

Inter-Agency Consultation Forum Terms of Reference

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Background:

In the last 15 months alone, over one million refugees and migrants arrived in Greece. Many come from the top ten refugee-producing countries. The majority are Syrians, Afghans and Iraqi nationals and include refugees and asylum seekers who are in need of international protection and assistance.

While up to mid-November 2015, most persons of concern stayed in Greece for a few days only, the situation significantly changed after new border restrictions were implemented by the Governments along the Western Balkan routs. An increasing number of refugees and migrants are now staying in Greece and remain in need of protection and assistance.

Group Objective:

Enable the humanitarian community to contribute to the protection of refugees and vulnerable migrants by facilitating a forum for consultation and information exchange.

Principles:

The Inter-Agency Consultation Forum is grounded in the principles of partnership, inclusivity, predictability and transparency.

Geographical Coverage

The Inter-Agency Consultation Forum is a national forum for information sharing and open discussion on issues of national relevance.

Core functions:

- Promote a venue for dialogue and information-sharing between the different actors engaged in the response and, between the Refugee and Migrant Inter-Agency Coordination Forum and other relevant fora;
- Contribute to a consultative process and ensure humanitarian actors have access to and stay abreast of new developments affecting the operation in the country.

Membership & Chairing Arrangement

The Inter-Agency Consultation Forum is chaired by UNHCR as convener of the group. Membership to the forum is open to all key stakeholders engaged in the humanitarian response to the refugee and migrant crisis. Staff working at the national level are particularly welcomed.

Arrangement of the meeting

Meetings take places on a weekly basis, on xxxx at xxxx hrs, at xxxxx.

Terms of revision

The ToRs will be reviewed on a 6 month basis.