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- ACTION POINTS:**
- Working Group (WG) members to provide feedback on country selection 7-10 by Friday 2 November.
 - GLC to compile and share candidate shortlist for country selection 11-14.
 - GLC to share Preparedness Officer global vacancy announcement as soon as published. WG members are encouraged to reach out to networks for potential candidates.
 - WG members to provide feedback on proposed global logistics preparedness workshop by Friday 2 November.
 - GLC to share final decision on workshop dates by latest Monday 5 November.

- AGENDA:**
1. Preparedness Country Candidates
 2. Project update
 3. Country update
 4. Platform update
 5. Outlook & AOB

1. Preparedness Country Candidates

Country selection 7-10

- Seven candidates have been shortlisted for the next selection round of preparedness country engagement. The shortlisted countries identified for USAID/OFDA funding are: Cambodia, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Guatemala, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the Philippines.
- The Chair provided an overview on the current preparedness and operational landscape in each of the countries. Based on consultations, existing projects and operational feasibility, GLC suggested Cambodia, DRC, Pakistan and the Philippines as the next four countries for engagement. However, it was emphasised that WG feedback is critical to the final selection. It was also noted that if a country is not selected for engagement in this round, it will remain shortlisted for selection 11-24.
- WG members agreed with GLC suggestion and rationale for the proposed four countries. However, it was noted that selection must take into consideration project phase out and long-term sustainability of preparedness activities.
- The Emergency Supply Prepositioning Strategies (ESUPS) focal point noted that the Asian region has been an area of focus for ESUPS, with the Philippines selected as the pilot country.
- OCHA stated that the suggested countries would align with activities in DRC and Cambodia. Work is also being undertaken in PNG. GLC to follow-up with OCHA bilaterally on PNG activities and work being undertaken in the Pacific region.
- Working Group members are requested to provide final feedback by Friday 2 November. Project engagement in the four countries is expected to start as early as December 2018.

Country selection 11-14

- The Chair presented candidates for country selection 11-14. The full candidate list is available [here](#). Based on this list, it was agreed that GLC will compile a shortlist of 8-10 countries for the next selection phase. The list will be circulated with the WG for ideas, feedback and proposals. A final decision will be made end-2018.
- While the decision on prioritisation of countries 11-14 is not critical, it was recommended WG members come to an agreement by end-2018 to allow sufficient time for an effective scoping phase, staff deployment and the subsequent implementation of activities. Early selection would also ensure weather and climatic conditions can be taken into consideration prior to deployment (akin to the current pilot countries). For example, it was agreed activities in Haiti would commence after the 2018 hurricane season.
- In relation to potential synergies, it was noted that the Nepal WFP Country Office has shown interest in the Pacific stockpile mapping tool, PALM. Nepal may also be a country of interest for the ESUPS project. GLC to follow up with ESUPS focal point bilaterally.
- OCHA stated there may also be potential synergies with projects in Honduras, with the implementation of the “Get Airports Ready for Disaster” (GARD) training program in Quarter 1, 2019. GLC to follow-up bilaterally with OCHA focal point for additional information.
- GLC will also explore opportunities for strengthened regional coordination and collaboration opportunities, as multiple preparedness countries rollout across different regions.

2. Project update

Funding

- The Chair provided an overview on available funding for the remainder of 2018. The project is currently co-funded through USAID/OFDA, German Federal Foreign Office and WFP Innovation Accelerator. For more information contact the GLC Preparedness Team (hq.glc.preparedness@wfp.org).

Staffing

- Sarah Kunzelmann has commenced as GLC Preparedness Project Officer to support country rollout and preparedness activity implementation. Prior, Sarah was based in Madagascar as a Preparedness Officer as part of the GLC project.
- In November, a generic vacancy announcement will be published for Preparedness Officers in support of 2019 country activities. Given the diversity of country candidates, GLC seeks to build a Preparedness Officer roster system comprising various profiles. A shortlist of potential candidates will be generated on a case-by-case basis for each new country. Recruitment process is undertaken in collaboration with country offices on the ground (WFP or partner organisation depending on context).
- A 2019 staffing roadmap will be finalised upon country selection 7-14.
- GLC to share the vacancy announcement once it has been published; WG members are encouraged to share the opportunity with their networks.

IM

- An updated preparedness concept note and project overview leaflet has been published online in English (translations ongoing). All global documents can be found via the [Preparedness landing page](#).
- A video on the Preparedness Platform is in storyboard/development phase. The final outcome will be shared with WG members upon completion.

Events

- Preparedness initiatives will be presented during the upcoming Global Logistics Meeting (held in Rome, 6-7 November). Commandant Faly from Madagascar's Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et Catastrophes (BNGRC) will be at the meeting to present on the significant developments that have taken place in relation to logistics preparedness in the country.
- A global logistics preparedness workshop has been proposed for December 2018. A key workshop objective will be the finalisation of the 2019 preparedness roadmap. WG members have been sent further information. Final feedback is requested by next Friday 2 November. A final decision on proposed dates and location will be circulated by Monday 5 November. For further information on the event please contact hq.glc.preparedness@wfp.org.

3. Country update

- Madagascar:
 - A nationally-endorsed [action plan](#) has been published online in French (translation ongoing). The action plan was a key outcome from the National Logistics Preparedness Workshop which took place in August. The next project phase will be focussed on the rollout of the action plan as long-term, sustainable preparedness actions.
 - The GLC project welcomes national Preparedness Officer Tokiniaina Rasolofomanana.
 - Last week GLC supported Madagascar's first sub-national logistics workshop and simulation exercise, held jointly with WFP and BNGRC. The three-day event brought together 40 participants from across the humanitarian sector.
- Indonesia:
 - A brief overview was provided on Indonesia preparedness activities and operation given the ongoing earthquake and tsunami response in Sulawesi.

4. Platform update

- WG members were provided with a summary of the platform's project pillars including: data sourcing, data integration and localisation.
- Discussions are ongoing with WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, on data integration and back-end development. Final specifications to be shared with WFP this week.
- In-country field tests are being run in Madagascar as part of INCA funding. Lessons learned from field testing and recommendations will be used to further optimise user experience.

5. Outlook and AoB

- GLC to follow-up with ESUPS and IFRC focal points bilaterally on upcoming projects, potential areas of collaboration and proposed suggestions for the December global preparedness workshop.

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