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# Meeting Minutes, 28 March 2024

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



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<b>SLOCATION</b>	Online
<b>DATE</b>	28 March 2024
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<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SAG members to provide further ideas for GLM agenda topics and possible partner presentations</li><li>• GLC to share the GLM agenda topics with the SAG and assign sessions to be moderated by respective SAG members</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. General and operational updates</li><li>2. Working Group updates</li><li>3. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) in Rome, 21-22 May 2024</li></ol>

## 1. General and operational updates

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- Gaps and Needs Assessments (GNAs) have recently been renewed for Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan. The Global Logistics Cluster team is revisiting the overall GNA development process for all operations to ensure it is concise and fit for purpose.
- Due to the escalation of the situation, a global call for Haiti will take place on 3 April 2024. Airlifting initiatives are ongoing through ECHO (Panama) and UNHRD (Dubai). Weekly coordination meetings are taking place at national level, and a regional call with partners in Latin America took place as well. The Logistics Emergency Team (LET) are in discussion to see what support they could provide in the Haiti emergency response.
- The security situation in Myanmar remains precarious and is affecting logistics for programme delivery. Discussions are ongoing for a possible activation of a Logistics coordination mechanism.
- Airbus Foundation approved 50 flight/hours for helicopter cargo transport to help reduce the backlog of relief items in Burkina Faso.
- In Egypt, additional support is being provided to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) in terms of rapid verification of trucks. Confirmation of cargo leaving Al-Arish is ongoing.
- Per week, three convoys are expected travel from Amman to Gaza through the Jordan corridor, with negotiations on the direct route still ongoing.
- The Logistics Cluster preparedness project will be launched in Timor-Leste and Tanzania to strengthen national coordination for supply chain in emergency response.

- In the environmental workstream, the WREC coalition retreat took place this week in London, with interesting discussions on collaborative action.
- The Global Logistics Cluster team attended the March IFRC Global Supply Chain conference to talk about the Logistics Cluster and highlight the environmental work.
- The Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator participated to the “Beyond Donorship” panel at the European Humanitarian Forum in March.
- The Annual Report 2023 has been finalized and will be shared with partners shortly.

## 2. Working Group updates

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- Training Working Group (WG): The mapping of expected competencies for warehouse managers is ongoing. Instead of additional technical trainings, now the WG, supported by the LC team in Rome, will map their training resources that are available to other organisations. After this exercise is completed, the training working group plans to wind down since its ToR will have been completed.
- Procurement Working Group: According to its original ToR, the procurement working group’s outcomes have almost been achieved. The role of the Logistics Cluster mechanism in procurement has been clarified, through the sharing of information on suppliers and through advocacy support. The first Inter-Agency Procurement Group (IAPG) meeting took place in March.
- Service Provision Working Group: Finalising a one-pager on how a Concept of Operations (ConOps) is developed from a step-by-step perspective. The working group is also looking at simplification of the GNA process and plans to interact with the new medical logistics working group in alignment of medical standards vis-à-vis general standards for optimized service provision. Atlas Logistics and CESVI have signed the newly developed Letter of Intent (LoI) for third-party service providers to provide services at cost under the Cluster umbrella.
- Partnership working group: Working on defining minimum commitments for partner engagement for academia and private sector, once completed the TOR will also be finished.
- It is possible once the secondment mechanism is signed off, the LC team in Rome may ask for the secondment of a medical logistician to the Logistics Cluster which can provide advisory support in the area of medical logistics. The medical logistics working group will be launched shortly.

## 3. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) in Rome, 21-22 May 2024

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- The next GLM is scheduled to take place at WFP HQ in Rome in May 2024. Discussions are ongoing on possible side events with the IAPG, an in-person SAG meeting, and a Logistics Response Team (LRT) evaluation exercise.
- The next GLM will focus on stock-taking of partner recommendations over previous GLM editions, as well as a major emphasis on advocacy efforts. High-level WFP representatives will expand on the role of WFP as Cluster lead agency, and the Food Security Cluster has expressed an interest to contribute.
- The next GLM will also look at transitioning towards deactivation of Clusters. UNICEF is working on the publication of its transition towards deactivation guidance document. Operational scenarios are being

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developed and will be presented at the next GLM as well. Field updates will be kept as concise as possible.

- The Health and Humanitarian Supply Chain (HHS) group has been contacted to deliver a presentation on how they will coordinate and collaborate with the GLC team and the medical logistics working group. Oxfam has recently launched a survey on the reopening of the parcel project and have asked to present as well.

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