



Extending the input in the work of the ExCom from NGOs

Informal Consultative Meeting 3 April 2012

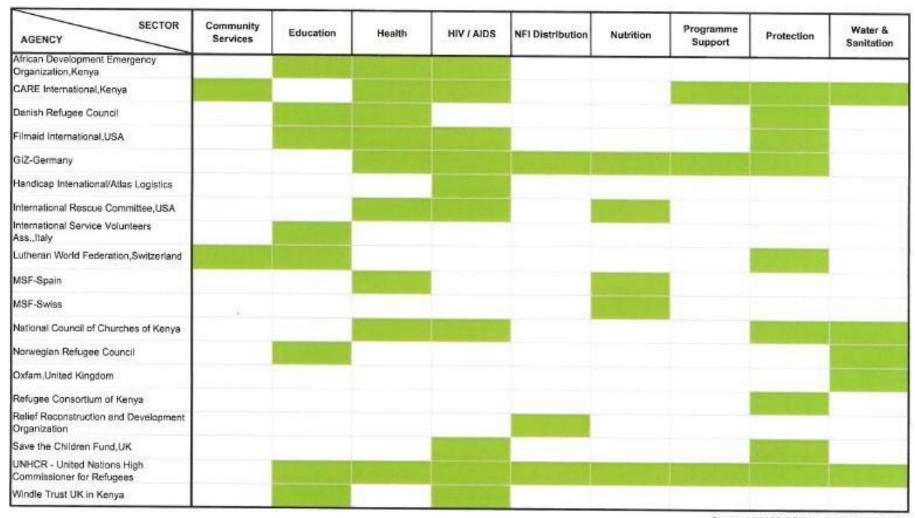
Background: ExCom Decision

- "(a) to pursue consideration of further options for extended NGO participation through informal consultations [...]; and
- (b) to include in these considerations a review of options for enhancing the linkages between the NGO Annual Consultations and the annual plenary session of the Executive Committee...."

NGOs and UNHCR



Dadaab: Who does what by sector



Role at ExCom

 Translate essential role in operations into advocacy based on field-based realities

Provide direct information from the operations to related discussions at Geneva level

ICVA's role

Current Situation

- Observer status at ExCom and Standing Committee
 - One joint NGO statement
- Side meetings at ExCom (and potentially StCte)
- Presentation of Report from the Annual Consultations at ExCom
- Participation in ICMs

ICMs

Revert to less formal setup to allow for debate

 Draw more on NGOs or expert (academic or other) for panel participation

Keep the format light, open, and flexible

NGO statements (ExCom/StCte)

- One joint statement and one shorter statement by individual organisation on selected agenda items
- Allow 10 minutes for joint statement (5 min for individual)
- Creatively use NGO input at the outset of an agenda item to stimulate debate

Planing/Agenda-Setting

- NGO participation as observers at the December planning meeting
 - To better liaise with NGO community and provide constructive input

 Discussions with States before planning meeting to present protection and operational challenges as NGOs see them in the field

ExCom Conclusions

NGO support for ExCom Conclusions

Valuable NGO contributions through bilateral discussion with States on recent conclusions

 NGO presence (as observers without the right to speak) will keep NGOs better informed and able to offer their experience

Link with Annual Consultations

Reinstate "Pre-ExCom" date

Scheduled meetings with NGOs and delegations around ExCom

 States' participation in Annual Consultations' closing plenary encouraged

Thank you

Any other suggestions?