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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – February 2014

Upcoming training sessions

Classical training:

Port au Prince (FR): 19 – 25 March
New Delhi (EN): 19 – 25 March
Brussels (EN): 31 March – 4 April
Bamako (FR): 2 – 8 April
London (EN): 26-30 May

For all informations regarding training issues:

<http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/training/start>

Distance learning training:

Training calendar and all information related to all available asynchronous distance learning courses at:

<http://www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/dl/start>



THE NEW GENDER - AGE MARKER TOOLKIT

The new [Gender-Age Marker toolkit](#) has just been published in DG ECHO website! It provides an **overview of the tool and its application**, as well as **guidance on how to integrate gender and age concerns in humanitarian Actions through concrete examples**.

The marker aims at improving the quality of the Actions: it fosters assistance that is more sensitive to the different needs and capacities of women, girls, boys and men. It also tracks gender and age sensitive Actions and financial allocations, allowing DG ECHO to monitor its own performance in integrating gender and age considerations in funded Actions.

How to use it? The marker is applied throughout the Action management cycle, at proposal, monitoring and final reporting/liquidation stages.

In section 5 of the Single Form, the Partner is requested to answer to the following questions:

- 1) Does the proposal contain an adequate and brief gender and age analysis?
- 2) Is the assistance adapted to the specific needs and capacities of different gender and age groups?
- 3) Does the Action prevent or mitigate negative effects?
- 4) Do relevant gender and age groups adequately participate in the design, implementation and evaluation of the Action?

If a criterion is respected to a sufficient degree, it should be marked as "yes". If an important aspect relating to the criterion was not considered, the criterion should be marked as "not sufficiently". If the Action meets all 4 criteria, it can get 2 marks. The toolkit explains clearly how to calculate this mark on the basis of the answers provided to the four questions above.

How to practically integrate gender and age considerations in a humanitarian Action? Example: Organisation X provides a livelihood programme proposal to DG ECHO that identifies potential negative effects of the programme and suggests ways to avoid and mitigate them: for example, to enable single mothers to participate to the programme, the organisation offers childcare services. It also involves both women and other community representatives when deciding which livelihood activities to offer for women:

this ensures that they are accepted by the community while meeting the women needs.

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/policies/sectoral/gender_age_marker_toolkit.pdf

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: HOW TO DEAL WITH TRANSITION PROJECTS?

SingleForm FPA 2008 – transition measures

11. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACTION

Validate Chapter 1

Eligible costs of Action	Initial Budget	Revised Budget	Intermediate report amount	Final report committed
Add Cost				
Subtotal direct eligible costs = Sum of total amount for all results (1) + Other costs (€ 0,00) = € 0,00	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Indirect costs (max. 7%) = € 0,00	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Total Costs	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €

Funding of Action	Initial	Revised	Final state
Direct revenue from Action	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Contribution by applicant	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Contribution by other donors	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Contribution requested from ECHO	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
% of total funding			
Contributions by beneficiaries	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Total Funding	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €

Committed will be removed from the Single Form - For Projects under Legal Framework 2008 - Figures relates committed costs - For Projects under Legal Framework 2014 - Figures relates incurred costs

Partner: When signing the new FPA, we have accepted to transfer most on-going Grant Agreements under the legal framework of FPA 2014. How do we fill the Final Report in Single-Form FPA-2008 and apply the rules of FPA-2014?

ECHO: If the proposal of your Grant Agreement has been done under FPA-2008, the data structure of Single Form FPA-2014 doesn't allow you to use it for your Final Report. You will still have to use the Single Form FPA-2008 (pdf or online) taking into account that the applicable legal framework is the one of FPA 2014. Filling the old Single Form with the new rules will require some flexibility, but have a look at the FAQ page that is being developed on transition measures (<http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/faq/start>), and you will find there a lot of ticks & trips to make it easier. Helpdesk services are always available whenever further support is required.

Financial overview of SF FPA-2008 will be soon adapted so that it can fit to both legal frameworks.



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Partners website: www.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu

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