

## Area / Settlement Based Approach Guidelines

### Asia Regional consultation

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#### Settlement Approaches Guidance Note

The Urban Settlements Working Group (USWG), with the support of USAID/OFDA, is developing a **Settlements\* based Approach and Coordination Guidance note**. Settlement-based approaches, also known as *Area-, Neighbourhood-, or Place-Based Approaches*, aim to **provide multi-sectoral support which considers the whole population living in a specific geographic area with high levels of need**.

The guidance note intends to support humanitarian and development agencies understand and apply settlement-based approaches in humanitarian response & recovery. This guidance will **complement a growing evidence-base on Settlement approaches**, including the ECHO-supported [Settlement Approach Case Study Compendium](#), as well as, [Ten principles for area-based approaches](#), the forthcoming PCI 'Neighbourhood Approach Guidance' and other resources.

#### Asia Regional Consultation

A series of national and regional consultations are being scheduled to collect field and regional input to further inform the development of the guidance note – including an **Asia Regional Consultation**, to be held in **Bangkok, Thailand on Thursday, 21 November 2019**.

The 1-day consultation intends to bring together 15-20 regional humanitarian and development experts from various stakeholder groups including Shelter & Settlements; Water, Sanitation & Hygiene; Protection; Livelihoods & Income Generation; Humanitarian Coordination, the donor, civil society & U.N communities to:

- Discuss the application of the Settlements-approach; including its core components, strengths, limitations, opportunities
- Contribute to key content as outlined in the [draft guidance note structure](#)
- Identify opportunities and challenges to operationalizing such approach in appropriate contexts

#### Draft agenda

9:30- 10:00	Introduction/Setting the scene
10:00-10:30	Plenary discussion
10:30-10:45	Coffee
10:45- 12:15	Break out group: Opportunities and challenges (including report back)
12:15-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:15	Reaction and suggestions on the Guidance Note (including summary)
2:15-2:30	Summary/wrap up
2:30 – 3:00	Networking/drinks

#### When, Where & Logistics

- The consultation will be held in Bangkok, **Thailand on Thursday, 21 November 2019, from 09.30-15.00**. Venue will be announced shortly.
- To register, and to assist us with tracking – [please register via this link](#).

**This consultation will be followed by field visit to the Philippines and country consultations November 25-28, 2019.**