

# THE TRIPLE NEXUS IN PRACTICE:

## CHALLENGES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE SPANISH COOPERATION

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### Executive Summary

The Triple Nexus is one of the most recent proposals to better respond to crises' increasing complexity and duration, as forced displacement is on the rise and intensification of climate change's effects is leading to an upsurge in the severity and frequency of extreme weather events and droughts. These situations require anticipatory action and adaptation to avoid irreversible damage. Faced with these challenges, various actors, donors including Spain and international organisations, as well as local and international NGOs, are considering new ways to respond to these complex scenarios where the root causes are multiple, and solutions are not apparent. The nexus approach arises to connect these three key areas: humanitarian action, development, and peace, both in response and prevention. This approach also allows addressing these contexts where a short-sighted single-issue vision is not enough to achieve a lasting solution.

Spain, as a member country of the OECD's DAC, has shown favourable to adopting the triple nexus approach and participates in the working group led by the INCAF Secretariat of the OECD's DAC. This report analyses the current acceptance and awareness of the triple nexus among Spanish cooperation actors. We also explore the challenges they identify to operationalise this approach, especially in financing and coordination aspects. It then provides recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the triple nexus approach in line with the OECD-DAC Recommendation. In broad terms, the report identifies the strengths and weaknesses to advance in implementing the nexus approach in the Spanish Cooperation following the elements set out by the OECD-DAC Recommendation.

Recommendations include rethinking some of the planning, coordination, and financing tools in the Spanish cooperation to make them more suitable for implementing the triple nexus approach. Effective operationalisation also requires continuing to promote collaborative work with the DAC, disseminating knowledge, debating more widely among cooperation actors and dedicating specific financial and human resources to the HDP triple nexus. Specifically, the peace component requires further development, which offers an opportunity to strengthen peacebuilding as a central aspect of the Spanish Cooperation.

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