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# Meeting Minutes, 27 March 2025

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Online
<b>DATE</b>	27 March 2025
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mailin Fauchon, Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Fabrice Perrot, Mary Jelliti, Nadia Griffin, Richard Kneller, Sarah Penniman-Morin, Susan Hodgson,
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communication: prepare a memo for dissemination to ensure global and country-level operations are coordinated.</li><li>• Ad hoc global focal point meeting to be scheduled for April/early May to review field needs following funding cuts.</li><li>• Funding: communicate with partners about funding limitations and continue to seek resources – partners to champion the cause.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operational updates</li><li>2. Other business</li></ol>

## 1. Operational updates

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### Country focus:

- **Burkina Faso:** Funding is limited, and the helicopter fleet has been reduced, causing a backlog of 220 metric tons of cargo. Action points include working with humanitarian coordinators to prioritize routes and possibly repositioning a helicopter.
- **Central African Republic:** No funding for nearly a year. Recommendations include deactivating the cluster and transitioning coordination to local community.
- **DRC:** Funding figures are unclear, with no forecasted funding. Plans to manage warehouses in Goma as a short-term solution.

### Regional focus:

- **South Sudan:** Funding has drastically reduced, prompting partners to reformulate plans and look at cost recovery strategies.
- **Sudan:** A reserve of funding is quickly depleting. Plans to reposition the cluster and send staff to help with cross-border operations.
- **Syria:** No new funding, operations limited to coordination. Decision needed on whether to keep the temporary structure in Turkey.

### Other regions:

- **Ethiopia:** Limited funding, potential escalation of activities.
- **Lebanon:** Transitioning coordination to WFP and partners on the ground
- **Nigeria:** Reducing coordinator positions to national roles, we have a very good staff taking over.

- **Pacific Islands:** Recommended deactivation of the cluster with a transition strategy.
- **Palestine:** Preparation of plans for reopening, reduction in footprint.
- **Yemen:** Mostly coordination and advocacy, with services provided by larger UN organizations.

## 2. Other business

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### Global level funding:

- BHA funding has been continued/approved, however other funding may not be forthcoming so some activities are particularly at risk. Priority scenarios have been identified and staff have the updated picture.
- Cluster team in Rome working on 'value propositions' to ensure the appeals to donors and other champions are focused on the value created by the work.

### Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW):

- HNPW sessions completed, including 20 years of the Cluster, Emergency preparedness and sustainability, Operationalising sustainability in the supply chain, and some on IMPACCT. Head of Community Solutions was in Geneva liaising with tech representatives and other tech stakeholders.

### Advocacy working group:

- Some work has been taken into the Cluster team to speed up the messaging. Next meeting the group will decide which topics to focus on, to reduce workload.

### HPC prioritisation/reset:

- The ERC has tasked Jan Egeland and Joyce Msuya to make recommendations for efficiencies within the humanitarian architecture. The main thrust is to make coordination more focused on operational support and fewer procedures/heavy processes to follow. The Logistics Cluster has reviewed, and we have already done/comply with the recommendations as part of our refocusing since 2022. Discussions have not yet included how OCHA will contribute to the efficiencies in coordination. Important that the Logistics (& ETC) Clusters are positioned as enabling the entire response, different from the programmatic clusters.

### GLM:

- The next GLM will take place on 17 and 18 June, online.
- Suggested topics – discuss partner situations, future needs.
- SAG election due – 2 NGO seats (to be verified). 1 GO seat

### Corporate restrictions:

- Navigating corporate restrictions affecting travel, workshops, and capacity building – applies to the whole organisation with limited specific exceptions.

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