



# GUIDELINES: DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON APPROACHES

*The purpose of this guideline is to provide advice on the processes of harnessing experiences and harmonizing them towards development of common approaches to Risk Management.*

Common approaches to risk management promotes shared understanding of the risks, opportunities and risk management options in Somalia and increases knowledge of the Risk Management Unit's (RMU) role and activities through greater, proactive engagement with partners.

## **What is the RMU's role in Development of Common Approaches?**

The RMU's role in this process is to facilitate, design and promote the adoption of common Risk Management standards, both within the UN Risk Management system for Somalia, and between UN Somalia and partners.

The RMU promotes the adoption of the risk standards across the aid community through sensitization with a view to improving stakeholder appreciation of the standards and their roles and responsibilities. The RMU, also, proactively designs common risk management approaches, based on the needs and requirements of the aid community in Somalia. The tools are subjected to critique by the two risk working groups before recommending them for partners' adoption.

## **Risk Working Groups**

Dedicated working groups exist within the UN structure to support the RMU in this role. These groups - the Risk Working Group and the Multi Party Risk Working Group bring together Risk Focal Points of the UNCT and the humanitarian aid community respectively, to develop critical common standards that aim to improve the overall risk management across the spectrum of interventions in Somalia. Some of these standards could range from information sharing to third party monitoring and fraud reporting. Acting on behalf of their constituencies, members of these working groups consult on, and develop common approaches based on a greater awareness of respective needs, requirements and constraints of working in Somalia.

Members of the risk working group are nominated by their respective constituencies for a period of 2 years after which the positions are open for new membership, subject to meeting criteria set by their respective constituencies.

<b>UN Risk Working Group (RWG)</b>	<p>This is a UN only mechanism that is designed to develop concrete solutions and UN risk management approaches. It also works towards harmonizing UN messages and inputs into broader consultation forums.</p> <p>The RWG is convened by the RMU once a month on average and reports to the UN Risk Committee. The UN Risk Committee provides overall strategic guidance to the UNCT for official endorsement.</p>
<b>Multi-Party Risk Working Group (MPRWG)</b>	<p>This mechanism, convened by the RMU on a bi-monthly basis on average. The MPRWG brings together risk focal points from the donor community, NGOs, the World Bank and the UN; to (1) create greater awareness of respective risk management approaches, needs and constraints, and (2) reach consensus on practical solutions to issues such as access to information and collaborative monitoring.</p> <p>Existing coordination and information sharing structures provide the platform for reporting on progress made.</p>

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