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Subject:	Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) Update – next steps and request for inputs

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your support in producing the latest update of the **[Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#)** (7 May). This second iteration was primarily driven by country-level planning and analysis as well as providing better coverage of cross-cutting themes. **The next iteration of the GHRP will focus more heavily on context changes, collective results and ongoing operational challenges. It will be released on 16 July 2020.**

As discussed with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals, this iteration may be the final update of the GHRP, although we need to retain flexibility to adapt the approach as the situation demands. The GHRP will ultimately be integrated into the 2021 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) and as such, I do not anticipate that the distinction between COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 responses, and between funding requirements for these two types of responses, will be maintained in 2021.

Discussions are currently underway on the feasibility/need to include countries without an existing Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) into the 2021 GHO, and we will update you on that matter in due course.

To start the process for the final update of the GHRP, we would be grateful for your support in providing the following elements:

1. **Country inputs**

You will shortly receive a template for country inputs and related guidance from Mr. Rein Paulsen, Director of OCHA's Coordination Division. In your inputs, we encourage you to look at your proposed response plans and to think about your country team and implementing partners' absorption capacities to ensure that we continue to present a collective appeal that is credible in its ask.

While acknowledging that country teams have worked diligently to include the humanitarian portion of the country's national preparedness and response plan (under WHO's broader Strategic Response and Preparedness Plan) under the GHRP's Strategic Objective 1 (health), we encourage you to see where responses could be further aligned with the emerging national and regional socio-economic plans, as well as other plans that may be present in your country.

2. **Monitoring and results reporting**

OCHA is working with agency partners to finalise the overarching GHRP Monitoring Framework and organize a data collection process. As outlined in the guidance those UN agencies with indicators in the framework will then be responsible for their collection at country-level before sharing with their respective HQs. Agencies will aggregate their global data and share the results with OCHA.

The July update of the GHRP will be complemented by monthly GHRP 'progress reports' that will include portions of the monitoring framework as well as qualitative examples of our collective results. As such, agencies should aim to collect data monthly in order for indicators to be reflected in the GHRP progress reports. These reports will run until the end of the year.

I cannot stress enough the importance of quality reporting for sustaining donor confidence and funding. Please ensure your involvement in the results reporting process.

3. **Additional contacts**

Mr. Rein Paulsen (paulsen@un.org), Director a.i. of OCHA's Coordination Division, supported by Mr. Andrew Wyllie (wyllie@un.org), Chief of the Assessment, Planning and Monitoring Branch, will oversee the production of the GHRP. Rein will reach back with more detailed information.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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