

# Humanitarian Accountability Partnership - International

*"making humanitarian action accountable to beneficiaries"*

## Progress Update February to March 2006

It has been full spend ahead during these last two months and April looks even busier.

### Achieved in February and March 2006:

#### Consultation with beneficiaries and Line Manager

- A number of pilot sites were selected to launch the consultation with beneficiaries and line managers.
- Volunteers and specialists were sent a questionnaire to assist in the consultation interviews. To date we have just over 70 completed questionnaires returned and we expect a further 20. The answers received will be collated and used to draft the first version of the accountability standards.
- Feedback received from those who completed the questionnaires indicated that the length and time taken to answer comprehensively was excessive. Taking this into account we will shorten the questionnaires and send out to the reference group to participate in the consultation. The shorted version will be available on our web site.

A BIG thanks to all who have taken time in answering the questions and feeding back on the changes necessary.

### Progress per Working Group

Working Group One	Working Group Two	Working Group Three	Working Group Four
<b>Scoping</b>	<b>Good Practices</b>	<b>Business Case</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft covenant and introduction to the standards manual was sent out to participants in Working Group One.</li> <li>• Excellent feedback has been received. Thank you.</li> <li>• A collation of this feedback is being compiled and the revised draft will be available shortly.</li> <li>• Participants in Working Group One will be invited to a <b>review meeting in June</b> – more about this to follow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first draft of the standards and indicators has been written and will be discussed at the first Editorial Steering Committee meeting to be held in Geneva on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April. With their input plus the feedback from the interviews we will finalise the first version to be sent to the Reference group for their views. This is planned for <b>early May</b>.</li> <li>• A Complaint Mechanism Workshop was held in partnership with DRC in Copenhagen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> April. It proved to be a highly productive and informative time – many thanks to participants and guests who attended. <b>Information on outputs will be available on our web site.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first planning meeting with participants for the business case development will be held in Geneva on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• The work plan and the Terms of Reference for this group is available on the web site.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB:</b> Regional Workshops are planned for standards development and training for sites selected for the field testing phase of the draft standards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Bangladesh:</b> 31<sup>st</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 06</li> <li>2. <b>Kenya:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 06</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement has been reached with ECB<sup>12</sup> to incorporate their “How to guide” – field practitioners guide to accountability, into the HAPI Accountability manual.</li> </ul>

<sup>1 1</sup> The Emergency Capacity Building Project (ECB) is a cooperative undertaking of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IWG), a consultative membership of seven humanitarian agencies (CARE, Catholic Relief Services, International Rescue Committee, Mercy Corps, Oxfam-GB, Save the Children-US, World Vision) that have committed to jointly improving their emergency response capacity