

Annex 7: Table of options – a comparison

The table below summarises the objectives and approaches of the options suggested by this study, as well as the preconditions that each option would appear to require.

	Why (Objective)	What (Scope)	How (Approach)	Preconditions	Comment
Option 1	Public Accountability Watchdog.	Revise the HRI: evaluation of donor performance based on top 10 donors having signed GB+GHD.	Integrate a number of different operational modalities. Align with existing mechanisms that have developed commonly accepted indicators.	Buy-in from the donor community, particularly for access to information. Considerable funding for triangulation of research approaches.	The precise need is unclear in view of the already crowded space. Could possibly work in complementary fashion with OECD/DAC peer reviews. Restricted funding opportunities.
Option 2	Mapping the chain.	Develop a tool to map gaps in the funding chain.	Contrasting existing needs assessments with data on aid-flows. Desk research to compile publicly available information and engagement with humanitarian community to develop mapping tool	Review of what can be done with publicly available data. Relatively little funding in view of focus on desk-based research.	Could be a relatively small project resulting in a tool that can be useful for much of HERE's work. Looking only at the funding chain may not be enough however. It would likely overlap with the work done by Development Initiatives.
Option 3	Platform for dialogue / system analysis.	Measure the impact of commitments.	Cycle of real-time context analyses, including perception studies targeting also affected populations.	Carefully thought through baselines for impact assessment. Adequate funding for field research. Partnerships? Operationalisation of unclear commitments (see Option 4).	Appears a good fit for HERE's mission, and a valuable endeavour. No similar efforts have been highlighted.
Option 4	Platform for dialogue / system analysis.	Operationalise commitments re the relationship between humanitarian and development work.	Desk-research, triangulated by a selection of context analyses, and workshops with stakeholders.	Engagement from representatives of the humanitarian community. Adequate funding for some field research.	Good fit for HERE's mission. Interesting link to the Mandates Study. Would be a valuable basis for Option 3.
Option 5	Platform for dialogue / system analysis.	Clarify the accountability role of non-traditional /private donors.	Work with a group of interested private/non-traditional donors to clarify definition of quality funding (also based on existing commitments).	Engagement from interested private donors. Relatively little funding in view of focus on desk-based research.	Could be a relatively small side-project, benefitting from HERE's nascent collaboration with a group of private foundations.