Quarterly Update, [JANUARY – MARCH 2023]

KENYA Preparedness

Highlights

- Annual Preparedness Meeting convened by Global Logistics Cluster on 24 to 26 January 2023, in Rome, Italy.
- Validation and finalization of capacity needs mapping reports by county executives in Tana River and Garissa Counties.
- County logistics preparedness action plans for Garissa and Tana River were formulated through multistakeholder participation.

Background

Kenya continues to be exposed to a broad range of hazards, both man-made and natural. Whilst the most common disasters are hydrometeorological (floods and drought), others may occur, such as geomorphic and geo-tectonic, technological, and epidemic disasters. Their magnitude and frequency, aggravated by climate and man-made factors, have become more severe in the recent past, strongly impacting lives and livelihoods. The drought situation across the country continued to worsen, with the latest food security assessment report indicating that more than 4.5million people are in urgent need of food assistance. The Government of Kenya and other stakeholders have been scaling up emergency response activities in the form of food and cash transfers across the worst affected arid and semi-arid areas.

The Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) is centred on strengthening national supply chain resilience, enhancing coordination between stakeholders, and promoting a common methodology towards logistics preparedness. The core concept of logistics preparedness is to support local and international actors before an emergency occurs. This is best achieved by working together to identify and address systemic challenges in local supply chain systems in a sustainable way driven by national governments and actors. Globally, the project promotes a common framework. At the national level, this framework is tailored to each country's unique operational context.

In Q1 2023, the focus has been on project resocialization targeting new county executives across the two counties and designing the logistics preparedness roadmaps to guide project interventions over the short, medium, and long terms. Given the challenges experienced in 2022 resulting from election events and causing delays in the reconstitution of Government departments, the pace over the past quarter has been accelerated to recover the project implementation timelines.

Coordination

- Weekly coordination meetings with the GLC Regional Manager held consistently throughout the period to address all aspects of project implementation.
- Co-funding discussions with Kenya Capacity Strengthening and Supply Chain Managers concluded to facilitate project continuity and integration with broader Supply Chain and Logistics Capacity Strengthening activities.

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Information management

- The Kenya Project channel is updated with all reports relevant to the project, accessible to all stakeholders on a need basis.
- The Kenya web page on the GLC website went live in November 2022. The website is available on the link Kenya | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)

Advocacy

- Internally, continuous engagement with relevant Supply Chain and Capacity Strengthening managers was a priority and was maintained. This has resulted in strategic and technical level alignment and enabled co-funding from the Country Office for some activities that are mutually prioritized.
- Externally, one Government of Kenya official – Ms. Mwanajuma H. Hiribae participated in the Annual Preparedness Meeting convened by GLC in Rome last January. The opportunity provided the official with a deeper insight into the project. It is expected that she will be a key champion and advocate for the project priorities and long-term preparedness activities, especially in Tana River County.

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