

CHALLENGES TO HUMANITARIAN REFORM

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Is Humanitarian Reform A Necessity?

Findings of the Humanitarian Review 2005
Still Relevant

- Well known gaps, long standing gaps
- Limited linkages between the UN and non-UN actors
- Coordination erratic and dependent on personalities
- In sufficient accountability
- Donor policies inconsistent



Is Humanitarian Reform a necessity?

- No single agency can cover all humanitarian needs
- Collaboration is not an option: It is a necessity



Critical Role of Governments and NDOs

- Data base on strengths and challenges of NDOs crucial
- Sensitivity to national security concerns and sovereignty can still be ticklish
- The Case of the proposed regional web-EOC a case in point



Humanitarian Reform at the National Level (Dominica)

- Cluster approach attempted
- Red Cross Society acted as Humanitarian Coordinator
- UNDP partnered and financed
- Partnership with local responses agencies tested



Conclusions

- Humanitarian Reform must filter down to the national levels
- Donor fatigue emphasize the need for Humanitarian Reforms
- The Five major challenges still exist
- Insufficient accountability at all levels coupled with the need for greater transparency can continue to dirty the water on humanitarian assistance

