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## MEDIA ADVISORY

# Inter-Agency Standing Committee Deputies Group meets in person in Nairobi

**Nairobi, Kenya, 5 March 2024** — The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Deputies Group will convene in Nairobi, Kenya for in-person meetings and consultations on Wednesday, 6 March 2024.

The group aims to review key recommendations and decisions made following the presentation of the Independent Review of Humanitarian Response to Internal Displacement at the January 2023 IASC Principals meeting. At the end of these consultations, the group will propose a way forward to implement proposed decisions and recommendations.

Ahead of the in-person meeting, IASC Deputies visited the Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi on Tuesday, 5 March 2024. This field visit provided an opportunity to experience first-hand living conditions of the urban poor, showcase how informal settlements serve as heavens for vulnerable populations, including migrants fleeing from disasters or conflicts, and illustrate the interrelated dimensions of urban poverty and vulnerability. The IASC Deputies visited a local youth centre in the Mathare community to witness the catalytic role of community-driven initiatives as drivers of change, particularly for the youth and women.

Created by United Nations General Assembly resolution 46/182 in 1991, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) is the longest-standing and highest-level humanitarian coordination forum of the United Nations system. It brings together the executive heads of 19 organizations and consortia to formulate policy, set strategic priorities and mobilize resources in response to humanitarian crises. The IASC is chaired by the Emergency Relief Coordinator, who facilitates the leadership role of the United Nations Secretary-General.

The IASC Deputies Group meeting in Nairobi is being hosted by UN-Habitat, a member organization of the IASC.

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