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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: Accountability to Affected People (AAP): Supporting donors' responsibility
for greater AAP
- presentation by CHS Alliance

Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 19-20 June 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by CHS Alliance¹².

¹ CHS Alliance, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 805473192198-37.
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Role of Donors**

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Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on Accountability to Affected People in Humanitarian Action

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This statement affirms the commitment of the IASC to ensure that Accountability to Affected People (AAP) is central to principled humanitarian action. It also pledges to support Humanitarian Coordinators (HCs), Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs), clusters and individual agencies to prioritize the implementation of this commitment in all humanitarian operations.

An accountable humanitarian system, where decision-making power is in the hands of those affected by crisis, is central to humanitarian action. We are committed to ensuring that humanitarian action protects and restores human dignity, remains relevant and effective, leaves no one behind, and upholds humanitarian principles.

As humanitarians, our primary responsibility is to people affected by crisis. They are the sole reason our institutions and programmes exist. How communities experience and perceive our work is the most relevant measure of our performance. Hence, our accountability to them is paramount and must be acted upon. It is non-negotiable, at all times.

We must be instructed by affected people to guide our actions and to measure how well we provide protection and assistance against their diverse needs, feedback and perceptions, throughout the humanitarian response.

Over the last decade, individual agencies, and the humanitarian sector as a whole, have made significant progress in becoming more accountable to people affected by crisis*. However, communities continue to report that we, the humanitarian community, need to better engage them in decision-making and, fundamentally, act on their feedback and needs to deliver community-led, relevant, dignified and timely responses.

We need the collaboration of governments and local and national authorities to achieve this, as the primary responsibility to meet the needs and fulfil the rights of affected people is theirs. We stand ready to support affected governments to effectively exercise their primary role in accountability to affected people. We also need the commitment of donors to put in place the required incentives for the system to be more engaging and responsive to the needs of affected people. We need donors to scale up the provision of quality, flexible and multi-year funding so that the system can adapt and respond quickly and efficiently based on people's needs, vulnerabilities and feedback. Fundamentally, we need to work with affected communities, governments and donors, to address the asymmetry of power that currently defines the relationship between humanitarian agencies and affected people.

As IASC Principals, we:

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- Individual Agency
 - Donor commitments
 - Donor requirements
- Strategic Level
 - Clarity
 - Flexibility
 - Capacity
- Operational Level
 - Evidence
 - Local actors



IASC Task Force 2 on Accountability to Affected People

Supporting donors’
responsibility for
greater accountability to
people in crisis

REVIEW OF DONOR AAP COMMITMENTS,
REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
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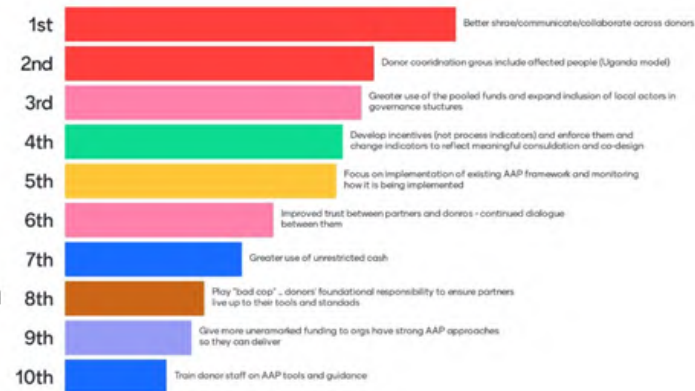
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1. Better **sharing and collaboration across donors**
2. **Donor coordination / guidance** include listneing to affected people
3. Greater use of **pooled funds** to promote AAP and localisation
4. **Develop Incentives and enforce them**



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