

**Global Cluster Coordination Group (GCCG) meeting – 17 February 2021  
Summary of discussion and action points**

**Participants:** Ms. Monica Ramos, Global WASH Cluster (GWC); Ms. Linda Doull, Global Health Cluster (GHC); Ms. Ela Serdaroglu and Mr. Miguel Urquia, Global Shelter Cluster (GSC); Ms. Anna Ziolkovska, Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC); Ms. Wan Sophonpanich, Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM); William Chemaly, Global Protection Cluster (GPC); Mr. Bruno Minjauw and Ms. Naouar Labidi, Global Food Security Cluster (GFSC); Ms. Athalie Mayo, Global Logistics Cluster (GLC); Ms. Jennifer Chase, Gender Based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR); Mr. Jim Robinson, Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR); Ms. Joyce Mutiso, Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR); Ms. Maria Agnese Giordano and Ms. Elisa Radisone, Global Education Cluster (GEC); Mr. Brent Carbno and Caroline Teyssier, Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (GETC); Mr. Erik Kastlander, Information Management Working Group (IMWG); Ms. Marina Skuric-Prodanovic (GCCG Chair); Ms. Randa Hassan; Ms. Annarita Marcantonio and Mr. Mate Bagossy, (GCCG Secretariat).

Invitees: Mr. Nisar Syed (Chief, UNICEF Global Cluster Coordinator Unit).

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<p>The GCCG Chair provided an overview of the agenda for the meeting, which was adopted by the GCCG.</p> <p><b>1. Follow-up on previous GCCG meetings (action points, summary record, etc)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the briefing on the Libya P2P mission during last GCCG meeting, the Chair suggested that GCCs follow up with their field counterparts on support that is required, and brief at the next GCCG meeting.</li> <li>• It was suggested that a briefing by MHPSS is planned for end March/early April.</li> <li>• GCCs were reminded that the Humanitarian Program Cycle (HPC) Multi partner review (MPR) documents were shared with the HPC Steering Group and OCHA Heads of Offices. The OCHA team working on the HPC is willing to present to the GCCG in case of interest (no interest expressed).</li> <li>• The IASC Secretariat has agreed to brief the GCCG on the GCCG Terms of Reference (ToR) discussion on Monday 1 March has been identified as a possible day for the briefing to take place.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Randa Hassan, GCCG Secretariat, updated the GCCG on the following two issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination mapping: Emails on the humanitarian coordination mapping survey were sent to more than 28 countries, 600 cluster and OCHA focal points, with a deadline of 5 March for completion. The GCCG Secretariat thanked all GCCs for their support in this activity and will send updated field contact lists to the GCCs.</li> <li>• Burkina Faso workshop for the ICCG: It was agreed the workshop will take place on 25 and 26 October. A tentative agenda has been drafted and a number of GCCs will directly support the sessions. The GCCG Secretariat will share further details on the workshop soon.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair clarified that, due to the Burkina Faso training taking place on 25 and 26 February and taking into account the availability of the IASC Secretariat to brief the GCCG, the next GCCG meeting will be scheduled for 1 March 2021 at 1400 Geneva time.</p> <p>Finally, the Chair confirmed that Mr. Anthony Nolan, GEC Coordinator would be leaving his position and would be replaced from 1 March by Ms. Michelle Brown, with Ms. Elisa Radisone temporarily replacing him, until the end of February. The Chair also introduced Ms. Joyce Mutiso, incoming Deputy CP AoR Coordinator.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GCCs to follow up on P2P recommendations with their field counterparts in Libya.</li> <li>2. GCCG-S to confirm and organize briefing by IASC Secretariat during next GCCG Meeting.</li> <li>3. GCCG-S to send GCCs an updated list of cluster field contacts.</li> <li>4. GCCG-S to share with GCCs details of Burkina Faso ICCG training.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Draft IASC Guidance on Localisation of Coordination</b></p> <p>The Chair gave an overview of IASC Principals and OPAG discussions on localization and explained the OPAG had tasked IASC Results Group 1 (RG1) with developing guidance. She also reminded GCCs of complementary work that was being undertaken under the Grand Bargain Localisation Workstream around funding allocated to local actors and country-level dialogues. The workstream Sherpas – IFRC and SDC – have started country-level dialogues on localization in 10 countries – with 6 receiving targeted support and 4 receiving ad hoc support.</p> <p>IASC RG1 is currently working on two different pieces of guidance – the first is being led by UN Habitat and concerns a guidance note on engaging local governments/authorities and the other is the draft guidance on localizing coordination entitled <i>Strengthening Participation, Representation, and Leadership of Local and National Actors in Humanitarian Coordination Mechanisms</i> has been shared with the GCCG for comments by 18 February. The guidance includes indicators to measure progress on localisation, some of which also concern GCs. She encouraged GCCs to provide their comments in writing in the coming days.</p> <p>Finally, IASC RG1 is also establishing an information repository where documents related to localization will be collected.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCCM commented on the leadership section, pointing out that the scope of the guidance paper covers non-governmental organizations better than local authorities. There is a need to discuss also how to promote and eventually prioritize coordination or co-leadership by local authorities. In addition to this, while there is a mention of resources channeled for coordination, funding local partners, without transfer of decision-making power, does not equate to localization. CCCM informed the GCCG that was piloting localization in 3 countries - Indonesia, Ethiopia and Bangladesh (national cluster) – and reminded the group that guidance on clusters working with national authorities had been developed years ago, which the GCs might find useful.</li> <li>• The Chair noted that the guidance comes up with a wide definition of local actors that could for example include even private sector actors, the Chair welcomed other GCCs to provide their inputs.</li> <li>• The GEC noted that it had supported and circulated the translation of the draft guidance into French Spanish and Arabic, which can be shared with all GCCs.</li> <li>• The GWC commented that the guidance needs to more strongly emphasize the resourcing aspect, particularly towards donors. The GFSC expressed agreement with the GWC, and noted its concern that donors do not consider it their responsibility to fund local partners, since the Grand Bargain states that international organizations need to provide multi-year funding to local partners.</li> <li>• The Chair clarified that local partners are being consulted as part of the guidance development. Translations, with the generous support of GEC, have also been provided in order to facilitate access of local actors to the process. She noted that if GCCs want to facilitate further access/comments on the draft guidance by their local partners, they are welcome to do so.</li> <li>• GPC enquired if other GCCs had examples on how they determine exactly what is a local organization and whether forms of engagement with community networks and relations based on information sharing can be considered part of localization.</li> <li>• GEC commented that the leadership issue needs to be looked in terms of accountability, and the role of clusters in funding needs clarification, adding as well that UNICEF-led clusters have taken 4 indicators to measure local participation and inclusion.</li> <li>• GFSC informed that it is moving towards coaching local partners, trying to move out from the traditional international coordinator vs. national co-coordinator setup.</li> <li>• In conclusion Chair emphasized the importance of the GCCs taking an active part and contributing to the drafting process, either as part of the GCCG or from other forums where they may be engaged.</li> </ul>	<p>5. CCCM to share with the GCCG-S the Guidance on Clusters working with national authorities.</p>

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<p><b>3. Cluster performance, efficiency and effectiveness. GCCG Retreat session I.</b></p> <p>Ms. Monica Ramos, GWC, presented a summary of inputs received from GCCs on the 'Cluster performance, efficiency and effectiveness' topic of the Stepping Back to Look Forward exercise. GCCs provided various suggestions related to the improvement of cluster performance, the CCPM tool, the inter-connections of JIAF and HPC processes, etc.</p> <p>The full summary of the issues identified and related recommendations will be shared separately.</p>	
<p><b>• AOB</b></p> <p>CCCM informed the GCCG that the CCCM Cluster has developed 'Minimum Standards for Camp Management' guidance, which they would like to present to the GCCG at a later date in March.</p> <p>GWC informed the GCCG that it has received an email requesting feedback from the GCCG about the JIAF tender process, which it would share with GCCs.</p> <p><b>Upcoming GCCG meetings:</b> 10 March 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IASC Secretariat briefing to GCCs</li> <li>• Field support update</li> <li>• Briefing and follow up on Libya</li> <li>• Retreat Session II: Cluster Activation and Accountability</li> </ul>	<p>6. CCCM to present to the GCCG in March the 'Minimum Standards for Camp Management'</p> <p>7. GWC to share with GCCs the message from JIAF.</p>