



ECOSOC SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

“SYSTEM WIDE CHANGE FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CRISIS?”



Friday 24 June 08.30 – 10.00 NYC, 14.30 – 16.00 GVA

As the Inter Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) Principals affirmed in their latest statement: “As humanitarians, our primary responsibility is to people affected by crisis. They are the sole reason our institutions and programmes exist. How communities experience and perceive our work is the most relevant measure of our performance. Hence, our accountability to them is paramount and must be acted upon. It is non-negotiable, at all times.”

Over the last decade, individual agencies, and the humanitarian sector as a whole, have made progress in becoming more accountable to people affected by crisis. However, as the soon to be launched, CHS Alliance, Humanitarian Accountability Report shows, we are still facing substantial challenges in meeting the commitments we have made to affected people.

Fundamentally, we need to work with affected communities, multilateral agencies, NGOs, civil society orgs, governments and donors, to address the asymmetry of power that currently defines the relationship between humanitarian agencies and affected people. This requires a more cohesive, collaborative system wide approach to seeing how we connect the incentives and break down the barriers that hold us back from making this change.

OBJECTIVE

An interactive discussion that will gather ideas and understand better what is needed to drive a system wide change for greater collective accountability for people who have been affected by crisis.

The discussion will be framed around vision of the new *IASC AAP Task Force’s Theory of Change*:

“That by having an **accountable and enhanced leadership**, supported by an **inclusive system and architecture** with **quality resourcing** available we will strengthen collective accountability to people affected by crisis and deliver the necessary system wide change”.

The event will draw on learning from a number of initiatives to generate a discussion on the ideas of opportunities, as well as overcoming barriers to change. This will offer direction to advance the IASC Task Force plans for collective AAP.





A COLLABORATION WITH:

- **Member State Sponsors:**
- **Supported by:** USAID
- **Organizers:** IASC Task Force on AAP
- **Contributors:** CHS Alliance, IFRC, WFP, OCHA, MOPAN, START Network, Care, UNFPA.
- **Facilitator:** Manisha Thomas – Independent consultant
- **Hosted by** – PHAP

FORMAT

The session will focus on engaging the audience as much as possible with online discussion. This will be sparked by short interventions, based on different initiatives, complimented links to other resources, polls and discussion boards.

	Short, kickstarter interventions
Opening words	Person with experience of receiving assistance – Gloria Soma, South Sudan
Welcome	IASC - Mervat Shelbaya Member State
Key Action 1 Accountable Leadership	Opening conversation starter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian Coordinator - Najat Rochdi • UNFPA - TBC
Key Action 2 Inclusive system and architecture	Opening conversation starter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHSA – Cat Skehan • Care - tbc
Key Action 3 Quality Resourcing available	Opening conversation starter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPAN - Suzanne Steensen • Start Network - Ashraful Haque
Close	Member State