to provide whole-of-government solutions in developing countries of origin, transit, and destination, with a particular focus on delivering better quality results on the ground.

2. Improve the consistency, comparability, and transparency of ODA-eligible, in-donor refugee costs reported to the DAC, by aligning the respective methods for calculating these costs.

On TWG Objective 2, the Secretariat will present a summary of responses to the follow-up survey on members’ methodologies for calculating in-donor refugee costs, carried out from October to November 2016. The participants will discuss the emerging findings and orientations for clarifying the Reporting Directives. This discussion will provide a foundation for the first draft proposal for clarifying the directives, which will be discussed at the DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics meeting to be held from February 28th to March 2nd 2017.

On TWG Objective 1, the Secretariat is currently reviewing and consolidating secondary data focusing on existing evidence and lessons learned. In addition, members are contributing their own experiences to a Compendium of good practices and lessons learnt, focusing on thematic areas and programming in countries of origin, transit and destination. The TWG Secretariat will provide a proposed framework for the production of guidelines on better programming to deliver comprehensive solutions to refugee crises in developing countries. The proposed framework incorporates priority thematic areas outlined by members in TWG meeting 1, as well as additional areas for consideration highlighted in TWG meeting 2. Members will be asked to review and adopt the proposed format and content of the guidelines. The next INCAF meeting, to be held in the first quarter of 2017, will be the opportunity to present the format and some initial findings for review and technical inputs, which will feed into the deliberations of the TWG meeting in March 2017.

The TWG meeting will also provide an opportunity to share proposals received from some DAC members to introduce in the DAC Creditor Reporting System an additional code or policy marker dedicated to general activities related to refugees and migration (treated under a broad objective of TWG Objective 1).

Objectives:

1. Inform about the results of the survey on ODA reporting of in-donor country refugee costs and define the orientations for clarifying the Reporting Directives to be discussed by the WP STAT.

2. Present the proposed framework for the guidelines on better programming to deliver comprehensive solutions to refugee crises which will form the basis for the preliminary draft.
10:00 - 10:15  1. Welcome

Welcome Co-Chairs: Takuma Kajita (Delegation of Japan to the OECD) and Patrick Rabe (EU Delegation to the OECD) Opening remarks: Brenda Killen, Deputy Director, Development Co-operation Directorate

10:15 - 12:15  2. TWG Objective 2: Presentation of survey results and possible orientations for a proposal to clarify the Reporting Directives on in-donor countries refugee costs

Presenter: Julia Benn, Statistics and Development Finance Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate.

The Secretariat will present the survey results and emerging patterns in members’ rationale underlying the inclusion in ODA of various categories of refugees and types of expenditures. This will serve as the basis for clarifying the reporting rules on expenditures which lead to interpretation questions under the current directives. Where needed, members will be able to provide clarifications on their methodologies for calculating and reporting in-donor refugee costs.

Outcome: Agree on orientations for clarifications to the Reporting Directives to facilitate the drafting of a proposal to be submitted to the WP-STAT meeting on February 28th - March 2nd 2017.

12:15 - 13:00  3. TWG Objective 1: How could a policy marker or purpose code for refugee related activities in developing countries help to ensure better quality results on the ground?

Presenter: Julia Benn, Statistics and Development Finance Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Based on the request formulated by the EU during the last TWG meeting and the proposal received by some members, participants will be invited to express their views on the need for additional purpose codes or policy marker to specifically identify members’ reporting activities in the field of migration and refugees.

Outcome: Develop process map for review of proposed additional purpose codes/ policy marker.

13:00 - 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30  4. TWG Objective 1: Addressing priority areas for better programming to deliver comprehensive solutions to the refugee crisis

Presenter: Annabel Mwangi, Policy Analyst, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

The TWG’s first expected result is to ensure that OECD Development Assistance Committee members and other development actors are properly equipped to deliver whole-of-government solutions in developing countries that are refugee countries of origin, transit and destination. This will involve translating existing knowledge and cutting-edge thinking into practical “how to” guides for headquarter and field development professionals.

The Secretariat will present the proposed format for the development of guidelines to the members of the TWG. The suggested approach brings forward the identified priority areas in a context-specific manner and distinguishes between programming in countries of origin (and return) and countries of destination (and transit). The guidelines will outline main points to consider when programming for refugees and migrants, suggest actions or tools that might support this process and seek to contribute to context-specific, thoughtful and critical approaches to programming in
situations of displacement. They will also incorporate a non-exhaustive selection of examples based on existing good practice, including those shared by TWG members, which can be adapted to suit particular contexts and priorities.

**Outcome:** Agree on format and content for guidelines on better programming for comprehensive solutions to facilitate development of a first draft to be reviewed at the next TWG meeting.

15:30 - 15:45  5. **Closing Remarks**

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