

Summary Status of 2021 Annual Workplan key deliverables

ExCom meeting, 22 November 2021

The following is a headline summary status of ECW 2021 Annual Workplan (AWP) key deliverables. Further elaboration will be provided at the 22 November 2021 ExCom meeting and an end of year report will be sent together with the January Operational Update of 2022.

ECW has met or is on track to meet its 2021 targets, as follows:

I. MET TARGETS

Resource mobilisation

1. A total of US\$827.7 million for the Global Trust Fund was raised to date, including US\$156 million in 2021 alone. ECW welcomes the renewed contributions from Germany, United States Government (PRM and USAID), European Commission, LEGO Foundation, Canada, France, Switzerland, and Porticus.
2. The resource mobilisation approach and supported case for investments were developed, which highlights the value added for ECW's investments in supporting gender equality and empowerment of girls and women.
3. In-country funding has been systematically calculated and figures were included in the Annual Results Report 2020 (ECW and its partners leveraged US\$1 billion in 10 MYRP countries).

First Emergency Response (FER)

1. Since January 2021, ECW responded to 13 different emergencies with grants under the FER window to 21 grantees, amounting to US\$19 million. Numbers of FERs approved as at 1 November: Lebanon, Mozambique, Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia (Tigray response), Cameroon, Chad, CAR, DRC, Bangladesh, Gaza, Haiti, Afghanistan.

Acceleration Facility (AF)

1. Under the Acceleration Facility, ECW has developed and financed new strategic partnerships in Gender and MHPSS, with NRC through the Better Learning Programme and with UNICEF on the Minimum Service Package. ECW has delivered against its commitment to develop new and novel partnerships with innovative donors by developing a portfolio of projects focused on identifying and scaling up innovations and strengthening systemic capacity to respond to crises. 16 projects responding to these strategic objectives have been approved thus far in 2021.

Multi-Year Resilience Programmes (MYRPs)

1. Iraq MYRP approved in July 2021.

Quality programmes and holistic education

1. Technical guidance was provided in all MYRPs and FERs development to enhance quality programming (on MHPSS, gender, protection, disability inclusion and learning outcomes).

2. ECW's FER and MYRP application templates and instructions were revised to strengthen EiE, gender, disability and MHPSS.
3. ECW organised a side-event to the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD around data on children with disabilities, which brought together stakeholders (HI, Save the Children, Sightsavers, USAID, UNICEF, World Vision) to ensure harmonisation of data collection on children with disabilities.
4. ECW's Capacity Development Framework (CDF) was developed and the roll-out will continue in 2022, with a strong focus on localisation.

Gender equality

1. The implementation plan of the Gender Policy and Accountability Framework was updated for the period 2021 and 2022.
2. ECW continued to support the publication and roll out of UNGEI's EiE-GenKit in 2021, which is a core resource package aiming to provide education practitioners with practical tools to promote gender-responsive programming.

Advocacy and communications and the EiEPC community

1. The EiE Campaign Champions Group to support ECW advocacy efforts is established to increase political will for EiEPC and support resource mobilisation efforts in the lead up to the EiE High Level Event anticipated to take place in 2023.
2. Scaled-up advocacy support was ensured for resource mobilisation, programmatic campaigns, high-level events and missions (Afghanistan, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Haiti, etc.) via earned media, social media, web and other platforms.
3. ECW Visibility Guidance Note was produced and will be disseminated in Q4, which is part of tools developed to support in-country level communications and advocacy.
4. The Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies was launched in October 2021.

Data collection and Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Annual Results Report 2020 titled "Winning the Human Race" was produced and launched. The report provides a brief insight into the important results that ECW and strategic partners have achieved together.
2. Monitoring and reporting were further aligned and streamlined through enhanced joint reporting and grants management tools. Joint reporting took place early this year, and an online systematisation approach will be launched in Q4.
3. Cost-per-child analysis was produced and included in the 2020 Annual Report.
4. Holistic learning outcome measurement grant for Colombia and Peru was approved in Q4 of 2021. Implementation of the other five MYRP countries by Cambridge Education is on-track, focusing on the measurement and system change designs and related handbook.

Risk and due diligence

1. Process to support periodic risk reporting by grantees was established and portfolio-level risk dashboard developed under the newly established ECW Information Management System.
2. Six-monthly Corporate and Portfolio-Level risk reporting to ExCom was instituted.
3. All CSO grantees were assessed under UNICEF's PSEA Assessment Framework (assessments undertaken by UNICEF). ECW monitors grantee progress in implementing recommendations.
4. Safeguarding chapter was developed in conjunction with the Global Education Cluster for the forthcoming EiEPC-CPIE Toolkit for field practitioners. This is a joint initiative led by INEE-CPHA aimed at strengthening integration of EiEPC and CPIE.

II. ONGOING

Multi-Year Resilience Programmes (MYRPs)

1. Work is underway on the development of the remaining seven MYRPs planned for 2021. ECW anticipates that the MYRPs will be submitted to ExCom for approval as follows: November-Libya; December-Burundi, Lebanon, Sudan, Haiti, Pakistan, and Cameroon.
2. Renewals of existing MYRPs are also underway with Bangladesh expected to be submitted to ExCom in November.

First Emergency Response (FER)

1. The ECW Secretariat is systematically following up on the FER evaluation management response to ensure that agreed actions are implemented as planned.
2. FER investments in Yemen and Madagascar are anticipated to be approved by 31 December 2021.

Acceleration Facility (AF)

1. Beyond the 16 grants approved, a further four are in the pipeline up to the end of the calendar year, which will bring the portfolio allocated under the AF window to approximately US\$8.4 million in 2021. These remaining grants, including core support for the Global Education Cluster and data collection for children with disabilities, are scheduled for submission in Q4.
2. ECW is currently developing an AF to enhance the uptake of the Washington Group/UNICEF Child Functioning Module (Teacher Version) in emergencies and protracted crises.

Disability inclusion

1. A Policy and Accountability Framework on Disability Inclusion is under development, which will set clear objectives and actions for ECW to take to enhance disability inclusion in EiEPC. The document is anticipated to be launched at the Global Disability Summit in February 2022.

Evaluations

1. Draft MYRP evaluation report is in the final stages following several rounds of commenting and revisions; once cleared internally and by the advisory group, it will be sent to ExCom in November.

2. ToR for organisational evaluation was developed and contracting was completed; inception period will start from November onward.

Risk and due diligence

1. All FER and MYRP grantees identify, assess and apply mitigation measures to manage risk and report to ECW.
2. Risk and safeguarding advice are provided to MYRP inception teams during scoping missions, Cluster and refugee coordinating bodies, and to grantees under all investment windows.

ECW Information System

1. A comprehensive Information Management System (IMS) was established and will be further developed in 2022. The IMS will be an essential tool for ECW to gather and house data on results, finance, grants management, gender, and risk management. Once further developed, the IMS will enable direct periodic reporting into the system by grantees which will streamline annual results, financial and risk reporting.

III. ROLLED OVER DELIVERABLES FROM 2021:

1. Efforts to systematise localisation across investments are ongoing. An Acceleration Facility grant to Street Child UK is underway to contribute to framing the concept of localisation and identify pathways to implementation. Localisation and risk-related considerations will be a focus area of the development of the next Strategic Plan.
2. The organisational evaluation will be completed by end Q3 in 2022, with findings and recommendations informing the development of the new Strategic Plan.
3. ECW website process is ongoing. A taxonomy has been established, web-site development is underway, and a soft launch scheduled in Q1 2022.
4. Renewals of existing MYRPs in CAR, Afghanistan and Uganda will be undertaken in 2022.
5. Joint annual reviews will be conducted in additional MYRP countries.
6. Discussions between ECW, GPE and WB on how to further improve coordination and collaboration are ongoing and will continue into 2022. Moving forward, it will be important to broaden out the conversation to also include donors and other key stakeholders.
7. Development of a child safeguarding assessment framework will be shifted to Q1-Q2 2022 to ensure harmonised approaches to safeguarding assessments and align with UNICEF's Child Safeguarding Policy.
8. Due to limited funding available in 2021, the gender-specific AFs planned for 2021 will be rolled over.
9. Conflict of interest guidance will be developed in Q1-Q2 of 2022 to reflect recommendations of the MYRP evaluation and align with the new Strategic Plan.