

## **Note for the Record**

### **Conference call for the IATT on HIV in Humanitarian Emergencies**

**19 April 2018, 15:00 – 16:30**

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

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World Vision International: Ando Raobelison

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#### **Introduction**

The call was the first time that the IATT on HIV in Humanitarian Emergencies (IATT) had convened for some time, with new leads in each of the IATT co-convenors: Annmarie (WFP) and David (UNHCR). Ben and Alessandra (WFP) and Ann and Alessandra (UNHCR) are additional global staff involved in the IATT. Thanks were extended to Alice Fay and Liz Tarney for their previous work with the IATT (both had recently left UNHCR), and to Mamadi for UNAIDS Secretariat's continued support and inputs to the IATT. The co-convenors noted that all contributions and participation, from the UN and also very much from other organizations, were welcome to ensure the IATT remained relevant and useful.

- Actions below are shown with an arrow

#### **Progress Report: 2017 IATT Workplan**

- On 18 April the co-convenors had circulated a draft document that summarized IATT achievements in 2017, which tracked progress against the IATT 2017 workplan.
- Attendees welcomed the report, asked questions on specific activities and noted that they looked forward to engaging in the development of 2018 IATT workplan.
- Any final inputs to the document were invited to be sent to Annmarie and David.

#### **Updated IATT website (<http://hivinemergencies.org/>)**

- The co-convenors explained that in 2017 they worked with a web developer to update the look and feel of the IATT website as the old version had been out of date. The website was still a shell/Beta version and inputs from the IATT group on thematic issues (e.g. PMTCT) would still be needed. A strategy for populating and maintaining the site (for example some pages with data may become rapidly out of date) as well as the format (e.g. better arranging the logos) would be established by the co-convenors.
- To help refine the site, IATT partners were invited to review it (and if possible nominate a focal point in their organization for this purpose), and send inputs and text to Annmarie and David, including providing feedback on the potential impact and use of the website in the field.

#### **Finalising modelling data on HIV and Emergency (Global Burden):**

- With the support of WFP and UNAIDS Secretariat, UNHCR would update the existing data (via modelling) on the global burden of PLHIV impacted by emergencies. This exercise for the first time would include those affected by severe food insecurity.

- The exercise would include both global and regional estimates, disaggregating the data down as much as possible to account for different demographic groups including adults, pregnant women and adolescents. The model would include deep dives into 6 countries to look at sub-national data focusing on refugees and IDPs.
  - WFP had provided the lead consultant with data on food security and nutrition as well as the full breath of data from the Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) unit and El Nino data from the past two years.
- UNHCR would share the related terms of reference with the IATT.

### **Proposals by the group for potential activities in the 2018 IATT workplan**

*The points below are items/comments suggested by participants of the teleconference as an initial list*

- **International Rescue Committee:** Planned to integrate HIV into health programming and make sure it remains a priority in emergencies.
- **IOM:** IDPs would be an area of focus in 2018, marking the anniversary of the guiding principles on IDPs.
- **IPPF Humanitarian Team:** Was working to develop a partnership with WHO to undertake a systematic review of SRH in emergencies and identify priority areas. A meeting on the topic was planned in October in Denmark.
- **PCB NGO delegation:** Had written a report on the topic of migration focusing on HIV and key populations and the increased risk of acquiring HIV during transit.
- **UNAIDS Secretariat:** Two priority areas for 2018:
  1. Follow up on the event on security and humanitarian action in 2016, including a summit with the African Union in collaboration with the peacekeeping agenda (preparation would begin in May).
  2. The H6 Agenda: reaching every women/child impacted by emergencies.
- **UNHCR:** The main priority is to have an impact on the ground. Improving the integration of HIV in the Health and Protection Clusters is vital. The revised Sphere guidelines will come out soon and there will be a systematic integration of HIV through these. Improving collection of HIV- related data regarding IDPs would also be an area of focus.
- **WFP:** As an IATT co-convenor, noted:
  - Their desire to organise a face to face meeting to discuss the 2018 workplan and TORs of the group;
  - The need to work more closely with the Global Fund to ensure the funds are available at the country level;
  - The importance of continuous access treatment in emergencies;
  - The need to develop measurable actions;
  - WFP's goal to link corporate priorities to our HIV programmes.
- **WFP Ukraine and NGO partner:** Very open to engage with IATT in 2018.
- **World Vision International:** Keen to re-ignite contribution – how to better integrate HIV into emergency health components.
  - *Further inputs should be sent to Annmarie and David who would collate a draft 2018 plan for further circulation.*

### **Next steps: Planning a Face-to-Face Meeting (f2f) in 2018**

There was consent to the idea proposed by the co-convenors of holding the IATT 2018 f2f on Sunday 22 July before the International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Amsterdam. The majority of IATT members on the call indicated they would be able to participate. If it was not possible to hold the meeting in Amsterdam, WFP could host the meeting in Rome or UNHCR in Geneva on a different date.

### **Any other business:**

- IATT members were asked to share information on any satellite or side events they were planning on HIV in humanitarian emergencies – or, alternatively, good case studies [to hand] that might be referenced in a potential event.
- UNAIDS was planning a satellite even on migration, and would share information and details on how to participate.