
Emergency Preparedness Network Meeting

Meeting Minutes

26 June 2025



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PARTICIPANTS	Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Humanitarian Logistics Capability (DFAT-HLC), Cooperazione e Sviluppo (CESVI), Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy/Welthungerhilfe (ESUPS/WHH), Global Logistics Cluster (Emergency Preparedness, IMPACCT, WREC), Humanity & Inclusion – Atlas Logistique (HI-Atlas), Humedica, Intergovernmental Authority on Development – Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (IGAD/ICPAC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Kuehne Logistics University, ShelterBox, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision (WV).
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expanding The Emergency Preparedness Network in a Time of Limited Resources and Growing Needs2. Quarter Highlights (Q2/2025)3. Preparedness Thematic Areas4. Global Logistics Emergency Preparedness Mapping on Mural Board Exercise5. Upcoming Events
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Preparedness Matrix: Bilateral meetings will follow at global and regional level with members unpack inputs and populate matrix.• Any partners interest to co-chair the next meeting, please reach out to giuseppe.linardi@wfp.org ccd hq.glc.preparedness@wfp.org

1. Expanding The Emergency Preparedness Network in a Time of Limited Resources and Growing Needs

The Emergency Preparedness Network, formerly a Global Preparedness Working Group under the Logistics Cluster's Field-Based Preparedness Project, has evolved to encompass a broader scope with focus preparedness thematic areas, linking humanitarian logistics preparedness efforts across national, regional, and global levels. Since its launch in February 2024, the Emergency Preparedness Network has been structured in five thematic areas: Capacity Strengthening, Stock Prepositioning, Customs and Importations, Environmental Sustainability and Impact Measurement.

The Emergency Preparedness Network ecosystem includes:

- **National Engagement:** Recent activities showcase a shift towards nationally led coordination: In *Timor-Leste*, the second national humanitarian logistics workshop led by the Civil Protection Authority established the National Logistics Preparedness Working Group; in *Tanzania*, a warehouse assessment session was conducted by the National Logistics Working Group with the Disaster Management Department (DMD) (National Disaster Management Organisation, NDMO).
- **Regional Engagement:** Regional working groups in Bangkok, Johannesburg, and Panama are driving emergency preparedness, with activities such as the Hurricane Season Preparedness Event in the Dominican Republic.
- **Global Engagement:** At the Dubai DIHAD conference where innovations and sustainability in humanitarian response were discussed, the platform featured participation from national actors like Malawi's NDMO to showcase experience at field level.

2. Quarter Highlights (Q2/2025)

2.1. Asia-Pacific

- **Timor-Leste:** The second national humanitarian logistics workshop marked a pivotal step forward, culminating in the establishment of the National Logistics Preparedness Working Group (NLPWG). With strong engagement from the Civil Protection Authority and national stakeholders, momentum is shifting toward nationally led preparedness and coordination, signalling growing ownership and sustainability of logistics readiness efforts.
- **Myanmar Earthquake Response:** Following the devastating earthquake, the Logistics Cluster played an instrumental role in enabling the transition from global surge support to nationally led logistics coordination. It provided critical support in coordination, information management, and common storage services. By leveraging existing mechanisms, particularly the Asia-Pacific Humanitarian Logistics Working Group and the

AHA Centre, collective efforts are ensuring timely regional-to-national linkages, enabling continuity and alignment of response efforts amid complex access challenges.

2.2. Africa

- **Regional Logistics Working Group (LWG) Q2 Meeting:** The LWG gathered key partners including DHL, IFRC, and UNFPA to exchange progress on logistics training, Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) development updates, and realignment of humanitarian supply chains. The group also finalized its Terms of Reference.. With quarterly meetings on the horizon and an evolving action plan, the LWG is becoming a dynamic platform for strengthening logistics preparedness across the region.

2.3. Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

- **Panama:** Ahead of the hurricane season 2025, emergency preparedness activities in Panama continue to ramp up. The region is leveraging support from Emergency Preparedness Network thematic area on Customs and Importation (IMPACCT). With the support of IMPACCT, a series of online technical meetings will focus on customs processes and cross-border coordination, reinforcing resilience in one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions.

2.4. Q&A Spotlight

- **Training Inquiry:** a question raised about the selection criteria for the upcoming logistics training and whether the Southern Africa region could be included. DHL's Academy initiatives in South Sudan were highlighted as models of impactful, localised training. Further dialogue is expected to unpack how such approaches could be adapted and scaled across different contexts and locations.

3. Preparedness Thematic Areas

3.1. WREC Coalition

- A dynamic coalition comprising the Logistics Cluster, DRC, IFRC, Save the Children, and WFP, is driving the shift toward greener humanitarian supply chains. From green procurement to recycling, partners are rolling out practical sustainability tools to reduce environmental impact. A quick overview of the impact of supply chains was provided highlighting that up to 80% of all Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from humanitarian operations comes from supply chain operations (purchased goods and services, freight, storage, distribution) with 70% of that from goods and services alone. Incorporating sustainability during preparedness phase is therefore critical for reducing our environmental impact and embodying the principle of 'do no harm'.
- **Key highlights:**
 - **Countries of focus:** The WREC team is currently implementing a Country of Focus and Regional coverage strategy, providing support for mapping of existing

sustainability initiatives and building action plans with partners to improve environmental sustainability, primarily during preparedness activities. The countries of focus are currently: Bangladesh, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, and Venezuela.

- **Upcoming events:**
 - Global GHG Emission Cost-Saving Session (next week)
 - Global Waste Management Dialogue (in two weeks)
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3.2. **IMPACCT – Importation and Customs Clearance Together**

- IMPACCT continues to advance regional efforts to streamline importation and customs clearance for humanitarian relief.
- Here's a snapshot of recent activities across key regions:
 - **Africa** - IMPACCT and Africa CDC will host two regional forums by the end of 2025 to accelerate the importation of humanitarian health supplies. These events will bring together Customs administrations, health authorities, and humanitarian actors to co-develop practical solutions. Organized in collaboration with WFP, WCO, WHO, and UNICEF, the initiative aims to boost operational readiness and foster collaboration across Africa.
 - **Asia** - Under the RHIC (Regional Humanitarian Importation and Customs) network, planning is underway to strengthen customs preparedness across South Asia. Focus countries include Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. Key actions involve developing a regional roadmap to guide coordinated importation strategies.
 - **Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC)** - Following Cyclone Beryl, IMPACCT is facilitating regional dialogues with Customs administrations and humanitarian actors to strengthen their capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. This is a joint initiative led by IMPACCT, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- The “Importation and Customs Clearance Processes” e-course is now available in English, French, and Spanish. Ukrainian and Arabic versions are in development.
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3.3. **Impact Measurement Study**

An impact study is underway to assess the Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP)'s effectiveness, examining its theory of change, transition to national leadership, and localisation impact.

- **Focus Countries:** Bhutan and Malawi (transitioned); Peru and Tanzania (ongoing implementation).
- **Outcomes:** Findings will inform future Emergency Preparedness Programme design and strengthen advocacy for national ownership and logistics preparedness sustainability.

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3.4. **Stock Prepositioning**

- Ongoing efforts focus on improving how and where humanitarian stocks are positioned, aligning strategies, partners, and tools to boost efficiency and reduce waste across global and national systems.
- **Four Key Focus Areas:**
 - 1) **Core Relief Items Strategy (UNHRD Task Force):** Defining 44 core relief items with quality standards to optimize stock and space, using a 90-day supply model. Twelve key items can support 250,000 people. Next steps: finalize policies and conduct regular reviews.
 - 2) **Quality, Standardisation & Environment (QSE):** Harmonizing specifications and quality control for 8 key relief items. Despite the ending of USAID funding, coordination continues via member support. Next steps: publish unified standards, support implementation, and provide technical guidance.
 - 3) **ESUPS - Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy:** Enhancing national stock strategies through mapping and analysis, with secured funding and STOCKHOLM API expansion. Regional efforts cover Pacific, LAC, and Africa and ongoing recruitments, research, and coordination with LogIE and Asyrec.
 - 4) **Loan & Borrowing Mechanisms:** Aligning national and regional stock-sharing by reviewing policies, overcoming trust barriers, and promoting unified specs. Branding and policy harmonization remain in progress.
- **Upcoming:** In-person global convening to revitalise the Working Group in 2026.
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World Vision

- World Vision has **moved beyond static global warehousing**, adopting a flexible, supplier-based prepositioning model.
- **Six core non-food items (NFIs)** have been prioritised including hygiene kits, tarpaulins, and collapsible jerry cans, with regional long-term agreements in place.
- World Vision is also **piloting a gift-in-kind modality** supporting a 90-day rapid response approach, with the aim of redirecting saved funds to support innovative systems and digitalization.
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4. Global Logistics Emergency Preparedness Mapping on Mural Board Exercise

The Preparedness Network discussed the Preparedness Matrix that was presented for partner inputs recently at the Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) to share key highlights and preliminary analysis of the current preparedness efforts across three tiers:

- 1) **Operational Readiness:** Strong focus on stock prepositioning, long-term agreements, improved pipeline planning, enabling faster and more reliable emergency responses.
- 2) **Organisational/Sectoral:** SOPs and policy frameworks has enhanced clarity and coordination, while regional collaboration continues to improve across agencies and sectors.
- 3) **Localisation:** National leadership is supported from the Logistics Cluster Emergency Preparedness Programme, though more direct government capacity-strengthening by partners is still needed to ensure sustainable, locally led responses.

5. Upcoming Events

- **July 2025**
 - Tanzania hosts its National Logistics Working Group (NLWG) meeting—advancing national engagement.
 - Caribbean Regional Customs Webinar to facilitate peer learning and regional alignment on humanitarian import processes.

Resources

- Preparedness overview: [2025 Preparedness Road Map](#)
- [The Preparedness Enabler's Guide \(PEG\)](#) has been published and available on a dedicated landing page for Institutional Capacity Strengthening: [Institutional Capacity Strengthening \(ICS\) | Logistics Cluster Website](#)

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