

# Achieving Coherence: The HDP Nexus

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# TODAY'S **Agenda**

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Opening Remarks



Programming Considerations Overview



Moderated Panel



Open Q&A



Closing and Reflections



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# What's inside?

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- ✓ A focus on day-to-day programming decisions that draw from partner consultations
- ✓ USAID's core principles on HDP coherence
- ✓ USAID programming examples
- ✓ Partner programming examples
- ✓ Challenges to HDP coherence and steps USAID is taking in this space



# HDP Coherence:

Promoting complementarity and collaboration across humanitarian, development, and peace actors toward a common agenda.

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**Why?** To maximize impact and sustainability of programs across different kinds of assistance and to reduce the need for humanitarian assistance over time.





# Uphold and respect humanitarian principles to ensure HA remains unhindered and effective

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- ✓ **USAID:** The “Nexus Academy” and UN DAC Dialogue on the HDP Nexus
- ✓ **Partners:** Brown bags, internal debates and memos, and best practices



# Plan jointly and seek a common agenda

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- ✓ **USAID:** Integrated Development Objectives (DOs) in country planning, collective impact platforms such as PREG, reporting on shared indicators
- ✓ **Partners:** Systems mapping, collective theories of change, joint analysis, developing a common agenda with practical boundaries



## Create and strengthen communication, coordination, and learning platforms across different kinds of assistance

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- ✓ **USAID:** Decision-making bodies (i.e., SAGE), coordinator roles, investing in coordination networks and platforms, CLA, backbone support
- ✓ **Partners:** Leveraging existing coordination structures, internal strategies and frameworks for coordination, promoting an “HDP-friendly” culture

# Strategically sequence, layer, and integrate HDP assistance where appropriate

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- ✓ **USAID:** Backbone support, along with SLI examples from NE Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia
- ✓ **Partners:** Coordinated geographical targeting, shock-responsive theories of change, adaptive management techniques to sequence and layer in real time



# Promote shock-responsive programming and data-driven adaptive management

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- ✓ **USAID:** shock-responsive programming guidance, scenario-based strategic planning and contingency planning, complexity-aware approaches
- ✓ **Partners:** adaptive management techniques, right-sizing staffing and expertise, devolving decision-making to the field





# Champion conflict integration and opportunities for enabling or building peace where possible

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- ✓ **USAID:** Technical resources on conflict sensitivity, conflict integration in sectoral programming, standalone peacebuilding programming
- ✓ **Partners:** conflict analysis, conflict sensitivity, addressing short- and long-term conflict drivers together, questioning sectoral goals and approaches



# Ensure programming is with, by, and through local partners and systems

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- ✓ **USAID:** Local Systems Framework, 5 Rs framework, Local Works
- ✓ **Partners:** working with and through local systems, direct partnership with government, local engagement in country platforms, prioritizing relationship-building with diverse local groups



# Challenges

*“We are less able to be shock responsive if the funding mechanisms are not in place behind it.”*

*“It's not our grant mechanisms that prevent coordination. It's the structure and platform for coordinating the triple nexus effort that is most often missing.”*

*“We were in the same building and often in the same geographies and still had an immensely difficult time getting on the same page. The timeframes, the speed of action, the language and terminology.”*

*“The skill set needed for [HDP nexus] coordination is not necessarily the skill set that is promoted in the development and humanitarian industry.”*





# Aaron Roesch

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# Meet Today's Panelists

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**Dustin Caniglia**

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# Reflections

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# Additional USAID Resources

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- ✓ Humanitarian-Development Coherence in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene or Water Resource Management Programs
- ✓ Education and Humanitarian-Development Coherence White Paper
- ✓ Making the Nexus Real: Moving from Theory to Practice



# Thank You

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Keep an eye out for post-event resources and a survey!