

WHS Consultation Emerging Items

Preliminary not exhaustive list of Emerging Topics and Sub-topics

Emerging Topic	Overview	Sub-topics
1 Ensuring affected people, particularly women, have a stronger voice and greater role in humanitarian action	This topic deals with the need to empower affected people during humanitarian action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability to affected people • Community engagement • Programming based on the needs of affected people, including marginalized groups and the most vulnerable • Voice and participation by affected people, including marginalized groups and the most vulnerable • Subsidiarity • Other: Prioritizing Role of Youth • Other: Corruption Exact Match
2 Confronting international humanitarian law (“IHL”) violations and finding new ways to protect and assist people in conflict	This topic examines the challenges associated with providing humanitarian aid in conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for international humanitarian law • Humanitarian access/states’ duty to facilitate access • Humanitarian Principles: impartiality, independence and neutrality • Impact of counter-terrorism laws on principled humanitarian engagement • Regional frameworks for assistance and protection for internally displaced persons (“IDPs”) • Links with peace negotiations and peacebuilding work • Protection • Proximity and remote management • Security of aid workers

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Role of Media in conflicts / crises • Other: Role of education/schools in conflicts • Other: Dialogue w/ Parties • Other: Depoliticization • Other: Conflict sensitivity in humanitarian action • Other: War in Urban Centers
3 Localizing preparedness and response	This topic recognizes the potential of regional, national, and local actors to contribute to aid efforts and addresses the need to strengthen local capacities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing national and regional deployable capacity, including urban experts • Engaging the private sector • Encouraging national governments to invest in their disaster risk management capacity • Localizing humanitarian financing • Promoting role of regional organizations • Reinforcing the role of governments in crisis management • Building preparedness and response capacities of municipalities • Other: Building a resilience Framework • Other: Community involvement for needs-based innovation
4 Developing new approaches for managing recurrent and protected crises	This topic acknowledges the connection between crisis preparedness/response and development aid and deals with the need to better use risk information and coordinate risk management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing humanitarian-development divide • Better links with climate change adaptation • Collective approach to crisis management • Effective use of risk information • Multi-year planning and finance • Protracted displacement

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk financing and safety nets • Links with SDGs, Sendai Framework and climate change negotiations • Resilience in urban centers where displaced migrate
5 Adapting the humanitarian system to new contexts, actors, and challenges	This topic deals with the need to design a more effective humanitarian system that is better able to respond to future challenges and distinctive contexts, in conjunction with non-traditional actors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting the “international humanitarian system”/IASC architecture • Coordination • Regionalization • Standards/results framework • Future challenges/risks • Cooperation with other actors (private sector, military) • Urbanization • Use of innovations including data and analytics tools • Other: Political Will and Action
6 Global action to address the finance gap	This topic examines means to improve the management and use of humanitarian financing and explores innovative financial instruments and mechanisms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash-based assistance • Diversifying the humanitarian finance base • Increasing efficiencies • Leveraging religious giving • New financial instruments and mechanisms • Transparency and traceability of funding • Understanding local and national resources • Referring chronic caseloads to development partners • High-level Panel on humanitarian financing • Creation of a medium to longer term forecasting model for humanitarian financing to help facilitate greater predictability and

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		<p>ability to meet future requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Donor fatigue/ensuring financial pledges are fulfilled
<p>7 Creating an enabling environment and investment in innovation to better deal with current and future humanitarian challenges</p>	<p>This topic questions how to foster innovation that can help meet humanitarian challenges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination between actors • Cooperation with other actors (scientific community, academia/private sector) • Funding R&D and innovations • Innovative ideas and technologies • Legal, regulatory and ethical frameworks for humanitarian innovation • Innovation management principles • Platforms and mechanisms for identification of innovations • Scaling up of innovations • Innovation priorities • Other: Community involvement for needs-based innovation • Other: Role of Education in Innovation • Other: Improving Knowledge Through Traditional Means
<p>8 Gender</p>	<p>This topic deals with the aid needs and capacities of women and girls.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective protection and response against sexual and gender-based violence • Empowerment of women's NGOs • Gender equality programming including gender analysis and needs assessment • Women peace and security/women in conflict issues • Other: Accountability for Gender Issues