



The FPA Watch Group

In 2008

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Mandate and Objectives

- To represent the views of ECHO NGO partners in the **monitoring, review and consultation** of all matters relating to the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) that governs the contractual relations between ECHO and NGOs.
- To work towards a **common interpretation and consistent application** of the FPA between ECHO and partner NGOs.



The Reconstitution Process

- 2008: new FPA, new Watch Group
- A transparent and open process
- 31 NGOs members of the WG + IFRC as observer
- Representation of the NGOs diversity
- 85 NGOs recognitions
- Reconstitution of the Task Force



Activities and Achievements

- Ensure consistency and clarity of the FPA and all related documents
 - Analyse draft guidelines and fact sheets and provide ECHO with written feedback and recommendations
 - Analyse E-single form project and monitor FPA related tools (training, helpdesk)

In 2008: Final Grant Agreement, Single Form and financial reporting Guidelines + Fact Sheets

Notes on NGO concerns regarding the E-single Form sent to DG ECHO.



Activities and Achievements

- Ensure consistent interpretation and application of the FPA between ECHO and its partners
 - Monitor ECHO communication tools
 - Collect examples of incoherent communication and constraints
 - Create, disseminate and analyse incident reports to monitor concerns on the application of the FPA

In 2008: Several requests for updating DG ECHO website and improve information sharing

More than 30 incident reports received and treated accordingly



Activities and Achievements

- Improve operational process
 - Lobby ECHO to guarantee that NGOs receive explanations of proposals are rejected
 - Request ECHO to ensure consistency in the proposal applications process

In 2008: the Watch Group reiterates its request to ECHO to select partners with more transparency. ECHO ensured in the last WG meeting it will improve the Apel system and answers to partners if proposals are rejected.

The WG sent a working document to ask ECHO clarifications on the use of concept Notes in November 2008. March 2009: ECHO announced that concept notes are abolished.



2009 Work Plan

- Few revisions to be done:
 - Procurement and PCM guidelines
- Focus on Monitoring:
 - Improve the use of Incidents reports
 - Launch internal surveys on Financial issues, partners assessments, audits, etc.

➔ With the same goal to improve the FPA between ECHO and its NGO partners.



Thanks

- The NGOs involved in the Watch Group
and especially in the Task Force

Action Contre la Faim (France)

Care International

Concern Worldwide (Ireland)

COOPI (Italy)

Int Medical Corps (UK)

Int Rescue Committee (UK)

Medecins du Monde (France)

Mercy Corps (Scotland)

Oxfam (UK)

- DG ECHO, Unit B2.



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