

THE GRAND BARGAIN WORKSTREAM SUCCESSES AND NEXT STEPS

Workstream 9 (Harmonize and simplify reporting requirements)

JUNE 2017

THE PILOT ON HARMONIZED DONOR REPORTING STARTED

7 donors
4 UN agencies
24 partners

Iraq
Myanmar
Somalia

A single, easy-to-use template across donors promises a **lighter workload for partners and local staff** involved in reporting.

First time such a reform on simplifying reporting takes place.

MARCH 2017

COMMON 8+3 TEMPLATE AGREED UPON

A group of donors, aid organizations, and UN agencies met in Berlin to discuss the outline of a joint, two-year pilot on a common donor reporting framework. The template consists of eight core questions and up to three chosen questions to supplement them, based on the most common questions in donor reports.

JULY 2018

MIDTERM PILOT REVIEW FINDS THE 8+3 TEMPLATE SAVES TIME

The review demonstrated that the users valued the simplification in language, and that the template saves time. Lessons from the review were used to further improve the 8+3 template and adapt it to participants' needs.

JUNE 2019

FINAL PILOT REVIEW SHOWS THAT THE 8+3 TEMPLATE IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER EXISTING DONOR TEMPLATES:

★ After a two-year pilot most users found that the **template successfully simplifies and standardizes reporting.**

★ 6 out of 11 donors found that **the quality of reporting has even improved with the template**, with some seeing also quicker turnovers and fewer clarification requests regarding reporting.

“I appreciate that report drafts are now more organized. For the most part, the quality of the reports I receive has increased.”
(Respondent working in Myanmar)

Benefits of harmonizing reporting

- ➔ Easier report preparation for aid organizations' staff, particularly frontline staff;
- ➔ Less need for reporting trainings, capacity-building and donor specialists;
- ➔ Internal learning as it's easier for organizations to monitor and compare assessments.

“Questions regarding lessons learned as well as participation of and accountability to the affected population are particularly useful to assess the implementation and/or impact of projects and aid the development of future projects.”
(Respondent working in Iraq)

WHAT'S NEXT?

NOVEMBER 2019 - Q2 2020

ROLL OUT OF THE TEMPLATE

CANADA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, OCHA, UNHCR: Rolling out the template globally with all NGO partners.

FRANCE: Embedded the 8+3 template in their humanitarian strategy to be used with all partners for the next three years.

AUSTRALIA, ITALY: Committed to use the 8+3 template and are actively developing an approach.

US STATE DEPARTMENT (PRM): Committed to support the use of 8+3 template.

JOIN TO HARMONIZE REPORTING!

Workstream Co-Convenors are now actively reaching out to other donors and (I)NGOs to join the roll-out of the template until Q1 2020 to use the momentum to reach a real and tangible harmonization. **The more donors adopt the 8+3 template as a standard, the greater the benefit of harmonization, reducing the reporting burden across the humanitarian system.**

EXPLORING WORKSTREAM COOPERATION

Co-convenors Germany and ICVA plan to foster linkages with workstreams 1 and 4 to tackle common issues and projects.