Global Preparedness Project and Strategy

The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) usually provides support in coordination and information management services in response to humanitarian emergencies. Now, the Cluster is piloting a new approach to provide unprecedented pre-disaster supply chain support for national government institutions and humanitarian partners. The GLC is proactively piloting an information management preparedness tool, built on collaboration and coordination, that can be used by all actors involved in emergency preparedness and response to coordinate and analyse ongoing efforts and capacities.

Supply Chain preparedness for emergencies is the 1st key pillar of the Global Logistics Cluster’s Strategy 2016-2018. The objectives of this strategy pillar are to strengthen logistics capacities of national actors, and to encourage active collaboration and ownership of tasks by the Logistics Cluster community (civil protection, public sector, private sector, and other clusters).

Haiti is the first deployment of Global Logistics Cluster staff to engage in preparedness activities. Personnel from the Cluster’s private sector partner UPS (through the LET) have also been deployed.

What we want to do

The Logistics Cluster leads the project with a joint UNOPS and UPS mission. The project aims to facilitate preparedness activities in Haiti in support of the government and including the private sector, humanitarian and development sector.

Map existing supply chain capacities – establish what supply chain capacities currently exist, including government, private sector and humanitarian actors. Also establish and map existing preparedness activities.

Assess disaster impacts on infrastructure and existing capacities – through scenario and risk analysis, and in conjunction with development sector actors (UNOPS), establish potential vulnerabilities in the supply chain.

Establish gaps, and then support government and local organisations/stakeholders in addressing these gaps – based on mapping and analysis, support capacity strengthening for the government. This would involve supply chain assessments, facilitating trainings and technical assistance, improving inter-sector coordination, simulation exercises, response planning activities.

Project Phases

- Phase 1 (current): Meeting partners and collecting information on partner and government capacity and projects
- Phase 2: Analyse this information, mapping it on the platform and establishing risk analyses
- Phase 3: Produce response plans and capacity strengthening according to minimum recommended preparedness actions
- Phase 4: Conduct M&E exercise against project indicators

Preparedness Platform

- A key tool of the project will be the GLC Preparedness Platform. It is a data mapping and visualization tool which will provide visibility on existing preparedness initiatives and supply chain networks. It is currently under development.
- The Platform will host information on preparedness partners, their assets, projects, and activities, and link them together through high resolution geo-location, thematic areas and supportive logistics information.
- Data will be both sourced and available to partner organisations on the ground through the use of partner mapping Geo-Forms – it will be extractable according to need for preparing and responding organisations.
- It will also inform decision-making as an operational analysis tool, allowing key operational data to be visualized and analysed in one source. This will help to identify and prioritise key supply chain risks. Moreover, it will enable modelling and simulations to be undertaken as part of key preparedness project activities

Relevance of Logistics Cluster preparedness activities

Preparedness saves lives, time and money in emergency response. The entire project is based around providing to the Government and community of Haiti the support they might require in building capacities and strengthening supply chain resiliency against future disasters.

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