
LOCATION	Teleconference
DATE	8 May 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 Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Support Team to share updated paper on the Logistics Cluster’s “Role/ToR/Postion on Engagement” in the COVID-19 response with the GSAG for comments.• Operational coordination and information sharing flows around the ECHO Humanitarian Air Bridge to be explored bilaterally by GLC Support Team- ECHO- WFP Aviation in the coming week.• GLC Support Team to approach WFP Aviation if they can host a separate call on passenger transport and medevac.• On WFP GHRP Service Provision, the GLC Support Team to pass on 1) a request for additional clarity around expectations on available resources to WFP Aviation; 2) enquiry into the possibility to book mixed pallets in the Emergency Service Market Place.• GLC Support Team to convey to the Supply Chain Task Force (SCTF) and Supply Chain Inter-Agency Coordination Cell (SCICC) that different entities representing NGOs would be relevant to invite depending on the expertise needed (i.e. how NGOs are represented is important as well as if they are represented).• GLC Support Team to ask Geneva based structures on the process for and progress on consolidation of demand for PPE procurement at country-level.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stock Take/Update on the role of the Logistics Cluster in the COVID-19 response2. Update on SCTF/SCICC/Geneva structures

1. Stock Take/Update on the role of the Logistics Cluster in the COVID-19 response

- The GSAG agreed to incorporate linkages to the Strategy Implementation Plan and to outline the transition back to “business as usual” in the draft paper on the “Role/ToR/Postion on Engagement” of the Logistics Cluster in the COVID-19 response. An updated draft will be circulated.

- The Logistics Cluster primary focus in the global COVID-19 response is the sharing of information and coordination between partners . Also trying to anticipate and facilitate operational planning by consolidating pipeline needs and matching them to available resources through the new Cluster Humanitarian Operational Coordination of Logistics and Air Transport (CHOCOLAT) tool.
- GSAG members noted that country-level supply chains work somewhat normally without major impact on non-medical items. In contrast, international cargo transport is experiencing time delays and higher prices – sometimes twice as much as before. It was noted that the Logistics Cluster survey on the perceived impact of COVID-19 on Humanitarian Supply Chains should be periodically re-issued to map the evolving impact.
- The GSAG discussed operational coordination and information sharing flows linked to the ECHO Humanitarian Air Bridge and agreed that complementarity with WFP service provision could be explored bilaterally between GLC Support Team- ECHO- WFP Aviation in the coming week. It was noted that the Réseau Logistique Humanitaire (RLH) has coordinated several of the ECHO flights and is in discussions with ECHO regarding forthcoming coordination requirements.

Global COVID-19 call

- The GSAG agreed that the GLC Support Team should approach WFP Aviation to ask if they can host a separate call on passenger transport and medevac to allow the cluster calls to dedicate more time to cargo. Emails about the meetings could still be circulated through the cluster lists, however. It was noted that it was not necessarily the same persons within organisations that were covering passenger and cargo traffic.
- The GSAG did not find that the matter of whether or not to give a forum for discussion on procurement issues was as clearcut as passenger and medevac issues and flagged the potential need for a review of the Logistics Cluster mandate in the future.

GHRP Service Provision

- GSAG members asked the GLC Support Team to pass on a request for additional clarity around expectations on available resources to WFP Aviation.
- GSAG members also noted that it was not possible to book mixed pallets on the Emergency Service Market Place. The GLC Support Team will convey this to WFP.

2. Update on SCTF/SCICC/Geneva structures

- The Logistics Cluster has been invited to recent SCTF meetings and the GSAG fully endorsed the cluster's participation, specifically from a logistics perspective. The GSAG did not expect the cluster to represent partners on procurement matters.
- The scope and structure of the SCTF and SCICC is currently under revision and the updated documents will facilitate understanding of where the Logistics Cluster most meaningfully should participate and ensure representation of cluster partners.
- While the Logistics Cluster will focus on logistics, GSAG members noted that it would be beneficial to ensure high level coordination with procurement interests as Logistics Cluster partners tend to have needs in both areas. The GSAG could be kept informed of such coordination. GSAG members were

invited to reflect on how such coordination could be conducted and the topic will be revisited in the next meeting.

- The GSAG noted that different entities might be better suited to represent the same NGOs on the SCTF and SCICC depending on the expertise needed. E.g. International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) would be appropriate from a programme perspective, the Inter-Agency Procurement Group (IAPG) from a procurement perspective and the Logistics Cluster for a logistics perspective. The GLC Support Team will pass this message to the Geneva based structures.
- Options for how NGOs could facilitate/link up to SCICC procurement planning of PPE stocks were discussed including through compilation of foreseen PPE expenditures through for example the IAPG.
- The GSAG asked the GLC Support Team to convey a wish to Geneva based structures to clarify the process for and progress on consolidation of demand for PPE procurement at country-level.

3. AOB

- The GLC Support Team asked GSAG members to reflect on which NGO could be appropriate to invite to be part of the new reverse logistics project as flagged in previous meetings.
- Briefly touching on how to approach the organization of a Global Logistics Meeting in the autumn, GSAG members noted that online calls are difficult to focus on for extended periods of time. Additional reflection on this topic as well as on approaches to training and other aspects of transitioning to business as usual was invited for future calls.
- GSAG members noted that the Logistics Cluster must maintain a readiness to respond also to other potential disasters. With monsoon and hurricane seasons coming up, locusts, droughts and floods reported, it is possible that another response may need to scale-up parallel to the COVID-19 response.

The next GSAG meeting will be held Friday 15 May.

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