MEASURES TO PROMOTE STRENGTHENED GEEWG MAINSTREAMING IN NEXUS PROCESSES

Establish a Task Force to coordinate work on GEEWG mainstreaming in the nexus

Implement two country-level pilots

Established under the umbrella of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE), its aim would be to develop a strategic vision and plan for GEEWG mainstreaming in triple nexus; improve coordination; strengthen and ensure implementation of existing guidance; and determine how accountability mechanisms should be strengthened.

Supported by the Task Force, the pilots would help form and translate into action the meaning of GEEWG mainstreaming in the triple nexus in country contexts; define the level of capacity and resources required to do so; and provide lessons for how to scale-up such approaches across system.

SCOPE & USERS

- Global scope, covering the period 2015-2020
- Intended main users: Inter-Agency Standing Committee, Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian and Development Collaboration, UN Sustainable Development Group, individual UN agencies, NGOs and research bodies working on the triple nexus
- Actions presented for consideration to these bodies are in support of enabling operationalization at the country level

PURPOSE

- Companion piece to the 2020 Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) on GEEWG
- Make suggestions to Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) partners on possible entry points for gender mainstreaming in the triple nexus
- Present for consideration further initiatives required to deepen understanding and actions to achieve this end

BASED ON:

- 33 Key informant interviews
- 3 Light country-level consultations in DRC, Somalia, Sudan
- >100 Key documents reviewed

MAIN FINDINGS & CONSTRAINTS

Broad consensus on importance of promoting GEEWG in each of nexus sectors. However:

- Lack of discussion of and common understanding of GEEWG in triple nexus literature and key strategic planning guidance has hindered progress in this area.
- Lack of capacity, resources and strategic vision for mainstreaming gender in the nexus are also barriers.
- Limited promotion and coordination of gender mainstreaming by and amongst key inter-agency coordinating bodies addressing the nexus leads to missed opportunities.
- Conceptualization of the triple nexus as a technical process led in country tends to exclude cross-cutting themes such as gender equality.
- Existing inter-agency gender accountability frameworks at headquarters and country level do not cover the triple nexus.

OPPORTUNITY

- Focusing on a cross cutting theme such as GEEWG could help clarify for the system what the nexus means in practice, as well as make clearer what gender mainstreaming means in nexus processes.
- Further, better understanding what gender mainstreaming in nexus process looks like could enable a better understanding of what transformative change in the context of the triple nexus means.