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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

AGENCY \ SECTOR	Community Services	Education	Health	HIV / AIDS	NFI Distribution	Nutrition	Programme Support	Protection	Water & Sanitation
African Development Emergency Organization, Kenya									
CARE International, Kenya									
Danish Refugee Council									
Filmaid International, USA									
GIZ-Germany									
Handicap International/Atlas Logistics									
International Rescue Committee, USA									
International Service Volunteers Ass., Italy									
Lutheran World Federation, Switzerland									
MSF-Spain									
MSF-Swiss									
National Council of Churches of Kenya									
Norwegian Refugee Council									
Oxfam, United Kingdom									
Refugee Consortium of Kenya									
Relief Reconstruction and Development Organization									
Save the Children Fund, UK									
UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees									
Windle Trust UK in Kenya									

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?