Meeting Minutes, 28 April 2023
Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

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ACTION POINTS
• Assess the way forward for Working Groups at the next GLM, as part of the SIP review
• Share draft, reviewed SAG TORs with SAG members and finalise them ahead of next GLM

AGENDA
1. Operational Updates
2. SAG ToR Review
3. Events
4. Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM)
5. Working Group updates from SAG members

1. Operational Updates

• Burkina Faso and DRC
  o Recruitment of Logistics Cluster Coordinators (LCCs) ongoing. LCCs expected to be on-site within the next 15 days.

• Haiti:
  o IASC Scale Up Activation for 3 months until 14 July 2023. Objective is to reinforce collective capacity and response in protection, health, WASH and food security sectors. The recruitment for national IM support officer is ongoing - candidates for temporary deployment are sought in the meantime.
  o GCCG mission is expected to take place in June 2023, with the Food Security, Emergency Telecommunications Cluster and Logistics Cluster travelling to Haiti together.

• Sudan:
  o WFP carried out staff evacuation and suspended operations temporarily. Bilateral conversations held with partners and among UN organisations to coordinate the response. The regional response will most likely be coordinated from Nairobi.
  o Staff list being prepared for deployment of staff in the areas of coordination, information management and provision of logistics services.
  o Global Logistics Cluster call on 26 April 2023: information shared on situation update, entry points, local market capacity and logistics plans.
2. SAG ToR Review

- **Main edits made refer to:**
  - Reduction of length with introduction of an Annex
  - Simplification of language to make ToR less prescriptive
  - Focus of ToR on mandate of the SAG and roles of SAG members
  - Mentioning SAG involvement in working groups
  - Emphasis on the “ambassador” role of the SAG when it comes to advocacy
  - Reference to the Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) assessment exercise

3. Events

- **HNPW – Geneva – 17-28 April 2023:**
  - Sessions:
    - Digitalisation and AI in emergency preparedness
    - Preparedness Enabler’s Guide (PEG)
    - Green Procurement, ESG, and WREC
    - Logistics Cluster induction, Logistics Cluster actors mapping
    - IMPACCT (IMPortation and Customs Clearance Together)
    - Movement of medicines and medical equipment
  - Bilateral meetings held with OCHA on the mandate and hosting of the IMPACCT working group, along with the catalogue of services that it can provide. The idea is to formalise an MoU between OCHA and WFP to structure the IMPACCT’s scope of work.

- **GLM June: Week of 12-16 at UNHCR, Budapest:**
  - The objective is to make this next GLM as focused as possible on the SIP, and to reduce the amount of discussion topics which can instead be brought to the plenary GLM in winter.
  - Draft agenda
    - Establishing the GLC Way Forward
    - Revision of the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP)
    - SAG Elections
Marketplace and open sessions on Friday, including information islands and discussion panels on cross-cutting activities

- Participants have been informed about forthcoming elections of four rotating SAG member seats, and applications are being collected.

4. Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM)

- **Work done in 2023:**
  - Sensitization of Cluster Coordinators
  - Guidance alignment
  - Information management material on CCPM approach
  - End of Year Surveys aligned to the CCPM approach

- **Key take-aways from End of Year Survey**
  - 370 respondents
  - Main responding organisations: 70.8% NGOs, 20.8% UN Agencies
  - 82% of respondents globally felt they would benefit from a training on the Cluster approach
  - 63% use the website regularly
  - Awareness of strategic documents ranged from 57% (Strategy) to 53% (GNA)
  - 46% felt they had contributed to the development of strategic documents
  - 80% felt the Logistics Cluster regularly reported on its activities
  - 48% aware of identification of national counterpart in their operation
  - 59% felt that advocacy messages had been discussed during Cluster meetings
  - Global satisfaction rates:
    - Coordination: 91%
    - Information Management: 90%
    - Common Logistics Services: 89%

- **Important considerations**
  - Further tailoring of the CCPM exercise is required for improved granularity of results, and the right respondents are to be identified for better accuracy of results.

5. Working Group updates from SAG members

- Global Logistics Cluster Working Groups form a strategic group of senior logistics professionals from partner organizations and stakeholders, including the private sector and academia. The Working Groups are thematic, and are governed by the SAG. Working Groups are time-bound and were set up against specifically identified activities and objectives defined in the SIP.

- There are currently five Working Groups which are aligned to the pillars of the Logistics Cluster Strategy 2022-2026:
SAG members and GLC staff members leading the Working Groups report low attendance and partner engagement. As such, the Working Groups mechanism will be re-examined at the next GLM in Budapest.

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