
LOCATION	Teleconference
DATE	21 February 2020
CHAIR	Athalie Mayo
PARTICIPANTS	Didier Merckx, Fabrice Perrot, John Crisci, Katja Hildebrand, Mary Jelliti, Susan Hodgson, Bruno Vandemeulebroecke (observer)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The GLC Support Team to explore the possibility of teleconference/online streaming of the GLM in Leuven.• The GSAG to reach out to potential candidates amongst representatives from Governmental Organisations regarding the upcoming GSAG vacancy.• WFP to reach out to relevant UN agencies regarding GSAG position.• GLC Support Team to engage with DFID on the content of the GLM session.• Fabrice to review structure of the GSAG TORs.• Fabrice to examine composition of other cluster Strategic Advisory Groups.• The GLC Support Team to send reminder to submit draft ToRs prior to the March GSAG meeting to the other Working Groups.• The GLC Support Team to create a tracking sheet on the status of the Working Groups.• Preparedness Working Group:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Athalie to ask Samuel Terefe if proposed deliverables in the TORs were linked to commitments to donors.○ GSAG members to revert in writing with any additional comments to the TORs or to signal interest in being the GSAG Focal Point for the group.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction of John Crisci2. Review of the next candidate countries to implement the preparedness project3. Previous Action Points4. GLC Update5. GLM Spring 20206. Review of TORs of Working Groups

1. Introduction of John Crisci

- Athalie welcomed John Crisci, WFP Acting Director of Supply Chain, as WFP representative to the GSAG.
- John thanked Athalie and the GSAG members and expressed his enthusiasm to work more closely with the Logistics Cluster as the new WFP representative, and affirmed WFP's commitment to the cluster as its lead agency. John stated that he looks forward to attending the upcoming Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) to meet with the broader community of partners.

2. Review of the next candidate countries to implement the preparedness project

- Samuel Terefe from the GLC Support Team presented a list of 30 priority countries for the GSAG's endorsement to allow scale-up of the implementation of the preparedness project from 13 to 24 countries. Agreement on a list of 30 countries would enable the project to offer immediate support to additional countries, should roll-out of activities not be appropriate/be interrupted in selected locations due to onset of emergencies or other ongoing initiatives.
- The methodology to identify candidate countries had been updated in consultation with partners at the GLM in Dublin, and at the the Global Preparedness Workshop in Rome, November 2019, together with the Preparedness Working Group. The criteria now includes both qualitative and quantitative indicators.
- Activities in each country would be adapted to the existing structures, resources and experiences on the ground and would hence not be identical in each location but would address needs identified through a unitary project methodology.
- The GSAG endorsed the list of 30 countries and asked to be kept updated on project progress.

3. Previous Action Points

Reordered by action taken

Completed

- The GLC Support Team will confirm the need or cancellation of the booking of the alternative GLM venue at ECHO by Friday 31 January.
- The GLC Support Team to publish the GSAG infographic.
- GSAG members to provide comments on the draft texts for the Annual Report and Mary and Theo to provide quotes by COB Monday 27 January.
- The GLC Support Team to share the Working Group TOR template with aspiring Working Groups in the coming week. Working Groups will be asked to, if possible, submit their TOR proposals by the next GSAG meeting on 21 February.

- The GLC Support Team to revert with a draft GLM agenda to the GSAG.

Updated in the meeting

- The GLC Support Team to provide information regarding breakdown of partners by organisational category.
 - As per the newly published data, the Logistics Cluster worked with 715 partners in 2019, 44% NNGOs, 31% INGOs, 16% Government, 6% Other, and 3% UN agencies.

Carried forward with updates

- GLC Support Team to engage with DFID on the content of the GLM session.
- The GLC Support Team to explore the possibility of teleconference/online streaming of upcoming and/or future GLMs.
- Fabrice, Susan and Mary will prepare the GLM GSAG update session.
- Mary to organise a GLM session on “Capacity Building of Local Partners”.
 - Title should be Technical competencies in logistics.
- The GSAG to reach out to potential candidates amongst representatives from Governmental Organisations regarding the upcoming GSAG vacancy.
 - This was a generic action point for all GSAG members. John said that WFP would contact relevant UN agencies. Didier said that ECHO would be able to reach out to national disaster management offices in Europe but would not be in a position to mobilise beyond Europe. It was also pointed out that ECHO could stand for the position again. The GSAG agreed to think further about this and reach out accordingly before the next meeting.
- Fabrice to review structure of the GSAG TORs.
- Fabrice to examine composition of other cluster Strategic Advisory Groups.
 - To be discussed at the GSAG meeting at the upcoming GLM.

4. GLC Update

- Northwest Syria in focus. The Logistics Cluster is ensuring that sufficient reinforcements are in place and monitoring changes to the pipeline. The new Cluster Coordinator for Syria, Christophe Morard, arrived in Damascus and another experienced logistician, Christophe Vial, will go to Gaziantep.
- The GSAG discussed Syria-Turkey cross-border transshipment operations and possible scenarios following the expiration of the current UN Security Council Resolution 2504 on 10 July 2020. The feasibility of prepositioning stock was considered along with the impact of population displacement not only on humanitarian needs but on the ability to deliver aid as personnel of national NGOs would be displaced along with the population. It was agreed that this topic needs further in-depth discussion in the next GSAG meeting in March.
- Mary informed the GSAG that INGOs would gather in Jordan to discuss the topic the following week and offered to report back on meeting conclusions to the GSAG. Sue would ask Save the Children to attend as well.

- Mary asked about the possibility for INGOs to take over functions currently managed by the UN in case the UN could no longer operate across the border. It was agreed that solutions would need to be adapted along with the evolving situation and that options to ensure the best possible solutions for people in need would be considered in the next GSAG meeting.
- COVID-19 – the Logistics Cluster is keeping a watching brief on developments to monitor the need for either a global or country-level role in the response. Not many partners are seeking support either on the global or country-level at the moment but there could be needs in vulnerable locations going forward. Sean Price is participating in discussions on behalf of the cluster in Geneva and WFP has set up an internal cell for COVID-19 in which the cluster is participating. Members of the GSAG were encouraged to flag if they thought additional measures were needed.
- Sue noted that the response primarily had been led by governments that have not asked for help so far and that the main challenge for Save the Children had been the supply of PPEs and that there were no supplies to move downstream.
- The GLC Support Team has been approached from a number of directions regarding possibilities to set up logistics coordination mechanisms outside the normal scope of cluster or sector operations. Locations under discussion include Burkina Faso, Burundi, and Madagascar (Cabo Delgado Region).

5. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) Spring 2020

- The GSAG reviewed the working draft of the GLM Agenda. Katja asked if it would be useful to include more details on the presenters in the final agenda.
- The GSAG was encouraged to reach out to the GLC support team in case of additional ideas for the agenda.

6. Review of TORs of Working Groups

- The Preparedness Working Group had submitted draft ToRs. A reminder would be sent to the other Working Groups to submit their draft ToRs prior to the March GSAG meeting or the groups would be considered closed. Fabrice would also reach out to Maxence Giraud regarding the Service Provision Working Group. The group discussing awareness raising on the role and strategic importance of logistics for the successful implementation of a humanitarian response to emergencies had agreed to shelve activities.
- The GLC Support Team would create a tracking sheet on the status of Working Groups.
- Discussing the Preparedness Working Group TORs, Fabrice noted that there was no GSAG focal point and Didier wondered whether the TORs were too ambitious for the one year timeline and should be focused on a few selected points instead. Athalie would follow up with Samuel Terefe on whether deliverables were linked to commitments already made to donors to ensure that the deliverables of the Working Group were balanced with the deliverables of the funded preparedness project. It was agreed that additional comments on the ToRs could also be discussed in writing over the coming week.

- Anyone interested in being the Preparedness Working Group focal point would reach out to the rest of the group ahead of next GSAG meeting. Sue signalled interest in being the focal point. The role of the GSAG focal point for the Working Groups was discussed and whether this should be revised.

The next GSAG meeting is scheduled for 14:00, Friday 13 March

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