

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership - International

"making humanitarian action accountable to beneficiaries"

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In the construction world foundations (the underlying part on which other parts are laid) is crucial. If you don't get it right the future could be bleak.

2005 could be summarised as the "laying of foundations" for the good practice standards in accountability and quality management development process.

Achieved in 2005:

- Recruitment of a Standards Development Manager – *done*. Taken on by July 2005
- Identify and set up a diverse and extensive Reference Group - *done and ongoing*. Standing at just over 190 participants from +90 agencies / organisations. This group has been waiting patiently to get going and will now be able to be fully drawn on for its accumulative experience and insight. Thank you for all those who have accepted this offer to participate.
- Design Working Group Structure to aid in the development of the good practice standards. *Done*. **Please note that after the planning meeting held in November, the Good Practice sub groups have developed further into more defined areas.**

Working Group One Scoping	Working Group Two Good Practices	Working Group Three Business Case	Working Group Four Implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on unpacking HAP-I accountability principles 1 & 2 has begun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consultation with members, subgroups have been further developed as shown below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consultation / Information b. Transparency c. Participation d. Complaints Mechanism / Feedback e. Appropriate Reporting f. Ethical Funding g. Co-ordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and analysis has begun on certification / accreditation options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the postponement of the workshop planned for November 2005, we have decided to run regional workshops this year instead and tie into the field trials of the first draft of standards

- Invite / Appoint a Leadership / Editorial Steering Committee (ESC): Invited but only a few managed to respond positively. Therefore have suggested a new approach to inviting and utilising the leadership roles. First meeting of new ESC planned for 20th and 21st April 2006, the second will be held in November 2006
- The Workshop planned for 10th and 11th November was postponed. A Planning Meeting was held instead. (see summary and full report on HAP-I web site)
- Beneficiary engagement strategy planned.

Planned for 2006

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Identify beneficiaries to be involved in the ESC and all other consultations												
Identify interviewers (interviews to carry out an opinion interview with beneficiaries, line mangers and a few other key stakeholders)												
Carry out interviews												
First draft of Standards and indicators												
Carry out field trials using good practice standards												
Hold Regional w/shops												
Redraft good practice standards & indicators												
Plan publication												
Start certification process												