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Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – January 2017

Classical training:

Amman: 19 – 23 February 2017
Brussels: 06 – 10 March 2017
Bangkok: 20 – 24 March 2017
Ankara: 22 – 26 May 2017
Nairobi: *coming soon*
Khartoum: *coming soon*

Distance learning training:

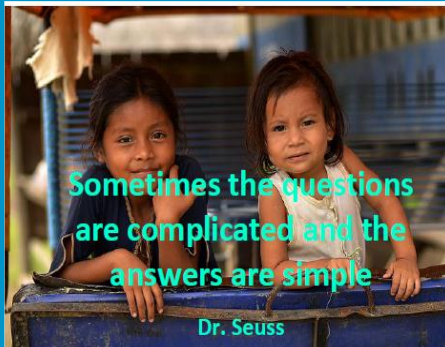
“The Final Report 2014”
“A very short introduction to the FPA 2014”
“The Audit Process 2014”
“The Single Form PDF 2014”

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

Do you have any visibility plan or best practice that you would like to share on the ECHO Visibility website?

Please send them to:

visibility-helpdesk@echo-visibility.eu



ECHO'S PRIORITIES FOR 2017

ECHO has published the new General Guidelines on Operational Priorities for Humanitarian Aid in 2017!

Today, humanitarian crises affect an estimated 250 million people, among which 65, 3 have been forced from home. The world is dealing with three unprecedented severe and large-scale emergencies: Iraq, Syria and Yemen. Against this background, it is even more relevant to increase effectiveness of humanitarian aid by underpinning actions on the ground and strategic funding decisions with evidence.

The methodology used for the allocation of funding is supported by the **Index for Risk Management – INFORM**, the **Crisis Assessment**, the **Forgotten Crisis Assessment (FCA)** and the **Integrated Analysis Framework (IAF)**.

ECHO is committed to providing **relief and protection to populations affected by natural or man-made disasters**. For implementing this, it will maintain its broadened **regional approach** implemented in 2015 and 2016 with regional responses in Humanitarian Implementation Plans (HIPs). A regional approach presents the substantial advantage of lending added speed and flexibility to EU humanitarian assistance, as well as simplification/streamlining among HIPs.

In 2017, ECHO will focus on: forced **displacement**, enhanced **protection**, **education in emergencies**, **shelter and settlements**, including urban settlements, mainstreaming **environment**. **Resilience** will remain a cross-cutting priority in EU humanitarian actions and its objectives will continue to be mainstreamed in all interventions.

From the operational perspective, it is increasingly recognised that **cash-based assistance** is often the most appropriate response in terms of speed, flexibility, choice and dignity of beneficiaries. Hence, greater use of unconditional cash as a key tool is being promoted in several international fora.

In accordance with the EU Action Plan on the Sendai Framework for **Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**, ECHO will continue to support integrated and targeted DRR.

Discover the full document, including priorities per countries/regions on [ECHO website](#).

2017 WORLDWIDE DECISION

On the 3rd January, the 2017 Worldwide Decision has been adopted, allocating 808,670 Million of Euros from the General Budget of the European Union for financing humanitarian aid operational priorities. Full document available [here](#).

NEW FAQs ON CASH & VOUCHERS ON PARTNER'S WEBSITE

In order to comply with commitments taken at the World Humanitarian Summit, ECHO is increasingly promoting the use of multi-purpose cash in the context of operations it finances. To better support its partners in correctly applying the policy, ECHO is continuously updating the list of FAQ on cash and vouchers, available [here](#).

ECHO PARTNERS' CONFERENCE 2016

On 1st and 2nd December, the 2016 ECHO Partners' conference took place and, as usual, the topics on the agenda have been a mix of operational, policy and partnership issues, according to the priorities of the moment. You can find the documents presented during the conference [here](#).



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