

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
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IASC Subsidiary Bodies
**Taskforce on Humanitarian Space and Civil Military
Relations**

Work Plan for 2012

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I Summary

The Task Force on Humanitarian Space and Civil-Military¹ relations will focus on the need to address the key challenges obstructing the delivery of principled humanitarian action. Specifically, it will identify and analyse particular threats to principled humanitarian action as they emerge and suggest ways to address them.

The Task Force will concentrate on the following five main work-streams, but may add others:

- (1) UN integration and humanitarian space.
- (2) Counter-terrorism measures and their impact on humanitarian action.
- (3) Operating in complex security environments.
- (4) Maintaining the civilian nature of humanitarian assistance
- (5) Application and revision of guidelines on humanitarian civil-military coordination

II Key Expected Outcomes 2012

- Development and IASC endorsement of three common thematic messages e.g. integration, counter-terrorism measures, etc.
- Enhance IASC members' ability to operate in complex security environments, as per the findings and recommendations of the study "To Stay and Deliver".
- Identify ways and means to minimize the negative impact of UN integration on principles humanitarian action.
- Identify ways and means to minimize the negative impact of counter terrorism measures on principled humanitarian action.
- Updated IASC Guidelines on the Use of Military or Armed Escorts for Humanitarian Convoys.
- Informed forward agenda on humanitarian civil-military relations. [Think-Piece on Humanitarian Civil-Military Relations]

¹ At its 79th meeting, the IASC-WG decided to merge the IASC Core Group on Humanitarian Space, Informal Forum on Humanitarian Civil-Military Relations and the Integration Focal Points Group into the IASC Task Force on Humanitarian Space and Civil-Military Relations.

III Work Plan for October 2011 – December 2012

Objectives	Activities	Focal point(s)	Timeframe	Status / Update
1. UN integration and humanitarian Space	<p>Collaborate in the ISG study on UN integration and humanitarian space</p> <p>Present findings and recommendations of study to IASC WG for endorsement and follow-up</p> <p>Develop common messages for IASC Principals' endorsement based on findings of ISG study</p> <p>Support roll out of the study and implementation of relevant recommendations</p>	OCHA and NRC in consultations with the TF	<p>November 2011</p> <p>November 2011</p> <p>January - December 2012</p>	
2. Counter-terrorism measures and the impact on humanitarian action	<p>Based on inter-agency survey on the impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian action, continue sequenced IASC advocacy strategy, including the formulation of recommendations, the holding of informal bilateral consultations with relevant Member States, the organisation of a roundtable; and the finalisation of an IASC Statement.</p> <p>Collaborate in analytical study on counter-terrorism policies and measures and their impact on humanitarian action</p>	NRC and OCHA in consultations with the TF	<p>October 2011 - October 2012</p> <p>January – December 2012</p>	

3. Operating in complex security environments	<p>Support field roll out of the study “To Stay and Deliver” and implementation of relevant recommendations as agreed by the IASC WG in July 2011.</p> <p>Develop note of guidance on operational relevance of UN security management framework for humanitarian actors</p>	<p>Task Force</p> <p>UNDSS, UNICEF, OCHA in collaboration with TF</p>	<p>January-December 2012</p> <p>February 2012</p>	
4. Alignment of Guidelines on the Use of Military or Armed Escorts for Humanitarian Convoys with new UNDSS security system.	<p>Update the IASC Non-Binding Guidelines on the Use of Military or Armed Escorts for Humanitarian Convoys.</p>	<p>WVI, OCHA, UNHCR UNDSS, UNICEF, WFP</p>	<p>July 2012</p>	
5. To shape and focus the future work of the IASC Task Force through exposing the main challenges facing humanitarian civil-military relations and the use of MCDA.	<p>Develop a “think piece” on Humanitarian Civil-Military Relations and present to the IASC-WG meeting in March 2012 as requested by the IASC-WG in July 2011.</p>	<p>OCHA, WVI, ICRC, WFP, UNICEF</p>	<p>Mid-February 2012</p>	