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ACTION POINTS:
- OCHA Geneva to share with GLC Rome the GARD presentation. Presentation to then be shared with the Working Group.
- All participants to encourage their country offices in Haiti to contact the GLC team there, at kim.claveau@wfp.org
- OCHA Geneva, GLC Haiti and OCHA Haiti to coordinate on possible testing of the Automated System for Customs Relief Emergency Consignments (ASYREC) in the July government simulations.

AGENDA:
1) Intro and Roundtable
   2) Haiti team project update
   3) Open Q&A
   4) Preparedness concepts being tested
   5) Close

1) Intro and Roundtable
- The GLC chair introduced the GLC preparedness project and the agenda of the teleconference.
- A roll call was conducted of the participants on the call.

2) Haiti team project update

General project update
- The multi-sectoral GLC team arrived in Haiti in early March. Since they have met with many stakeholders including national NGOs, INGOs, donors, development sector actors, and national government ministries, including the Departement de Protection Civile. They have been attempting to establish where each actor is present and what their capacity is in terms of DRR and preparedness work.
- There has been a large turnover from the Hurricane Matthew response, with most emergency response teams having now left the country
- Working Group preparedness meetings will begin in Port au Prince by the end of next week.

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• The project has been well received by all actors, and particularly by the government. Different actors are willing to share information and ensure that stakeholders are acting in coordination.

• All participants on the teleconference were asked by the GLC preparedness officer in Haiti, Kim Claveau (kim.claveau@wfp.org) to ensure that their country offices contact her. In response to questions from the participants from UNICEF and OCHA, she confirmed that she had been able to contact both of their respective country offices.

Private Sector engagement

• Through links from the Connecting Business Initiative, the Haiti team have met with the private sector group Alliance de Gestion des Risques et la Continuite des Activities (AGERCA). The GLC team will be holding a workshop with AGERCA members at the end of the month. The workshop will focus on the role of the UN and the Logistics Cluster in emergency response, and where both sides can collaborate better with regard to preparedness and response. Useful links for GLC preparedness private sector engagement can be found below

  • http://www.connectingbusinessinitiative.org/
  • http://www.agerca.org/
  • https://twitter.com/AGERCA
  • https://twitter.com/Connecting_biz

National government engagement

• The national authorities are moving into their own preparations for the forthcoming hurricane season, and so the start of this GLC project has been well-timed. The government, and particularly the Direction de la Protection Civile (DPC) has responded positively and welcomed the GLC efforts. Preparedness plans from both sides are generally moving in the same direction

• The government will be holding simulation exercises in July, jointly with UNDP. The scenario will be a Category Four hurricane impacting the north of the country. The GLC team is looking into how to best integrate into this, and what support can be provided beforehand particularly regarding training personnel on using the platform tools, and testing and improving the platform (the platform can be previewed here). The exact date of the simulation has not yet been confirmed.

• There will be a further separate simulation run by MINUSTAH, focusing more on the roles of the military, police and international actors. The dates and format of this simulation have not yet been confirmed.

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3) Preparedness concepts being tested

- GLC Rome presented the preparedness concepts that are being piloted and tested in Haiti and that will be presented at the Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM) in Bonn from 9 to 11 May. The concepts include but are not limited to:
  - A multi-sector approach to preparedness, involving humanitarian, development, private sector, civil society in support of government actors.
  - A field-based project manager, which is the role being carried out now by the GLC preparedness officer in Haiti – to drive project design and execution as well as network engagement and expansion.
  - Dynamic mapping, centred on the use of the preparedness platform. This will be the key tool for data preparedness, digital capacity mapping scenario analysis, response planning and supply chain optimisation.
  - Open Street Map (OSM), a public source of geo-located data to aid the above dynamic mapping concept.

4) Open Q&A

- OCHA asked whether the government-led simulation in July would focus on the national or international response, since a pilot country is being sought for the new ASYREC software. The GLC preparedness officer in Haiti responded that the simulation would look at the international response as well, and it could be an opportunity to test this tool. OCHA Geneva and Haiti will coordinate with the GLC team in Haiti to look into this.
- The GLC preparedness officer in Haiti raised that she had been in contact with representatives of DHL’s emergency teams, DRT. The GARD initiative is a workshop held at airports to prepare airport and government staff in high risk areas for worst case scenarios, including influxes of people and goods. The workshop also involves assessing the infrastructure and equipment available, and planning what action would be taken in the event of specific damage/disaster scenarios. A GARD workshop has previously been held in Santa Domingo. The GLC in discussion with UNDP on GARD priority countries and airport capacity information sharing for scenario and response planning (through the GLC platform). DHL will be present at the GLM in Bonn from 9 to 11 May, and will present on the GARD initiative then. OCHA agreed to share with GLC Rome the standard presentations on GARD, which can then be shared with the Working Group. The GARD website can also be found here.
- The role of national NGOs in the upcoming government-led simulation exercise in July was raised by GLC Rome. GLC Haiti will look into how these NGOs will be incorporated into the simulation exercise.
• Plan International (PI) asked whether the GLC preparedness project was engaging with the academic community. GLC Rome has brought in additional part-time academic staff to support scenario planning and modelling activities. PI noted that a number of institutions have been looking into Supply Chain optimisation and mapping models, and that these institutions could be reached out to. This was briefly discussed at the last GLM.

• PI further asked how the GLC preparedness project would be incorporating international responses into the project. The project has number of methods to pursue this.

• THW stated that they felt the project was on the right track and thanked the team for their efforts.

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