Meeting Minutes, 17 February 2023
Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

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ACTION POINTS
• Members proposed to take a second review (deep-dive) on the SAG TORs during the next SAG meeting when there is full quorum. The TOR document to be re-shared in word format for comments from members.
• An overview of the GLC’s Ukraine Response to be included in the next meeting agenda to address Logistics concerns from partners on ground.

AGENDA
1. Updates on Türkiye and Syria earthquake/IMPACCT overview
2. GLC funding overview and organisational chart
3. Review of SAG TORs and SAG membership renewal/election
4. Events
5. AOB

1. Updates on Türkiye and Syria Earthquake/IMPACCT Overview

LOGISTICS CLUSTER RESPONSE
• The Logistics Cluster deployed staff (four Logistics Officers and three Information Management Officers) to support the government and humanitarian community on ground. As of date, the Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator is in Gaziantep to support the team on the ground on field-level assessments.
• Capacity reinforcement and additional staff have been provided to the transhipment hub in Bab-al-Hawa as well as the two new border crossing points of Bab-al-Salam and Al Ra’ee.
• Additional staff capacity through Atlas Logistique (staff deployed under UNDAC) to support the Logistics Cluster operations in North West Syria particularly on storage capacity and supply chain needs.
• The Türkiye Flash Appeal was approved for a period of three months for a total of USD 1 billion. A budget of USD 3 million was submitted for logistics operations and emergency telecommunications.

• The Türkiye Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and AFAD (National Disaster Management Organisation) are the main counterparts of the Logistics Cluster in country. The Logistics Cluster is looking to place a coordinator in Ankara to support the Inter-Sector Coordination response activities to the emergency.

• The Logistics Cluster is working on a number of initiatives, including mapping upstream needs from the partners and working with private sector, the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) and International Humanitarian City (IHC)/UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) on their capacity to transport cargo from overseas into Türkiye and North West Syria. The Logistics Cluster is also closely coordinating with partners on the ground to facilitate importation of cargo from Türkiye into North West Syria.

• Mapping of storage capacity and possible scale up of services is ongoing, based on logistics needs identified by the humanitarian community. The Logistics Cluster has developed contracts on stand-by to help organisations requesting bonded or other storage capacity requests.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

• Dedicated webpage for the Türkiye/Syria response is operational for partners to access the latest updates. The Whole of Syria Cluster operations webpage is updated with information on North West Syria response activities.

• Log.ie makes available the latest information through interactive maps for Türkiye and Syria response operations.

• Global calls and local coordination meetings in Gaziantep continue to be held to ensure a consistent flow of information to partners. National counterparts such as AFAD and Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) are identified to facilitate some of the sessions.

IMPORTATION

• Importation and Customs procedures for registered and non-registered partners are provided through the publication of a series of bulletins. The IMPACCT Bulletin n°3 on “Customs, Importation and Quarantine Procedures”, Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Customs Procedures was published on the webpage.
2. GLC Funding Overview and Organisational Chart

- The GLC financial requirement for 2023 is USD 8.8 million. Shortfall against the requirements for 2023 is USD 0.9 million.
- WFP, as lead agency, provides funding to cover the core GLC functions of Information Management and Operations. As such, the funding needs for operational support are fully met.
- Non-core and project-based activities are financed through donor funding, and as such may suffer from shortfalls if enough funding is not secured. To cover some of current shortfalls under the pillars of Strengthening Response Capacity, Standards and Policy, and Partnership Based Activities, the GLC has submitted funding proposals to ECHO and BHA.
- An overview of GLC need and requirements at the country-level and the potential funding gaps and needs to be provided in the next meeting.
- GLC organisational chart shows different pillars and workstreams, in addition to new members that have joined the team. Four vacancies are presently open and published on the GLC website (three Operations Officer, and Environmental Specialist under the WREC project). The vacancies were widely shared with various networks and on social media accounts to encourage applicants.

3. Review of SAG TORs and SAG Membership/Election

- Overview of members up for election/re-appointment was shared.
  - November 2018 / GLM in Dublin in 2019 – re-election of NGOs’ representatives: Fabrice Perrot/SI & Sue Hodgson/SCI.
  - GLM in Dublin in 2019 – re-election of representatives of governmental organisations: Pierre Tripon/ECHO and Theo Lingens/THW.
- As such, the four SAG members above are eligible for re-election/re-appointment. The SAG membership/election will be considered in the agenda for upcoming GLM in June 2023.

4. Events

Events before the Earthquake Response Operations:
- Global Preparedness Workshop took place in Rome from 24-26 January 2023. The workshop addressed thematic areas including Field Based Preparedness Projects (FBPP), Impact Measurement and Customs. The workshop welcomed a wide range of participants from national counterparts, UN NGOs, Academic and the Private Sector. The workshop aimed to revamp the working group and to
design the roadmap for 2023-2024 for FBPP. Notes For the Record (NFR) to be shared next week with the workshop participants.

- The GLC Retreat took place in Todi, Umbria from 1 - 3 February 2023. Some of the working members from the field/regions attending the preparedness workshop were also able to take part.

**Upcoming:**

- **Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week 2023:** 17-28 April 2023. The GLC is preparing to participate both online and in-person.
- The next GLM is scheduled in June 2023 (tentative for the week of 12-16 June 2023). UNHCR has offered to host the next GLM in Budapest. Updates to be provided in the next SAG meeting.
- **Aidex 2023:** Nairobi 14-15 June 2023. GLC to plan and determine the type of presence/participation.
- **Aidex 2023:** Geneva 25-26 October 2023. GLC is planning the level of participation.
- **GLM in fall:** Aidex has offered to host the meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. The GLMs were recommended to be hosted at the local level to encourage more partners to participate. The GLC to look at it closely to explore the possibility of this approach in the Fall GLM.
- **ECHO European Humanitarian Forum (EHF) 20-21 March 2023:** the GLC Coordinator is scheduled to participate in the forum.

**5. AOB**

- As part of the action points from the last GLM in Brussels, a survey including actions on the way forward from the GLM was shared. 27 partners have so far shared their input. Members who are yet to do so are encouraged to submit their responses.
- Members recognised the positive support and impact of the GLC (and presence of the GLC coordinator) in the Türkiye/Syria response, in addition to the role of IMPACCT in supporting partners with customs processes and procedures.
- Feedback from field partners was shared on the services made available to the humanitarian community in Ukraine by the Logistics Cluster and Atlas Logistique, the use of which might decrease as some organizations are now looking to outsource their own warehousing services through the private sector. Thus, there is need for an assessment of the GLC’s last resort service in Ukraine. The matter was recommended as an action point in a presentation on GLC’s Ukraine Response.
- One of the members raised the challenge of the low quorum in SAG meetings and proposed a need to increase the number of members to improve representation. It was noted that the decision and momentum is more important than numbers in participation in such meetings and that increasing the number of participants will not impact outcomes.
### The next national SAG meeting will take place on 24 March 2023 at 11:30 CET

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