
LOCATION	Teleconference
DATE	24 April 2020
CHAIR	Athalie Mayo
PARTICIPANTS	Didier Merckx, Fabrice Perrot, John Crisci, Katja Hildebrand, Mary Jelliti, Bruno Vandemeulebroecke (observer)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Support Team to share updated paper on the Logistics Cluster’s “Role/ToR/Postion on Engagement” in the COVID-19 response with the GSAG for comments.• The GLC Support Team to share examples for consideration on structure/process/protocols on information sharing linked to the SCTF and SCICC with the GSAG in the coming week.• Greater focus on operational and country level issues in the global COVID-19 calls.• Medevac/Pax Transport/COVID-19 Critical Item Procurement to be separated from core content of the global calls with strict timelines allocated for these issues if given a space in Logistics Cluster meetings.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion of gHRP Service Provision ConOps/Process2. Feedback on the role of the Logistics Cluster in the COVID-19 document3. Update on SCTF/SCICC/Geneva structures4. Contents of global COVID-19 calls + interval

1. Discussion of gHRP Service Provision ConOps/Process

- WFP SOPs for cargo free-to-user-services circulated by email and available online.
- A visual overview of the request process would be helpful. The WFP FAQs on the Emergency Service Marketplace for COVID-19 were extremely useful at country level.
- The Logistics Cluster is updating cargo consolidation opportunities for partners as red alerts on the website.

2. Feedback on the role of the Logistics Cluster in the COVID-19 document

- The Logistics Cluster's role in facilitating access to all available services that the partner community may require was briefly discussed. The need to coordinate in order to avoid duplication of effort and maximise opportunities was agreed upon.
- Exact modalities to be discussed further and an updated paper on the "Role/ToR/Position on Engagement" in the COVID-19 response will be shared with the GSAG for comments.
- GSAG members discussed the possibility that a communication around the principles and role of the Logistics Cluster during the COVID-19 crisis could be shared with partners to guide recurring questions in the global calls about about what the cluster is and is not doing.
- The question was raised what the Logistics Cluster's role should be to facilitate partner access to air lifts carried out from a range of actors at global and country level. Some GSAG members flagged that the Logistics Cluster may have a valuable role in the consolidation of demand for ad-hoc cargo opportunities
- The Logistics Cluster has been calling for info on partner pipeline cargo but not yet clear. Red alerts are posted about available flights when the cluster is notified. The more relevant information that is received, the easier for the cluster to advocate for solutions and to be proactive.

3. Update on SCTF/SCICC/Geneva structures

- The new Supply Chain Task Force (SCTF) is a strategic body positioned above the Supply Chain Inter-Agency Coordination Cell (SCICC) to provide strategic direction. Pursuant to the launch of the SCTF, the shape of the SCICC is changing and the linkages between SCICC and the operational element of the free-to-user cargo are not yet finalised.
- So far, the Logistics Cluster has advocated for the existence of prioritisation principles, transparency and a feedback loop of information but wonders whether it would be helpful to have direct Logistics Cluster representation in the SCTF/SCICC where initial representation is by UN entities.
- GSAG members requested Logistics Cluster visibility over and representation on the SCTF and emphasised that they would like to see NGOs represented in all the three working groups of the SCICC.
- In order to find out how best to achieve that, it is necessary to understand at which point in the various processes this should take place. Some proposals tabled:
 - Transparency for the Logistics Cluster community may be facilitated through clear structure/process/protocols on information sharing. Examples for consideration will be shared by the GLC Support Team with the GSAG in the coming week.
 - Entities other than the Logistics Cluster are probably better placed to represent partners within the procurement element of the SCTF/SCICC.
 - If physical Logistics Cluster representation is required, it could be a partner or a member of the GLC Support Team but preferably consistent and should report back to the GSAG. Until

the shape and function of SCICC and SCTF structures are clearer it is difficult to evaluate where the Logistics Cluster presence would best be located.

- There is trust in the Logistics Cluster due to its broad representativeness and because it regularly convenes humanitarian organisations to exchange on the current response. It is a natural choice to represent partner interests in these new structures. For the GSAG, it would therefore be acceptable if a member of the GLC Support Team represented the Logistics Cluster in the SCTF/SCICC.

4. Contents of global COVID-19 calls + interval

- Global calls weekly/every 10 days still recommended.
- Greater focus on operational and country level issues.
- Medevac/Pax Transport/COVID-19 Critical Item Procurement to be separated from core content of the calls with strict timelines allocated for these issues if given a space in Logistics Cluster meetings.

5. AOB

- The Inspire Consortium is interested in launching the Humanitarian Standards Project as global standards could be valuable to partners during the present response. Initial thoughts from the GSAG was that partners would find it challenging to engage in such a project at the present time but the issue would be revisited in the following GSAG meeting.
- Athalie emphasised the important role of the GSAG for the navigation of the current cluster response.
- Only two partners had showed interest in joining a potentially expanded GSAG for the COVID-19 response. Against that background, the option of establishing an expanded GSAG might need to be reconsidered. Would a different forum for broader consultation be more appropriate? Issue to be revisited.

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