

GSC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting Notes – 27/06/2024

Date: 27 June 2024

Participants: Impact Initiatives (Giulia Montisci), Australian Red Cross (Leeanne Marshall), CARE International (Step Haiselden), CRS (Jamie Richardson), DRC (Chiara Jasna Vaccaro), InterAction (Mohamed Hilmi), NRC (Amelia Rule), UNHCR (Francesca Coloni), GSC (Seki Hirano, Pablo Medina, Stephanie Loose, Charles Kelly, Shreyaza Adkihari)

Excused or Absent: IFRC (Ela Serdaroglu), IOM (Carolina Cordero-Scales) and Habitat for Humanity (Mario Flores)

Agenda:

Time	#	Agenda item
13:00 – 13:30	1	1. Feedback on Shelter Week 1.1. Shelter Week Feedback discussion 1.2. Donor Consultation Group – reflections 1.3. Strategy update
13:30 – 13:40	2	Advancing the implementation of Strategic priorities, champions, milestones, indicators
13:40 – 13:50	3	Activity Proposal for a Working Group on Heat
13:55 – 14:00	4	AOB

Summary of action points:

Action Point	Who	Deadline
SAG to provide comments on the GSC strategy (draft)	SAG members	Sunday, 30 June 2024
Session leads to share notes for report on the Shelter Week 2024 and share with GSC-UNHCR team for report	SAG members	Friday, 5 July 2024

1. Round table feedback

1.1. Shelter Week Feedback discussion

SAG members discussed the outcomes of the 2024 Shelter Week, reviewed participants feedback and provided high level recommendations for the next shelter week. Overall, 200 people attended physically and 20 people participated online. The feedback highlighted that sessions on enhanced collaboration, protective living environment, and the open space sessions were much appreciated. Respondents to the feedback survey also proposed: more time for questions, diversity, (French) translations, the annual meeting to be held outside of Geneva, more government involvement and more focus on urban responses. Across the board, participants was highly satisfied, with 95% satisfaction on the content. The GSC Coordinators thanked SAG members for their contributions and active engagement inc. as session leads. The GSC-UNHCR team is putting together the shelter event report, and each session lead should be responsible and accountable for providing their notes, liaising with their respective note takers. The report should be finalized in two weeks.

1.2. DCG – reflections

The notes from the Donor Consultation Group (DCG) meeting held during the Annual Meeting were shared. SAG members suggested that the entire SAG should be included in upcoming/future consultation group meetings. During the DGC session, BHA highlighted the success of the merged Shelter and CCCM Cluster in Nigeria. Topics such as Area Based Coordination (ABC), site management and settlements approach definitions still need to be refined and clarified.

1.3. Strategy update

After the soft launch of the GSC strategic priorities during the Annual Meeting, SAG members were requested to review and provide final feedback on the new GSC strategy by 30 June 2024.

2. Implementation of the GSC Strategy

This agenda point was not discussed during this SAG meeting.

3. Heat WG

Charles Kelly presented the activity proposal for the creation of a GSC Working Group on heat after having received comments. SAG members shared their overall support and explained their standpoints. The expected output of the WG would guide shelter partners on how to address and reduce heat-related challenges in shelter responses.

WWF and Oxford Brookes University flagged their support this process. Advocacy with other donors and other stakeholders including UNEP, UNDRR would be useful. UNEP and IOM are meeting on this matter next week. As reducing challenges due to heat needs cross-sectoral solutions, cross-cluster and cross-sectoral cooperation would be needed. It was suggested that IFRC could possibly be an advocate for this, recognising limited available resources and potential scalable impact. Moving forward, the Global Shelter Cluster Coordinators will meet with InterAction.

There will be a revised version of the Heat WG TOR for SAG endorsement.

4. GCCG – ABC, Transition

Not discussed

5. AOB

- Deadline for the comments on the GSC strategy was set for 30 June 2024.
- The SAG TOR still needs to be finalised.
- The DCG TOR needs to be reviewed.

**The next SAG meeting will be held on 25 July 2024
at 13:00 Geneva time, 12:00 London time, 07:00 Washington, 22:00 Melbourne**