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EMERGENCY SUPPLY PRE-POSITIONING STRATEGY

STEERING GROUP TELECONFERENCE –DECEMBER 2020 - MINUTES

AGENDA

- I. Grant1 & 2 summary
 - a) What has been achieved
 - b) What has not
 - c) Main lessons learnt

- II. Latest Updates

- III. Points of discussions
 - I. Finalise new Grant 3 countries
 - II. HNPW

- IV. A.O.B

Were present on the call

- British Red Cross- (Mike Goodhand)
- Plan International (Naveed Ishaq & Anna Tupling)
- Welthungerhilfe (Sofia Minetto, David Jakob, Florent Chane)
- Penn State University (Jason Acimovic)
- Save the Children (Sue Hodgson)
- UNHRD (Annette Angeletti)
- Action Contre la Faim (Guillaume Mathieu)
- IFRC (Juan Galvez)
- OFDA (Gurmeet Philora)
- IOM (Takuya Ono)

- Were Excused

- Nobody

- I. The PM presented a summary of the indicators that were to be attained under the OFDA grant coming to an end. The main goal and the 4 indicators have all be achieved, although those indicators are sometimes very much left to the interpretation of the users and not always truly representing the work being done.
- II. The PM also gave a “reality-check” on the progresses made, highlighting that two important events had severe consequences on the ESUPS capacities to reach as many countries as expected (the non availability of PALM and the COVID crisis)
- III. He also shared recent positive developments following both the baseline survey and the publication of the Nepal recommendations report that both brought visibility to the project.
- IV. The PM shared his view on the lessons learnt and opened the floor to questions/comments
 - I. Mike for the British Red Cross, highlighted the importance of keep following up on the impact of the recommendations report and to identify and communicate on tangible outcomes as a result of the work done by ESUPS.
 - II. Juan from IFRC echoed this view by recommending we ensure to follow up on how the recommendations are being considered and implemented

Follow up Actions

- The PM to keep liaising with the newly recruited Log Cluster 6 months consultant to support the Nepal Government in defining a pre-positioning strategy after the initial contact made

Points to be discussed: grant 3 countries

- I. The PM gave an overview of the countries previously selected by the SG to trigger the ESUPS process, the ones where the project was engaged and the ones that had to be delayed for various reasons.
 - II. He also shared an update as to the latest decisions from the Log Cluster preparedness on countries priorities to ensure ESUPS remained aligned
 - III. From there a discussion was engaged to validate the selection of the next countries to engage with as part of the grant 3
- ⇒ David from WHH suggested to establish a 2 tiers approach: 1 tier of the next agreed countries and a second tier to which go back to in case one the countries in the first tier could not be pursued.
- ⇒ David also explained that it would be good to clarify and differentiate what we are referring to when talking about the Log Cluster: it can refer to the GLC in Rome, to the Preparedness Unit in Rome, or to the country clusters, some of which are led by WFP, and some by the Governments.
- ⇒ Mike (BRC) highlighted that the ongoing response in Honduras could be an opportunity for ESUPS to offer support to the in-country partners that will most likely reconsider their pre-positioning strategy once the response phase is passed.

I. **Conclusion reached:**

- Ongoing countries to be finalised: Indonesia, Colombia and update in Philippines
- New countries as part of grant 3:
 - TIER 1: Bangladesh, consortia Lao-Vietnam-Cambodia, Madagascar, Honduras
 - TIER 2: Caribbean's, Pacific

It was also highlighted that ESUPS needs to adopt a flexible approach to be able to be reactive should new interesting opportunities for other places were to come into the picture. For instance, there seems to be a momentum happening on the pre-positioning question in the Caribbean's'. Should this come into play ESUPS should not hesitate to pass this in TIER 1

Points to be discussed: HNPW 2021 goes virtual

The PM presented the latest discussion and decision reached about the next HNPW 2021 with the most important information that it will be held virtually .

The positioning of ESUPS in this event needs to be discussed but the time was too short to do that during this call. The PM will follow up with the SG members via written communication

⇒ Mike suggested that ESUPS was to be presented during the opening session of the HNPW if possible (that was already done in HNPW 2020)

⇒ David concurred with the suggestion to try to have national partners to talk about their experience with ESUPS

Follow up Actions

- Circulate latest updates about the HNPW
- The PM will circulate a survey to the SG members about
 - time options to held the meeting also considering options to cover multiple time zones
 - Type: Brief? Technical? Update?
 - Topics: Nepal recommendations report and feedback, Other countries like Madagascar if progressed enough, STOCKHOLM, etc...
 - Inter-network: the PM will circulate a brief summary for the other networks and ask views from the SG as to which ones should be critical to engage with

NEXT MEETING

- Next teleconference: Agreed date 3rd February 2021- 15h00 ECT. TEAMS Invitation with agenda to follow
- As per agreed alternance system this meeting will not be a pillars update, but a focus on specific points to progress. Agenda will be sent in advance but most likely HNPW will be among the topics to progress.

Follow up Actions

- The PM to circulate an invitation and agenda

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Merry Christmas and happy 2021!