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GUIDANCE NOTES ON FUTURE OF SIDR TRANSITIONAL WORKING GROUP

AND CROSS-SECTOR MEETINGS, MAY 2008

With much of the early recovery preparations, programming and planning having already been made and with implementation underway there has been less need to convene a meeting of the cross-sector group. Given this and that the RCO is strongly behind the move to make the LCG-DER a prime forum for dealing with all humanitarian preparedness and response activities it has been decided that the Sidr Transitional Working-Group structure will be merged with a renewed DER structure, one where humanitarian clusters will be made permanent.

This was discussed and broadly agreed at the cross-sector meeting, May 14th 2008.

DER and Humanitarian Clusters

WFP is presently convening a small planning group looking at ways of strengthening the DER, one of which is the permanent establishment of clusters underneath the DER umbrella.

WFP together with the RCO will ensure all working-group members are informed of all developments but participation in the appropriate DER meetings will be necessary, as it will be here that important issues, such as which clusters will be established, will be made.

Cross-Sector Meeting.

This will now not be a regular meeting. However:

- 1) RCO will call ad-hoc meetings related to reporting on progress on the Framework.
- 2) Members to contact the RCO should they feel there is something important to discuss re Early Recovery.
- 3) For humanitarian issues which appear, it is expected that sector leaders contact the RCO directly and/or use the DER.
- 4) RCO to continue with reports on Sidr issues every two weeks for the next several months.
- 5) RCO to continue managing the DER Sidr website – but will transition to under DER secretariat.

Working-Groups

They are expected to continue wherever leading agencies think it necessary. Furthermore:

- 1) Working-Group leaders to work closely with DER planning group in the establishment of clusters. All members of the various meetings to be informed of the plans and asked to support (also through their attendance at the DER.)
- 2) Coordination and implementation should continue by sector.
- 3) Working-Group leaders should continue to share information with the RCO regularly, issues such as new funding needs, funds received, humanitarian issues etc.
- 4) Reporting on progress will be based on the framework – reports should be by sector not by agency.