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<b>LOCATION</b>	Teleconference
<b>DATE</b>	17 April 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Athalie Mayo
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Didier Merckx, Fabrice Perrot, Mary Jelliti, Theo Lingens, Bruno Vandemeulebroecke (observer)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners encouraged to feed needs into HRP and GHRP revisions.</li><li>• Partners encouraged to request field colleagues to contribute to Logistics Cluster Gaps and Needs Exercises.</li><li>• The GLC Support Team to highlight existing tools and resources such as the LCAs, country pages and the Logistics Cluster Induction training when opportunities arise including int the global COVID-19 calls + ask partners to flag if any information is missing in these tools.</li><li>• The GLC Support Team can also flag existing coordination mechanisms and in-country structures such as the preparedness working groups.</li><li>• The GLC Support Team to suggest a draft reprioritisation of activities in the Logistics Cluster Strategy Implementation Plan in the wake of the COVID-19 response (not in the near future).</li><li>• The GLC Support Team will convey a request to have the Logistics Cluster logo included in visual presentations of partners on the SCICC.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Discussion of role of the Logistics Cluster in the country-level COVID-19 response</li><li>2. Impact on the Strategy Implementation Plan</li><li>3. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Discussion of role of the Logistics Cluster in the country-level COVID-19 response

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- The GSAG discussed emerging needs/options for information sharing and coordination in countries without cluster operations. Needs emerging both for COVID-19 response and due to impact on existing supply chains.
- Country needs to be driven from country level through HRPs and through the country level inputs to the gHRP . Partners are encouraged to feed into these revisions.

- Cluster activations may not be required if lighter or existing inter-agency coordination mechanisms/working groups can serve country level needs as long as these mechanisms link up to the humanitarian architecture and the HCT.
- Logistics Cluster Gaps and Needs Exercises help determine the best modalities for humanitarian logistics coordination. In places without existing operations, it is more challenging to network and conduct these. Partners are encouraged to request field colleagues to contribute to Logistics Cluster Gaps and Needs Exercises as they impact the shape of the response and services made available.
- While there may be a broad need for information sharing in operations without a formal cluster activation, resources have to be prioritised to address the greatest needs. Expanded global information support from the GLC Support Team is being explored but has to consider how information can be validated and maintained up-to-date over time in the absence of country-level operations. Associated costs also need to be recovered.
- To be proactive, primary focus is kept on the GHRP countries. If there is an additional need, criteria needs to be proposed.
- The Logistics Cluster should highlight existing tools and resources such as the LCAs, country pages and the Logistics Cluster Induction training and ask partners to flag if any information is missing in these tools. Information should however be kept at a high level or it will impede keeping it up to date. These resources will for example be flagged in the global COVID-19 calls.
- The cluster can also flag existing coordination mechanisms and in-country structures such as the preparedness working groups.
- For countries where there is no active Logistics Cluster operation, it may be useful reviewing the opportunities to leverage existing networks and OCHA support, to inform partners about the LCA and request partners to flag any key gaps. GSAG members also noted that the focus of existing LCAs may mean that there are gaps for the health-oriented aspects of the COVID-19 response.
- GSAG members discussed the impact of COVID-19 on existing operations including increased number of coordination meetings which are done by teleconference. The GLC Support Team will revert on whether there is an increase also in the participation in meetings.

## 2. Impact on the Strategy Implementation Plan

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- The GSAG fully agreed that actions in the Logistics Cluster Strategy Implementation Plan would need to be reprioritised in the wake of the COVID-19 response. This would be looked into in detail at a later date given that other operational priorities currently had precedence.

## 3. AOB

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- GSAG members asked that the Logistics Cluster logo be included in presentations and visual overviews of the SCICC. Important for partners to see that a body that represents them is part of the SCICC. The GLC Support Team will convey this.
- A new strategic task force has been established to guide the SCICC. More information will be provided in the next GSAG meeting.

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- The GLC Support Team is working on a larger scale donor proposal on reverse logistics and waste management aimed at a joint project with the UN, ICRC-IFRC and an NGO and with inclusion of the private sector and several key humanitarian donors. The GLC Support Team invited the GSAG to share thoughts on the process to identify the participating NGO.

**The next GSAG meeting will be held next Friday.**

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