Meeting Minutes, 24 March 2023

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

LOCATION	Online
DATE	24 March 2023
CHAIR	Mailin Fauchon, Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Coordinator
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ACTION POINTS	• GLC to consolidate inputs from members and propose reviewed SAG ToR
AGENDA	1. Operational Updates 2. SAG ToR Review 3. Events 4. Partnerships 5. Organisational Development 6. Proposal Submissions

1. Operational Updates

- **Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar – regional support to tropical cyclone Freddy**
    - GLC deployed two staff members in February in support to Madagascar's Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC) before the landfall of Tropical Cyclone Freddy as a pre-emptive measure. Dynamic mapping through LogIE was successfully implemented under the BNGRC leadership, needs assessment missions were undertaken as well as coordination with partners at global and local levels . Follow-up with BNGRC on future preparedness support required.
    - WFP Mozambique explored possible Cluster activations, and GLC provided support in terms of different activation scenarios. Ultimately, it was decided that there was no requirement to activate a full-fledged Cluster mechanism system.
    - The Malawi National Logistics Cluster is being remotely supported in terms of information management (IM) and coordination. A webpage was set up and the necessary tools are in place to liaise with partners.
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**
    - GLC coordinated with partners to consolidate requests, and then communicated to UNHRD/WFP who have been liaising with ECHO
    - A Logistics Cluster Coordinator (LCC) will be deployed in the east to support the operation. A joint WFP mission to DRC consisting of supply chain, procurement and Logistics Cluster representatives is planned for the beginning of April.

- **Türkiye/Syria earthquake response:**
  - In Türkiye, Logistics Emergency Team (LET) supported with staffing and resources.
  - Initial surge team was replaced on 20 March 2023. Remote IM support is being provided by GLC.
  - Temporary mobilisation of GLC desk officer to Damascus to support the Syria Logistics Cluster.
  - Hatay warehouse operational as of 24 March 2023.
- **Ukraine:**
  - Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) will be carried out in the first half of the year.
  - Assessments on primary logistics training needs are ongoing.
  - LogIE implementation and ad hoc IM products are being regularly produced.
  - The 2022 End of Year (EoY) performance feedback survey results were shared on 8 February 2023.
  - Services mostly focus on coordination, IM and convoy management.

2. SAG ToR Review

- The revision of the SAG ToR was discussed among members to ensure the SAG's mandate is accurately reflected. Exchanges on the SAG's role in terms of communication, advocacy, performance monitoring, funding and field-based operations took place, and the GLC will make a proposal of reviewed ToR for the SAG members to address.

3. Events

- **Recent events**
  - The GLC Coordinator participated in the "International Humanitarian City – Members and Partners Global Meeting" on 16-17 March 2023.
  - On 21 March, the GLC Coordinator facilitated the "What can donors do to support a more efficient and effective humanitarian supply chain?" panel at the European Humanitarian Forum (EHF) in Brussels.
- **Upcoming events**
  - Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW): 17-28 April 2023: GLC is facilitating session on "IMPortation And Customs Clearance Together" (IMPACCT) Working Group, the Preparedness Enablers Guide, as well as the "Waste Management, Measuring, Reverse Logistics, Environmentally Sustainable Procurement and Transport, and Circular Economy" (WREC) Project
  - Global Logistics Cluster Meeting (GLM): 12-16 June at UNHCR premises in Budapest. Discussions on format, modules and content to be held from April onwards.
  - AidEx 2023: 14-15 June – Nairobi.
  - AidEx 2023: 25-26 October – Geneva.

4. Partnerships

- Logistics Emergency Response (LET) Team – Strategic Review: LET partners perceive a trend in terms of decrease in requests and difference in type of requests for support. Conversations on support modalities are being held.
- Airbus quarterly meeting at the beginning of April: support to date mostly provided in terms of satellite imagery.
- Meetings with ECHO on support to their logistics strategy and on blending their global project proposals with field-based project proposals.
- Meetings with HULO on coordination and monitoring are ongoing.
- A meeting is planned with IOM, IFRC and ICRC on how to leverage capacities at field level.

5. Organisational Development

- GLC organisational development review ongoing. As soon as results of the qualitative review are completed, these will be shared with the SAG. The intention is to complete this exercise before the next GLM, in which a review of the GLC's Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) will be addressed.

6. Proposal Submissions

- ECHO Global Proposal: the proposal was submitted and discussions of validity of the proposal are ongoing to ensure the EUR 1 million contribution can be utilised over a 2-year timeframe.
- USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA): proposals for USD 1 million was submitted to BHA as part of their general contributions to GLC.
- BHA Climate Smart APS for WREC in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC): discussions with BHA are ongoing to explore support to be provided to the WREC in terms of trainings to NGOs.

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