

Annex 2: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Open working group: tracking progress toward delivering effectively in fragile and conflict affected situations

Tackling fragility will be one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century. Recognising the need to reach populations at risk of being left behind, the international community has begun to adapt and scale-up targeted efforts. While effective development co-operation is fundamental in all contexts to achieve lasting development results, it is particularly crucial in fragile situations. Relevant data are urgently needed to inform these scaled up efforts and reinforce mutual accountability of all partners. Cutting-edge evidence will enable robust, timely policy decisions to ensure that development co-operation is effective, achieves maximum impact and yields lasting development results to realise the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. To this end, under the auspices of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, an open working group will be convened to guide, in an inclusive and transparent manner, the development of a tailored approach to monitor the effectiveness of development co-operation in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

Objective

Within the framework of established effectiveness principles and against the backdrop of the existing Global Partnership monitoring framework, the objective of the open working group is to: 1) map key challenges for effective development co-operation in fragile and conflict-affected situations; 2) identify and recommend actions to address those challenges; and, 3) where current monitoring efforts do not suffice and data are needed to inform scaled efforts, guide the development of a monitoring approach to track progress on the identified actions for more effective development co-operation in fragile and conflict affected situations. The direction provided by the open working group will aim at resulting in a relevant, context-specific approach to monitoring effectiveness in fragile and conflict affected situations that is supported by key stakeholders, to be rolled out for the 2020 monitoring round of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation¹.

Deliverables

To achieve the stated objective, the open working group will:

- Provide inputs on existing lessons and experience on key issues and challenges for effective development co-operation in fragile and conflict-affected situations;
- Map key challenges to delivering effectively in fragile and conflict-affected situations, reflecting diverse perspectives;
- Provide recommendations, reflecting different options if necessary, on the actions needed to address these challenges, aligned to existing commitments made;
- Provide inputs on where these actions can be tracked through existing monitoring indicators by introducing any necessary adaptations, and if new measurement approaches are needed;

¹ The data generated by the Partnership's global monitoring framework informs UN-led follow-up and review of SDG targets 17.16 on multi-stakeholder partnerships, 17.15 on countries' policy space and 5.c. on gender equality.

- Provide inputs on proposed revisions and new measurement approaches, where necessary, as proposed by the OECD-UNDP Joint Support Team, to track progress and facilitate mutual accountability and learning;
- Review the results of light country testing of adapted and new measurement approaches to ensure feasibility and relevance; and,
- Recommend a measurement approach, reflecting different options if necessary, that draws on feedback received from light country testing, to track progress on effective development co-operation in fragile and conflict affected situations.

Group composition and membership

The open working group will be comprised of experts on development co-operation in fragile and conflict affected situations that represent key stakeholders and communities of practice including representatives from the following:

- Fragility and crisis units within multilateral organisations
- OECD-DAC Member States that represent International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)²
- g7+ group of fragile and conflict-affected states³
- Partner countries engaged with Global Partnership monitoring, and
- Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)⁴

The open working group will remain accessible for interested stakeholders to contribute at key points as observers, which includes, in particular, all members of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership. Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership will engage in the proceedings of the group. Open consultation on the recommendations developed by the working group will facilitate an inclusive and transparent process and help generate broad awareness and support.

Governance and working arrangements

The group will be led by two members of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation. Secretariat support for the group will be provided by the Joint OECD-UNDP Support Team of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation in liaison with Secretariats of other policy networks and bodies where relevant.

The group's work shall be guided by the principles of openness, transparency, inclusiveness and consensus. The group will present initial recommendations to the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation in the fall of 2018. Care will be taken to present recommendations in a way that transparently presents the considerations and positions of members of the open working group. Final approval of any monitoring methodology to feature in the monitoring framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation rests with its Steering Committee, which can adopt, amend or reject recommendations made by the open working group.

² One of three member constituencies of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS)

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

Working modalities will be flexible and time-efficient. This will include convening virtual exchanges through teleconferencing and electronic platforms. In order to achieve the above-described deliverables, the group co-leads will establish the frequency of exchanges, as agreed with the group.

Timeframe

The open working group will be convened from June 2018 to July 2019. An indicative timeframe is shown in the table below.

Table 1. Indicative timeline: adapting effectiveness monitoring to fragile and conflict-affected situations	
Open working group established	June 2018
Preliminary issues and actions identified	July – September 2018
Roadmap and preliminary recommendations developed	September – October 2018
Preliminary measurement approach, light country testing and stakeholder consultation	November 2018 – March 2019
Finalisation of measurement approach building on feedback received	March – April 2019
Awareness raising	April – July 2019
New monitoring approach shared at the UN HLPF	July 2019, (conclusion of open working group)
Roll-out of the new module on fragility	2020 Global Partnership monitoring round

Resources

Unless specified otherwise, members of the open working group will contribute based on their own resources and organisational/ institutional capacities. Secretariat support will be provided.