Global Logistics Cluster

Preparedness Working Group (WG)

The working group was initiated at the Global Logistics Cluster meeting in London in 2016

Membership:
- Concern Worldwide
- CRS
- Airlink
- THW
- Tearfund
- Plan International
- IFRC
- World Vision International
- HELP Logistics
- UNOCHA
- UNICEF
- UNOPS
- GLC
- KLU (Observer)
- Welthungerhilfe/ESUPS (currently in process to join WG)

Goal:
The Working Group (WG) on Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Preparedness promotes collaboration in preparedness among humanitarian actors, as part of accomplishments towards the GLC Strategy 2016-2018 – Goal 1: Prepare.

The WG has both a normative and an operational role directed towards the following objectives, activities and outcomes:

Objectives:
- Develop GLC Preparedness Strategy to serve as a guidance on preparedness activities at the Global, Regional and National level
- Develop a schedule and budget for strategy and activity implementation
- Identify and define preparedness activities and partners best placed to implement activities
- Oversee and support the implementation of the strategy and related activities
Work so far 2018:

After an activity review and roadmap definition for 2018/2019 early this year, the Working group met on average every two months to review the current progress and provide support and guidance on the ongoing and planned preparedness activities on global and project country level.

Guidance and support was provided on the global and country level project planning and the formation of seven work streams to address the different parallel activities on project management, budgeting, framework definition, pilot country rollout and preparedness platform development.

The WG provided recommendations on the replacement of the sixth pilot country by South Sudan (originally Myanmar). Also, recommendations were provided to propose project countries number seven to ten (to be implemented starting end of 2018) to USAID funding this project component.

Through their organizational network, the WG members reached out for their focal points to support in-country activities in Madagascar, Bangladesh and Indonesia and planning for active contribution for the upcoming preparedness countries.

Further, the WG members supported on the harmonization process of ongoing and future global activities with the GLC preparedness project.

The WG members focusing on capacity building started assessing options to support the facilitation of specific national- and sub-national-level trainings addressing identified gaps as part of the preparedness activities in country.

The preparedness platform development progress was regularly reviewed and supported with guidance on operational needs. WG members are participating in ongoing and future testing and review activities throughout the preparedness platform development phase.

In coordination with the KPI working group, WG members are currently exploring recommendations on appropriate impact- and outcome KPIs to measure the project impact on national and global level (subject to upcoming preparedness workshop in December 2018).

To Do’s and work that is ongoing:

- Final decision on countries no. 11 – 14 to be implemented starting in 2019
- Support and Guidance on finalization of the GLC preparedness guidelines formalizing the programmatic framework in the format of a field guide
- Support on the preparedness Workshop in December 2018
- Review of the Working Group ToRs and activity planning for 2019, based on WG survey on member’s interest and possibilities to actively engage in project activities
- Support on the review of the GLC preparedness strategy for 2019 onwards contributing to the GLC strategy review