

Strategic Advisory Group Call Conference (9 March 2021)

Note for the record

Attended:	Apologies:	GHC Unit:
Claire Beck (WVI) (CB) – Co-chair Renee Van De Weerd (WHO) (RV) - Chair Rachael Cummings (SCUK) (RC) Michelle Gayer (IRC) (MG) Chiara Giusto (ECHO) (CG) Mike O'Brien (FHI360) (MO) Mohammed Shafiq, Nigeria (MS) Jamshed Tanoli, Syria (JT) Hailey West (IOM) (HW)		Linda Doull (LD) Elisabetta Minelli (EM)
Discussion	Decision	Action
1. Agree on the purpose of the call and agenda (C. Beck)		
CB introduced the purpose of the call and agenda.	Agreed to follow the proposed agenda.	
2. GHC Partner Meeting concept note (L. Doull)		
The GHC Partner Meeting concept note was presented and the SAG discussed each session topic and developed each session's expected outcomes. The SAG agreed on a final draft to be shared with GHC partners for feedback and interest in chairing/facilitating, presenting and making brief interventions from the floor. The concept note is attached to this note for the record.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAG agreed on session topics and expected outcomes. • SAG agreed to leave space to GHC partners that are usually less visible to chair/facilitate session, and that they could support as co-chairs of the sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHC team to share with GHC partners the concept note for feedback by 22 March.

<p>While discussing the inter-cluster session, the following topic was proposed for further discussion on looking at addressing outbreaks at points of entry, working across sectors, according to a whole of society approach. A webinar on the wider topic of migration and health could be organized after the Partner Meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAG agreed that partners'	
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Virtual Global Health Cluster Partner Meeting

14-15 April 2020

Concept note

Aim of concept note

This concept note is for the GHC partners to:

1. Confirm interest in proposed topics and provide feedback on expected outcomes.
2. Indicate interest in chairing, presenting or sharing information (brief

Date and time

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Health Cluster Partner Meeting will be held virtually. It will be composed of two meetings held via Zoom, one on 14 and one on 15 April.
- It will be scheduled at mid-day to allow worldwide participation. Duration of the meetings will be 12.00-14.30.
- Each meeting will allow discussion of two topics, with a short break in between.

Purpose

1. To share good practices and lessons learned from the Northern Ethiopia humanitarian response.
2. To update partners on the Global Health Emergency Workforce and the Emergency Medical Teams and discuss implications for GHC partners and Country Health Clusters.
3. To update on the recent inter-cluster / multi-sector collaboration and share good practices and lessons learned on WASH/Health and Nutrition/Health collaboration to improve health, WASH and nutrition outcomes.
4. To update on the latest developments the GHC Task Team on COVID-19 work on monitoring and tracking vaccination in humanitarian settings and provide a Q&A session on the humanitarian buffer.

Proposed topics for discussion

DAY 1 – 14 April 2021

Health Cluster responses

Northern Ethiopia humanitarian crisis response (45')

This session aims to discuss and share lessons learned from the Northern Ethiopia crisis. The conflict in Northern Ethiopia is game-changing for the country and international actors; 'business as usual' is no longer an option. Addressing this new complex emergency in a humanitarian-development nexus context with a strong government has raised important questions about how to ensure timely, effective and impartial humanitarian health action. The session will focus on cluster/partner readiness/scale-up in the nexus context; impact on health services (including covid-19 response) and modalities/adaptation made to access the affected population and provide services, including outbreak prevention and control; attacks on health care and overall cluster advocacy.

Expected outcomes

The Global Health Cluster expects to gather good practices and lessons learned on cluster/partner readiness and response to a complex emergency in a humanitarian-development nexus context with a strong government.

- How have partners engaged in coordination in this changing context?
 - How have existing development platforms and programmes supported or hindered the response?
- How have partners adapted their program approach to ensure appropriate operational and technical skills and support are available on the ground?
- How partners have adapted services (for COVID-19 response and maintenance of essential health services) to ensure access by the affected populations?

ACTION FOR PARTNERS:

- 1) Confirm interest in the proposed topic.
- 2) Reach out to GHC unit if interested in chairing, presenting or sharing information (brief intervention/questions from the floor/documents) on the topics proposed. Please note

Leveraging partners' capacity (60')

Global Health Emergency Workforce

This session aims to update GHC partners on the Global Health Emergency Workforce. The overarching goal is to accelerate, strengthen and expand national capacities to better protect people from all health emergencies, supported by enhanced global and regional level capacity. The initiative also builds on the existing global networks (GHC, EMTs and GOARN) and includes providing international high quality and fast surge capacity as needed.

Emergency Medical Teams

This session is to update the GHC partners on how the Emergency Medical Teams initiative has evolved, including its increased engagement in fragile settings, support to Country Health Clusters and role in capacity building at the national and local level.

Expected outcomes

The Global Health Cluster expects to clarify implications for the Health Cluster at global and country level, around the following topics:

- Within the GHEW, what is the envisioned role for Health Cluster partners and how does WHO foresee building strategic partnerships with them?
- What is the EMTs' role in capacity building of national and local actors and how do they plan to integrate with government-led and international coordination platforms at national and sub-national level?
- What is the overall complementarity between existing global networks, including GHC, GOARN and EMTs?

ACTION FOR PARTNERS:

1. Confirm interest in the proposed topic.
2. Reach out to GHC unit if interested in chairing or sharing information (brief intervention/questions from the floor/documents) on the topics proposed.

DAY 2 – 15 April 2021

Strengthening inter-cluster and multi-sectoral collaboration (60')

This session aims to (1) provide an update on how the Global WASH Cluster and the Global Nutrition Cluster plan to strengthen collaboration with the Global Health Cluster and 2) share good practices and lessons learned from recent country level collaboration to improve health, WASH and nutrition outcomes.

Expected outcomes

The Global Health Cluster expects to:

- Identify a way forward on the collaboration with WASH and Nutrition Clusters
- Gather good practices and lessons learned on WASH/health and nutrition/health collaboration – what is the value added to work in collaboration with other sectors?

ACTION FOR PARTNERS:

1. Confirm interest in the proposed topic.
2. Reach out to GHC unit if interested in chairing or sharing information (brief intervention/questions from the floor/documents) on the topics proposed.

COVID-19 vaccination in humanitarian settings (60')

This session aims to update the GHC partners on:

- The work of the COVID-19 Task Team on monitoring and tracking COVID -19 vaccination in humanitarian settings.
- The latest developments and operationalization of the humanitarian buffer.

Expected outcomes

The Global Health Cluster expects to clarify implications of the work of the COVID-19 Task Team on monitoring and tracking COVID -19 vaccination in humanitarian settings and of the humanitarian buffer for the Health Cluster at global and country level. The focus will be:

- How partners/country clusters are expected to be involved in the monitoring and tracking of COVID -19 vaccination in humanitarian settings?

- How partners/country clusters are expected to be involved in the operational roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination plans?

ACTION FOR PARTNERS:

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2. Reach out to GHC unit if interested in chairing or sharing information (brief intervention/questions from the floor/documents) on the topics proposed.

Proposed schedule

Day 1	
12.00-12.30	Introduction (L. Doull) (5') Opening Remarks – Altaf Musani (25')
12.30-13.15	Northern Ethiopia humanitarian crisis response (45') - Presentation (10') - Discussion based on guiding questions (35')
13.15-13.30	<i>Break</i>
13.30-14.30	Leveraging partners' capacity (60') - Global Health Emergency Workforce (TBC) (10') - Emergency Medical Teams (F. Salio) (10') - Discussion based on guiding questions (40')
Day 2	
12.00-13.00	Strengthening inter-cluster and multi-sectoral collaboration (60') - Presentation from WASH (TBC) (10') - Presentation from Nutrition (TBC) (10') - Discussion based on guiding questions (40')
13.00-13.15	<i>Break</i>
13.15-14.15	COVID-19 vaccination in humanitarian settings (60') - Presentation from GHC COVID-19 Task Team (E. Pasha) (10') - Discussion based on guiding questions (20') - Q&A on humanitarian buffer (TBC) (30')
14.15-14.30	Conclusions and next steps