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- presentation by VOICE

Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA), in the joint session with the Working Party on Development Cooperation and International Partnerships (CODEV-PI) of 20 June 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by VOICE¹².

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VOICE contribution to the COHAFA-CODEV joint meeting

Reflections on the implementation of the HDP nexus through NDICI - Global Europe

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VOICE represents **89 NGOs** from **19 European countries** implementing principled humanitarian aid worldwide

VOICE is the main NGO interlocutor with the EU on humanitarian action

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The global humanitarian context

- Increasing number of conflicts and climate disasters is exacerbating the already dismal humanitarian situation worldwide
- Crises are becoming more complex, recurrent, and protracted
- The funding gap between needs and resources is widening
 - For the past three years, five donors have accounted for around 70% of the global humanitarian funding, with a trend showing a decrease of ODA to fragile contexts of more than 10% from 2020 to 2022
- More neglected crises are bearing the brunt of this funding gap



Humanitarian action alone cannot be the solution.
There has never been a greater need for a multi-sectoral approach to addressing the root causes of fragility



Political commitments on nexus



- 2017 [Council conclusions Operationalising the Humanitarian-Development Nexus](#)
- 2021 [EC Communication on the EU's humanitarian action](#)

“The EU commits to deploy all the instruments needed not only to address short-term needs but also to provide long-term solutions and, in conflicts, contribute to building lasting peace through joint analysis and a conflict-sensitive approach.”



Nexus considerations in the NDICI:

- The Multiannual Indicative Programmes (MIPs)
- The **resilience component of the Rapid Response Pillar (RRP)**
 - 2023 European Commission [mid-term evaluation](#) (MTE) of some instruments under Heading 6 (Neighbourhood and the World) of the current MFF
 - [Report on the Mid-term evaluation \(MTE\)](#)



Recommendations at political level

- Ensure the nexus approach is in line with **humanitarian principles**
- Development donors should prioritise or at least **remain engaged in fragile and conflict-affected settings (FCS)**
- Enhance **coordination**:
 - Between EU, Member States, and HDP actors
 - At European (EU institutions, delegations, field offices) & Member States levels



Recommendations at programmatic level

- **Adapt financial frameworks and tools to a nexus approach:** prioritise predictable, flexible, multi-year funding in all contexts
- **Build on NGOs' experiences and lessons learned:** better coordination and increased conversations with NGOs implementing nexus projects
 - Joint conflict and context analysis
 - Create more opportunities for exchanges with DG ECHO, DG INTPA and the EEAS
- **Community based actions:** build meaningful partnerships with local actors and include them equally in the design and implementation of programming



Recommendations at programmatic level

- **Preserve the Resilience component of the Rapid Response Pillar (RRP) under the NDICI:**
 - **Funding** for RRP must be maintained under the current MFF
 - The RRP is key to a flexible response approach in supporting people in fragile and conflict-affected settings
 - **Transparency** in the management of the RRP is needed
 - DG ECHO to be consulted in fragile and conflict settings (FCS)
 - **NGOs** should be considered **primary recipients** of RRP funding
 - A flexible funding mechanism requires implementation by actors who have proven to be agile in their way of working



Thank you!

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