

**Summary note of GCCG meeting
27 March 2024, 14:00 – 16:00 GVA time**

Participant/Global Cluster: Monica Ramos (GWC); Jennifer Chase (GBV); Mailin Fauchon (GLC); Friedrich Affolter (GEC); Briony Stevens (GNC); Jim Robinson (HLP AoR); Nisar Syed (Chief of UNICEF Global Cluster Coordination Section); Pablo Medina and Seki Hirano (GSC); Erik Kastlander (IMWG); Dher Hayo and Wan Sophonpanich (CCCM); Brent Carbno (GETC); Ron Pouwels (CP AoR); Marie-Helene Kyprianou and Abdul Majid (GFSC); Josep Herreros (GPC); Linda Doull (GHC); Mary Pack and Marina Skuric-Prodanovic (Co-Chairs); Annarita Marcantonio, Randa Hassan, Mari Sawai and Elizabeth Carpentier-Baugh (GCCG secretariat).

Invitees: Ed Schenkenberg (Team Leader, IAHE Ethiopia), Nicole Henze (IAHE secretariat), Dario Alvarez and Vera Ferreira (OCHA ROLAC); Emmanuelle Schneider (OCHA Haiti); Kate Holland (UNICEF consultant).

Welcome and agenda overview

1. Ms. Pack, GCCG Co-Chair, welcomed participants and provided an overview of the agenda reflecting items proposed by GCCs. GBV asked to add two items: implications of the ERC stepping down and an update from the Flagship Initiative learning event. GFSC invited GCCs to join a meeting on OPT on 4 April where WFP and FAO country representatives would present the overall situation including IPC analysis.

Updates and follow-up on GCCG action points

2. An update on recent IASC meetings and pending action points was provided.
 - IASC meetings: a management response to the IDP review report is being drafted following the Deputies Group meeting (5 to 6 March). Ms. Skuric offered to update GCCs once there was more information available. The OPAG meeting (26 March) discussed the future of the Task Forces; IASC associated entities were not discussed. GCCs briefly discussed the future of the GCCG and agreed they would continue to meet even if it stopped being an IASC associated entity. Task Force 4 met on 19 March to discuss the dissemination of the checklist as part of the *Guidance on Advancing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach through IASC global clusters*. GWC will share the final set of documents with GCCs.
 - On ERC departure, Ms. Skuric said no changes were being expected for now, and that the Flagship Initiative, IASC IDP Review process and IASC reform would continue per current course.
 - Global Learning Forum on the Flagship Initiative (20 to 21 March): Given that a number of references were made on area-based coordination models in the pilot countries, and Ms. Skuric suggested that the GCCG leads of this workstream accelerate planned activities / work on the paper. ASG Piper's team had also expressed interest in the transition guidance work led by UNICEF. Finally, with regard to the Flagship Initiative GCCs agreed with the proposal of inviting Mr. Hansjoerg Stromeyer to brief the GCCs in the coming weeks.
 - A briefing on P2P missions to Mozambique and Ethiopia will be on the agenda of the GCCG meeting in April.
 - GCCs were asked to express their preference for 23 or 24 April for a briefing on JAWS.
 - IMWG Chair said that in follow up to the request to have global cluster IMOs meet more regularly, a sub-group has been established under the Global IMWG co-chaired by APMB/OCHA and FIS/OCHA. Members would consist of global cluster IMOs (including from AoRs) and key persons from CLAs that support the technical work of clusters. It will hold its first meeting during the week of 15 April.

Transition in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala

3. Ms. Vera Ferreira briefed on the ongoing coordination review in the three countries.

- The HRP in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala were launched after Category Four hurricanes hit Central America in November 2020 for the following 18 months. This led to the activation of clusters in Honduras.
- Coordination architecture reviews are ongoing in Honduras (including possible transition and deactivation of clusters), Guatemala and El Salvador, to look at ensuring clusters/sectors are fit for purpose given the mixed settings they are in.
- Ms. Ferreira asked GCCs to guide and support the field clusters in developing their transition plans that includes assessing their capacities, roles and responsibilities, linking humanitarian work to development, and what can be handed over to government counterparts.
- GCCs discussed their role in non-activated settings, referring to past OCHA Regional Office support in preparedness activities; whether support should focus on preparedness to natural disasters; and asked for a timeline for support. CCCM offered support through UNHCR's regional office. Transition guidance that is being developed was flagged as a possible resource.
- Ms. Ferreira asked GCCs to engage with their clusters/sectors immediately, ahead of the review of analysis scheduled in June and upcoming workshops.

Operational Updates

4. **Nigeria:** The GCCG mission to Maiduguri and Borno State will take place from 21 to 26 April with participation from CP AoR and GCCG-s. Ms. Marcantonio and Ms. Mutiso will facilitate the coordination workshop of the Inter-sectoral Coordination Group.
5. **Sudan:** A remote workshop was held from 20 to 21 March, focusing on needs assessment, planning, monitoring, advocacy and resource mobilization. Ms. Hassan thanked GWC and GSC for enriching the workshop with their experience. Progress was noted on the NGO co-chairing of clusters, and clusters flagged concerns around not having fully dedicated IMO capacity. Other issues were identified in ensuring dedicated IMO capacity, JIAF processes and boundary setting specifically.
6. **Haiti:** Ms. Schneider (OCHA Haiti) briefed on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Haiti, where some 50,000 people have been displaced in Port-au-Prince. The health sector has collapsed and there is a lack of medical supplies, and the food security situation has also worsened. The operational space has been severely constrained, and gang leaders are increasingly asking for in-person interaction only. Staff remain on rotation; all PC2 staff have been relocated outside of the country. All cluster coordinators are PC1 (except for GBV AoR), however many are stranded outside of the country for various reasons. The ICCG is functioning and cohesive thanks to the scale-up that managed to fulfill its purpose. To help with resourcing in future scale-ups, GWC asked Ms. Schneider to write a note to highlight evidence that scale-up of their cluster had fulfilled its purpose, and GBV AoR asked for a note to highlight the negative implications from having the GBV coordinator designated as PC2.

Transition guidance

7. Ms. Kate Holland presented the changes made to the transition guidance, including the HC/HCT checklist, since the GCCG retreat in February. GCCs were asked to review the checklist and share their comments. GPC asked whether consultations will be held with CLAs, to which Ms. Skuric responded by noting that GCCs were free to share the transition guidance to their CLAs and that many had already done so; CLAs would also additionally be able to provide comments through the OPAG at a later stage. GPC asked how to link the transition guidance with the recommendations coming from IDP Review report; Ms. Skuric noted that there was broad consistency across the two. To the question on linkages with the work led by the Special Advisor on Solutions to Internal Displacement Robert Piper, Mr. Syed clarified that Mr. Piper's team had reached out and requested a meeting on the guidance.

IAHE in northern Ethiopia

8. Mr. Ed Schenkenberg presented findings from the northern Ethiopia IAHE that were most relevant to the global clusters ([PPT slides](#)). He highlighted five main conclusions from the IAHE, namely related to scale-up, access, coordination and working collectively, gaps in needs and data, and coverage and delivery. Specifically to GCCs, he flagged four issues of relevance: strategy and planning needing conflict analysis; the need to monitor scale-up benchmarks; confusion over responsibility on clusters and AoRs as it relates to large-scale sexual violence; and reporting lines when national clusters appeared as a 'black hole' to sub-national clusters.
9. GCCs discussed the challenge of carrying out advocacy in highly politicized contexts and flagged the need to discuss further on how to address the issue of accountability and leadership for CLAs, AoRs and NGO co-leads, a recurrent issue from several recent reviews: i.e. what measures can be taken when they are not fulfilling their responsibilities. GWC suggested to look at this issue in the reviews that had taken place over the past two years (from the EDG, Peer-2-Peer, IDP Review) and to further discuss possible entry points and actions needed by the GCCs. CCCM suggested that in the case of the inability of a CLA to fulfill its responsibilities, it was up to the IASC Principals to call upon the CLA to enforce its accountability rather than find an alternative actor. Ms. Henze (IAHE secretariat) noted that the secretariat was working on a synthesis of past reviews and would share this with the GCCs once completed.

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10. Due to lack of time remaining in the meeting, for the sharing of practices around organizing annual meetings, Ms Skuric asked GSC to initiate an exchange via the informal GCCG group chat. GEC said it would circulate information on education advocacy via email and would have a bilateral follow up with Ms. Skuric. GCCG-s highlighted the next steps for coordination mapping surveys. On HNPW, CCCM asked GCCs to publicize the GCCG session widely with cluster networks, and asked for nominations for panelists from field cluster coordinators. The item on "additional requests received by global clusters" will be included on agenda of the next GCCG meeting (17 April at 14:00 to 16:00).

Action points

- GCCG-s: Follow up with GCCs on the management response to the IDP Review report.
- GCCG-s: Organize a briefing on the Flagship Initiative.
- GCCs: Provide support to clusters/sectors in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala in the transition phase.
- OCHA ROLAC/GCCG-s: Share timeline of the upcoming transition phase.
- GCCs: Provide comments to the HC/HCT checklist as part of transition guidance (by 12 April).
- GCCG-s: Follow up with IAHE secretariat for the synthesis report of past IAHEs.