

# Terms of Reference

## Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus Task Force - Cameroon

### Background:

The outcomes of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit and the associated Agenda for Humanity initiatives have sought to improve collaboration across the humanitarian-development Nexus within a "New Way of Working", while the twin resolutions on sustaining Peace adopted by the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly in 2016<sup>1</sup> broadened the effort to include Peace in the triple Nexus.

The Government of Cameroon was the first country to volunteer at the World Humanitarian Summit to implement the Nexus and became one of the seven priority countries of the UN Joint Steering Committee to Advance Humanitarian-Development Collaboration established by the Secretary-General in 2017<sup>2</sup>.

A group composed of HCT and UNCT members started working on the HDP Nexus (previously called the New Way of Working) in 2017. Their work led to the decision of the HCT to create a National HDP Nexus Task Force in 2019. Two Regional Nexus Task Forces have been created as well for the Far-North region and the Eastern Front (North, Adamaoua, and East regions).

The Recommendation of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD/DAC) on the humanitarian, development and Peace Nexus (Triple Nexus defines the HDP Nexus as *the interlinkages between humanitarian, development and peace actions. The Nexus approach refers to the aim of strengthening collaboration, coherence and complementarity. The approach seeks to capitalise on the comparative advantages of each pillar – to the extent of their relevance in the specific context – in order to reduce overall vulnerability and the number of unmet needs, strengthen risk management capacities and address root causes of conflict.*

### Composition and Structure:

The National HDP Nexus Task Force includes representatives of the Government of Cameroon, member states and donors, international financial institutions, UN agencies, International NGOs, and national NGO consortiums<sup>3</sup>; the private sector, and other stakeholders who volunteer to carry out the tasks entrusted to the Taskforce collectively.

Representatives of the Government of Cameroon, member states and donors, international financial institutions, UN agencies, International NGOs, national NGO consortiums, and the private sector that are not already part of the National HDP Nexus Task Force can request to be included.

The National HDP Nexus Task Force is chaired by the UN Humanitarian Development Peace Coordinator, with the support of the OCHA Regional Humanitarian Development Peace Advisor.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Security Council resolution 2282 (2016) and United Nations General Assembly resolution 262 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> Ethiopia, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon

<sup>3</sup> National NGOs can individually join the Regional Task Forces (in the Far-North and in the Easter Front) but not the National Task Force (as the group would be too big otherwise. Therefore only National NGO consortiums attend the Nexus National Task Force).

The National HDP Nexus Task Force is accountable to the Humanitarian Coordinator / Resident Coordinator and reports to the Humanitarian Country Team and the UN Country Team.

**Purpose and tasks:**

The National HDP Nexus Task Force aims to develop the HDP Nexus approach in Cameroon and its operationalisation at the community level. This includes:

1. Develop the analytical, strategic, programmatic, operational, and accountability frameworks for the HDP Nexus in Cameroon.
2. Propose options for the establishment of coordination mechanisms.
3. Design the Cameroon Trust Fund composed of three windows: Rapid Response (humanitarian gaps), Collective Outcome (HDP Nexus gaps in convergence areas), and Development (UNSDCF).
4. Identify the process for operationalising the HDP Nexus in convergence areas in consultation with the Regional Task Forces.
5. Provide technical support to the regional HDP Nexus Task Forces, including with the selection, prioritisation, and sequencing of convergence areas.
6. Support advocacy efforts carried out by the Humanitarian Country Team and the UN Country Team.
7. Advocate for a broad understanding and acceptance of the HDP Nexus approach and build ownership and partnerships within national and international stakeholders.
8. Promote the Cameroon HDP Nexus approach in other countries and at the global level.

*NB: The HDP Nexus Taskforces are tasked with developing the Nexus approach and are not mandated to coordinate the implementation of the HDP Nexus. Specific Nexus coordination mechanisms will be put in place for that.*

**Meetings and operational procedures:**

The HDP National Nexus Task Force meets on a need basis to ensure progress in fulfilling its objectives. Participation includes plenary meetings, working groups, videoconferences, and interactions via e-mail as appropriate.