



# ECHOES

Newsletter for DG ECHO Partners – July 2014

## UN PARTNERS' WEBSITE IS ONLINE!

The new website <http://eu-unfafa.dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/> is organised as a permanent portal for ECHO's FAFA Partners in order to provide easy and user-friendly coverage of the rules and procedures in place when ECHO and the UN work together.

The objective of this portal is to provide appropriate and updated guidance to UN staff involved in Humanitarian Aid projects funded by ECHO through new Indirect Management Delegation Agreements. We invite you to visit this website regularly to check for updates and to make the most of it as a valuable training resource.

**A third portal dedicated to IO's working under an FPA for International Organisations (ICRC – IFRC – IOM)** is under construction and will soon be available too.

## EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONSENSUS ON HUMANITARIAN AID

The final report on the evaluation of the implementation of the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid is now available from the ECHO website at <http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/funding-evaluations/evaluations/thematic> (under 'European Consensus'). We would like to thank you for your participation in this evaluation. We look forward to working with you on taking the report recommendations forward.

## FIRST RESPONDERS CAMPAIGN PHOTO COMPETITION

Resilience is a hard concept to capture. That's why we want to challenge it and visualise true resilience in action in the field with your support. The First Responders campaign, spearheaded by International Medical Corps (IMC) in partnership with ECHO and in collaboration with MTV is a celebration of the millions of unsung local heroes around the world who respond to global disasters every day. We want to see the teachers, health workers, mothers, farmers, or anyone who stands up to keep people safe when the world around them shatters. To find out about the campaign's focus, visit the dedicated website: <http://www.firstresponderscampaign.org/>

## LEGAL CHANGES – New Module available in APPEL

ECHO has recently put in place a new "Legal Modification Request" APPEL module where Partners can, in application of Art 6.1 b of the FPA, inform ECHO of any change in its legal, technical or organisational situation. The link to the module is placed in the APPEL Homepage and available to users with administrator profile.

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

**Partner: Can remaining goods be transferred to an ECHO-funded Action managed by another ECHO Partner ?**

**ECHO: No,** transfer from an ECHO-funded humanitarian Action to another ECHO-funded humanitarian Action is only possible when the Action is implemented by the same Partner. This ensures that the goods are used for humanitarian purposes and that the sound financial management of humanitarian aid funds is safeguarded. Transfer to a EU-funded action implemented by another Partner is therefore not possible. However, in such cases the remaining supplies may be donated. It is important to note that transfer and/or donation of goods is only possible when the results of the Action have been achieved and there is only a marginal quantity of goods remaining; if the partner still has a significant amount of goods left over at the end of the Action, it must request an extension of the implementation period, otherwise they cannot be considered as incurred, and would therefore not be eligible.

### Photography competition

Local people are too often overlooked in photos of humanitarian work.

Help us change the picture by submitting your photos of local people supporting their communities to:

[firstresponderscampaign.org/photocompetition](http://firstresponderscampaign.org/photocompetition)

WHAT DOES A HUMANITARIAN LOOK LIKE IN 2014?

Send your #FirstResponders photos and win prizes.



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