



# Summary Report: Strategic Advisory Group Localisation Workshop

*Geneva, 17 – 21 February, 2020*

## INTRODUCTION:

The Global Education Cluster (GEC) held a workshop on localisation in Geneva, Switzerland, 17 – 21 February, 2020, with participation from the new members of its Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). The new members of SAG represent local and national NGOs (L/NNGO) from 7 countries with an existing education cluster. A full list of participants is noted in Annex 1. The event was funded by Save the Children Denmark.

### Objectives

The workshop had two objectives:

1. The on-boarding of the new local and national NGO members of the GEC Strategic Advisory Group
2. Facilitated discussions on how the roles of new SAG members can influence the global localisation agenda through their new positions as GEC SAG members, as well as the national agenda through their role as a member of their national Education Clusters.

The Workshop was facilitated by the GEC Rapid Response Team's Localisation Specialist, with invited guests from Education Cannot Wait, Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR), Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR), UNICEF Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS),

and Translators Without Borders. Two Strategic Advisory Group members representing Plan and Save the Children also attended for several sessions. For the full agenda of the week, see Annex 2.

## FINAL OUTCOMES:

Discussions centered around the 5 dimensions of localisation: Building on the discussions during the workshop, participants drafted and shared their follow-up action points to be taken within the capacity of their role as SAG members at their respective country clusters as well as representation at GEC SAG. Participants also noted the support they expect from the GEC in order to achieve their action plans. Some action points are common to all, but each representative also drafted specific action points, we note both here: **South Sudan:**

- 1- Advocacy with the country cluster to hold a workshop on Principles of Partnership in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2020
- 2- Conducting a quick capacity needs assessment and a workshop on Institutional Capacity Building, in coordination with the NGO Forum.
- 3- Advocacy to allocate 50% of the pooled funds for Local/National NGOs
- 4- Advocacy for the national country cluster to include at least 2 L/NNGO in all coordination and funding mechanisms, such as fund-management committees

*Expectations from GEC:* Follow up with NEAR and share the Localization Measurement Framework; Connect to ongoing institutional capacity building work being led by the NGO Forum in South Sudan.

### **Somalia:**

- 1- Ask Cluster Secretariat to include agenda item on Localization – discuss priority points for localization. Present on the Dimensions of Localisation (Framework for Localisation) at the upcoming SAG and Cluster meetings
- 2- Depending on outcomes of this presentation, potential follow-up workshop on localisation– GEC Rapid Response Team (RRT) to support facilitating

*Expectations from GEC:* GEC to share PPT and resources on localization

### **Venezuela:**

- 1- Advocate and strategize for incorporation of the Ministry of Education in the cluster coordination mechanism
- 2- Establish a training module for the Cluster on Education in Emergencies (EiE), Evaluation and Needs Assessment, Data Analysis, and Accountability
- 3- Together with the cluster, define a plan for creating national pooled funds
- 4- Promote the participation of new L/NNGOs and actors in the cluster system, e.g. open event to inform about the Cluster and to invite participation

*Expectations from GEC:* Link with Fatuma Ibrahim from CP AoR regarding guidance on government engagement Guidance on how to establish national/local pooled funds

### **Yemen:**

- 1- Through the national education cluster in Yemen, raising local and international partners' awareness on localization by conducting a sensitization workshop. The discussions on localization will be led by local actors.
- 2- Draft a country localisation plan.



*Action together with GEC:* Meeting between Fatuma, Faiza, and Kemal – review draft Education Cluster Strategy and ensure localisation issue is included.

***Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):***

- 1- In collaboration with cluster coordinators, advocate and plan for a training on coordination at the sub-national level. The coordinators can give simplified guidance for coordination.
- 2- Discussion to be held at the national cluster on 'how localization can be advanced'.

*Action:* Kemal and Paul Martin to discuss with Luca (GEC, Capacity Building) on the plan for capacity development in DRC, in coordination with the Cluster Coordinators.

***Bangladesh:***

- 1- Discussion of localization at the SAG meeting
- 2- Organisation of a workshop on the Principles of Partnership, and complementary roles of INGOs and other stakeholders
- 3- Conduct a Capacity Assessment to understand the current status of partner capacities, and prepare a plan for capacity building, including funds needed
- 4- Organize a workshop on localization to discuss definitions, perspectives, and ways to implement a more localized response
- 5- Prepare a policy relating to fundraising modalities
- 6- Capacity development (training) on data management

*Action:* GEC to share with Munir Capacity Assessment report from Bangladesh. Kemal and Munir to discuss with Luca (GEC, Capacity Building) on the plan for capacity development in Bangladesh, in coordination with the Cluster Coordinators.

***Nigeria:***

- 1- Advocate for more partnerships between INGOs and NNGOs (at least those that are committed to the principles of partnership) needed to implement activities at the national level.
- 2- Follow-up meeting between CPAoR SAG NNGO Rep and GEC SAG NNGO Rep to discuss any joint action.

*Expectation from the GEC:* There has to be an advocacy from the Global Level to donors towards insisting that education projects should be funded and implemented with L/NNGOs.

In addition to these country-specific actions, the GEC encouraged some common actions for all new SAG representatives:

## COMMON ACTION POINTS

- *Connecting with CPAoR:* Meet with Child Protection counterparts and discuss common goals and joint work to take forward together.
- *Budgeting:* Meet with your Cluster Coordinators to tell them about this orientation week and about your new role. The GEC would like them to support you in this role. Consider discussions around funding and budget lines in HRP Project Proposals. Funding should not be an issue of stress, but try exploring how you can control and manage the budget yourselves (for travels, translations, localization initiatives, etc.)
- *Connecting with SAG INGOs in country:* Meet with the SAG members in country. Most of the country SAG are also represented in the Global SAG; e.g. WVI, Plan International, NRC, Save



the Children, RET, FCA. Find the education focal points in your country, with an understanding that you are all represented in the Global SAG. This will help us ensuring that activities done at the global level are also relevant at the country-level. Look for opportunities to convene the local partners. See Annex 3 for the full GEC SAG members so you can refer in-country INGO colleagues to their counterparts at the global level if helpful.

- *Review GEC Draft 2020 Workplan:* Look at the GEC Workplan when it is shared by Michelle in advance of the next SAG meeting. Think about where your interests lie. Which activities would you like to be involved? Would you like to contribute at the global level? Would you like to do something at the national level? What role do you see for yourself? Some might require resources. Reach out to GEC if one of those activities doesn't make sense. We may need to rethink if this is a priority. Every activity should at least be relevant for one of you.
- *2020 HNO and HRP:* Think about where you might create space for yourselves in the next year's HNO and HRP. Work together to amplify your voice.
- *Contact GEC for support:* Ask us for our support. Helpdesk (search Skype for: help.edcluster), RRT for Localization ([kemal.alptaylan@savethechildren](mailto:kemal.alptaylan@savethechildren)), Global Cluster Coordinators ([mgiordano@unicef.org](mailto:mgiordano@unicef.org); [Anthony.Nolan@savethechildren.org](mailto:Anthony.Nolan@savethechildren.org)), Michelle Godwin as SAG focal point within the GEC ([Michelle.Godwin@savethechildren.org](mailto:Michelle.Godwin@savethechildren.org)). We love it when you are in touch with us! We have deployments to support country clusters. The request for deployments has to come from country cluster leads - advocate for that!

#### ***Recommendations from CP AoR Participants(South Sudan and Nigeria):***

- 1- Promoting institutional capacity building of the L/NNGOs by using pooled funds in order to address compliance issues
- 2- Advocating with OCHA at the global level in order to allocate 50% of the pooled-fund to L/NNGOs
- 3- Co-leadership transition plans – role to play to push CLAs to ensure that there are transition plans in place so co-leadership can start.
- 4- Joint meetings between GEC – CP AoR SAG members in order to increase the synergies and supporting the new GEC SAG members to achieve their set targets. This needs joint efforts.

#### **LESSONS LEARNED ON INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION OF GLOBAL WORKSHOPS:**

- *Logistics:* Significant time and resources are necessary to allow for visa processes to be managed. Ideally, planning should start 3 months before the planned meeting date.
- *Languages:* Simultaneous translation is expensive and requires additional budget and resources. For future meetings, the use of volunteer translators from local universities should be explored.
- *Online participation:* This modality should be the last resort, but if it will be used, the setup of the connections and the connection platform (Zoom, Skype, etc...) should be tested beforehand.
- *Per diem or advance payments for costs:* Cash advance for participants can be useful to cover some of their costs during the workshop, such as dinners. The arrangement of this should be discussed in the beforehand with relevant stakeholders.

## Annex 1: List of Participants

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## Annex 2: Global Education Cluster Strategic Advisory Group

### Localisation Workshop Agenda

**Venue:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting room at International Geneva Welcome Center (CAGI), Route de Ferney 106, 1202 Genève, Switzerland

	Session	Description	Facilitators
<b>Monday 17th February</b>			
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome	<p>Welcoming Remarks:</p> <p>Introduction by Director of Geneva Advocacy Office, Save the Children</p> <p>Introduction by deputy Global Education Cluster Coordinator, UNICEF</p>	<p>Michel Anglade, Director of Advocacy Office, Save the Children</p> <p>Thorodd Ommundsen, Project Coordinator, Global Education Cluster, UNICEF</p>
09:45 - 10:45	Local-National-Global: Exploring individual experience, roles, and identities	Discussion on definitions, self-reflection, and references	Kemal Alp Taylan, Localisation Specialist, Global Education Cluster (GEC)
11:00 - 12:00	Overview of the Global Education Cluster and Strategic Advisory Group	<p>GEC: Functions, Responsibilities, Strategic Vision, GEC SAG: Roles and Responsibilities, Structure</p> <p>Global Education Cluster: Country Profiles</p>	<p>Michelle Godwin, Programme Manager, GEC</p> <p>Tareq Dababneh, Analyst, GEC</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Principles of Partnership Partnerships in Cluster Coordination	<p>PoP, Learnings from Gaziantep and Iraq</p> <p>Activity: sharing experiences</p>	Kemal
14:00 - 15:00	Introduction to the Grand Bargain and Civil Society Engagement	Facilitated discussion with SCHR	Gareth Price-Jones, Executive Secretary, Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response.
15:00 - 16:30	National and Local NGOs influencing global humanitarian structures and policy	Facilitated discussion with NEAR	Alix Masson, Advocacy Officer, Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR)
<b>Tuesday 18th February</b>			
09:00 - 10:00	Recap and Introductions of Guests	Intro to CP AoR reps and Recap from Day 1	<p>Kemal</p> <p>Umar Abdullahi, Neem Foundation, Nigeria</p> <p>Daniel Machour Arok, Cina South Sudan, South Sudan</p>
10:00 - 12:00	Governance and decision-making in the Cluster system	Exploring the role of national and local actors in national Cluster governance structures, inter-sector fora, and experiences at the global level.	<p>Michael Copland, Global Coordinator, Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AoR)</p> <p>Dr. Daniel; Dr. Umar</p>
13:00 - 14:30	Accountability to Affected Populations, Participation and Influence	<p>Definitions</p> <p>Inclusion of AAP in HPC</p>	<p>Carla Daher, Community Engagement &amp; Accountability (AAP), Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS), UNICEF</p> <p>Kemal</p>
14:45 - 16:30	Principles of Partnership (...cont'd from Day 1)	Activity: Identifying Best and Worst Practices	Kemal
<b>Wednesday 19th February</b>			

09:00 - 10:00	Recap from Day 2 Helpdesk and IM Support by GEC		Kemal Tareq Dababneh, Analyst, GEC
10:00 - 12:00	Supporting access to direct funding and institutional capacity building for Local organizations through Clusters	Discussion on obstacles and opportunities	Kemal
13:00 - 14:30	Meeting the Global Education Cluster Team	- Welcome from Maria Agnese - Needs Assessment and Analysis - Capacity Building	Maria Agnese Giordano, GEC Coordinator, UNICEF  Chloe Goldthorpe, GEC/REACH  Luca Frascini, Education Coordinator and Capacity Development Specialist
14:30 - 16:30	Donor support to localisation through coordination and links to work across the nexus	Facilitated Discussion with SDC & Education Cannot Wait	Maarten Barends, Chief, Humanitarian Liason and External Relations, Education Cannot Wait
<b>Thursday 20th February</b>			
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome Remarks Recap from Day 3 Supporting access to direct funding and institutional capacity building ( <i>cont'd</i> )	Recap and continued activity from Day 3	Anthony Nolan, GEC Coordinator, Save the Children  Kemal
09:45 - 10:45	Language and Barriers to Localisation in Humanitarian Coordination	Facilitated Discussion with Translators without Borders	Mia Marzotto, Senior Advocacy Officer, Translators without Borders
11:00 - 12:15	Language and Barriers to Localisation in Humanitarian Coordination ( <i>cont'd</i> )	Facilitated Discussion with Translators without Borders	Mia
13:30 - 15:00	Full SAG Meeting	Agenda shared separately	
15:00 onwards	Optional informal drinks / dinner with full team	Location TBC	TBC
<b>Friday 21st February</b>			
09:00 - 10:00	Recap from Day 4 Group Activity: Localisation Planning	Individual and Group Activity on Localisation	Kemal and Marian
10:00 - 12:00	Final Outcomes	Action planning and recommendations	Kemal and Marian
Afternoon	Side meetings and free time		





## **Annex 3: Global Education Cluster Strategic Advisory Group Members in 2020**

1. UNICEF
2. Save the Children International
3. UNESCO IIEP
4. Plan International
5. World Vision International
6. Norwegian Refugee Council
7. RET
8. Finn Church Aid
9. War Child
10. South Sudan Education Cluster
11. INEE
12. GEC Coordinators (Chair)
13. GEC Sr. Programme Manager (Secretariat)
14. Community Development Center (CODEC) – Bangladesh
15. Actions et Interventions pour le Développement et l'Encadrement Social (AIDES) - DRC
16. Restoration of Hope Initiative (ROHI) – Nigeria
17. Nile Hope - South Sudan
18. Zamzam Foundation – Somalia
19. Association for Integral and Community Education (ASEINC) Venezuela
20. SOUL for Development – Yemen
21. UNHCR – Global