

**Round-table Workshop: Humanitarian Evaluation
14 December 2011**

Venue: Abu Dhabi (Venue TBC)
 Chair: Dr. Abdul Kareem Bin Si Ali – Advisor - UAE Red Crescent Authority (TBC)
 Speakers: Ross Mountain, DARA
 Riccardo Polastro, DARA
 Language: Arabic and English (simultaneous translation provided)

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	Time	Session title	Presenter	Objective	Activities/ Content
Introduction	08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Registration			
	08:30 – 08:45	Welcome	Chair- dr. Abdulkareem Bin Si Ali		Welcome to DARA Introduction of participants Introduction to Sultan Al Shamsi
	08:45 – 09:00	Introduction	Sultan Al Shamsi, OCFA		Introduction to the day's program and objectives
Context	Session 1 09:00 - 10:30	Introduction to humanitarian evaluation	Makki Hamid, OCFA	<p>Participants provide an overview of the current evaluation practices of UAE humanitarian donors</p> <p>Participants understand the benefits of conducting humanitarian evaluations; cost-benefit and improved humanitarian action</p> <p>Participants understand the timing, processes, tools etc. of humanitarian evaluation, including ALNAP guidelines</p>	<p>Selected participants give short presentations on their current evaluation practices</p> <p>Presentation introducing the distinctive features of humanitarian evaluation, and providing an introduction to the ALNAP guidelines</p> <p>Discussion: Which aspects of humanitarian evaluation guidelines are most applicable in the UAE foreign aid context</p>

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break					
Methodology & Practice	Session 2 10:45 – 11:05	Evaluations and Performance	Ross Mountain, DARA	Participants understand the benefit to senior managers of conducting evaluations	Presentation on real-life examples of evaluations that have helped to refocus humanitarian programs
	Session 3 11:05 – 11:30	Real-Time Evaluations	Riccardo Polastro, DARA	Participants understand the challenges and achievements, methodologies and participatory and consultative processes that are particular to RTEs	Presentation: introducing RTEs and explaining how they differ from other evaluations Q&A
	Session 4 11:30 – 12:30	Case studies: evaluating humanitarian action	Riccardo Polastro, DARA	Participants understand the purpose and impact of humanitarian evaluations through discussing case studies	Presentation: Case studies in Pakistan and Somalia, addressing the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did it cost? • How long did it take? • What were the key challenges? • How were the results used? Working groups & Plenary discussion
12:30 – 12:50 Coffee Break					

Next Steps	Session 5 12:50 – 13:40	Next Steps	Makki Hamid and Martin Barber, OCFA Chair and Martin Barber, OCFA	Participants gauge the best way to take their engagement in humanitarian evaluation forward	Group discussion Key Questions: 1) What steps are needed to mainstream evaluations into UAE donors' humanitarian operations? 2) What kind of guidance would be appropriate for UAE donors in the field of humanitarian evaluation? 3) What should be the priorities for further training in this area? Plenary: Report back from group and conclusions on next steps
	Session 6 13:40- 14:00	Conclusion	Ross Mountain, DARA		Concluding comments Participants receive their certificates and provide feedback
14:00 – 15:00 Lunch					