1. Introductions from Newcomers

Mailin Fauchon and Sebastien Cazenave join the Global Strategy Advisory Group as newcomers.

- Mailin takes on the role as Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator and has been working for WFP for approximately 20 years across a wide variety of functions (partnerships, logistics, Logistics Cluster, CivMil). Mailin has a good understanding about the operational, partnership-related and inter-agency related work within WFP and the Logistics Cluster.

- Sebastian Cazenave is Senior Director of Global Logistics and Supply Chain at International Medical Corps (IMC). Sebastian has been leading IMC’s global supply chain department for about 7 years, and is especially interested in pushing the procurement and medical logistics (MedLog) agenda as embedded activities of the Logistics Cluster.

2. Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM) Review – View from SAG Members

It is expected that a report with highlights of the GLM will be shared across all global partners in early July. Main takeaways refer to:

- The sessions on data and on innovation were particularly well-perceived, as well as the last session on collaboration with UNICEF. In terms of discussions around innovation, the SAG must assess what information can be really useful for partners going forward and how innovation in humanitarian logistics can benefit regional and national stakeholders.

- The introduction of procurement as a new topic has been widely appreciated, and further work is expected in this regard.

- Given that the entire event was in-person, several organisations did not attend due to COVID-19 considerations. There was therefore a lack in diversity of profiles at the event. Nevertheless, during the
preparations only one organisation reached out to enquire about whether any hybrid sessions would have been organised.

- **Hybrid solutions** can bring a lot of value in terms of **stimulating diversity**, as they allow for involvement of national stakeholders that cannot physically make it to the event. They also potential networking opportunities, although these are better achieved at in-person events.
- Hybrid solutions do however not always allow to interact in the best possible way on specific operational matters. In this regard, the idea was raised to schedule specific in-person meetings along with an online GLM, in order to **boost partner engagement** and interest across a variety of topics.
- There was an **overwhelming wealth of topics** which impeded deep-diving on specific topics. Specific operational meetings could be done in hybrid format, but strategic discussions should ideally be done face-to-face. To date, strategy consultations throughout the year were mostly carried out remotely and people contributed considerably across a variety of working groups – it could therefore be possible to schedule virtual thematic break-out meetings along with an in-person GLM.
- At present, **networking opportunities** only arise once a year and in one place at global level during the GLM. It could be an option to **boost localisation and regional engagement** by organising similar networking opportunities at regional level more frequently. Regionalisation of meetings does also allow participants to have strategic discussions at regional level.
- Generally speaking, interest in LogIE appears to be high given the operational nature of the tool, but **awareness of the functionalities of LogIE** seems limited at the moment. It could be useful to assess to which extent partners are familiar with the tool.
- **Presentation of specific operations** might require the physical presence of the in-country Logistics Cluster coordinator at the GLM. In terms of time dedicated to specific operations, it could be useful to dedicate more time to the most recent operation in which, by effect, there is more actual interest, but we must not ignore the other ongoing humanitarian response interventions completely.
- The decision to focus on the Madagascar operation came from the rationale that it is of interest to present an operation which has both the response and preparedness elements to it, including localised **partner engagement**. In that regard, the GLM could take the form of a strategic forum with specific ad hoc sessions on specific country operations (including the provision of operational updates, lessons learnt, and discussions on key issues).

### 3. Health Cluster / World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaboration

- WHO colleagues visited WFP HQ premises to discuss further **inter-agency collaboration opportunities in the area of MedLog**. Closer working relationships are expected in the near future.
- The IMPACCT (IMPortation and Customs Clearance Together) working group is expected to tailor its **support activities** when it comes to MedLog.
- The organisations discussed that a **simple standard operating procedure (SOP) on inter-agency collaboration in the MedLog sphere** could be useful for clarity in terms of mandate. This shall include information on collaboration mechanisms with WHO, with the Health Cluster, as well as technical
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Information related to warehousing space (such as pharma grading of containers, cold chain technology, and best practices related to temperature-sensitive logistics). Clarity in terms of what the Global Logistics Cluster aims to achieve from such collaborations must be provided, as well as information on where the Global Logistics Cluster intends to go in a different set of areas of interventions (such as, for example, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), preparedness, sustainability in humanitarian logistics, and health logistics).

- Discussions on possible matchmaking opportunities on warehousing space, available stock, and any other common logistics services provided by both organisations took place, as well the development of a health-focused market intelligence platform focused on assessing needs and gaps for health suppliers and health products. The latter shall have a focus on epidemiological data and will include commercial data as well.
- Last but not least, in order for WHO as well as the Health Cluster to access WFP’s supply chain data, discussions took place on the development of a global supply chain monitoring platform. Further discussions on whether we can circulate partner data, as well as on the levels of data granularity needed, are still to be had.

4. AOB

- Voting on the next Logistics Cluster Coordinator (LCC) representative at the next SAG meeting shall take place soon.
- The next GLM shall most likely take place in November or December 2022, and shall most likely be delivered remotely with the possibility of having some in-person in-depth discussions as well.
- The next SAG meeting will take place on 22 July 2022 at 11:00 CEST.

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