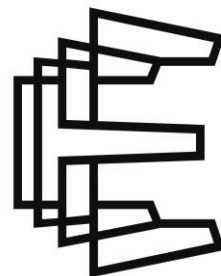




USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



For a world without hunger



ESUPS

EMERGENCY SUPPLY PRE-POSITIONING STRATEGY

STEERING GROUP TELECONFERENCE – 14TH OCTOBER 2020 - **MINUTES**

AGENDA

- I. Update on follow up actions form last SG teleconference
 - I. Admin & Coordo
 - II. Data Collection
 - III. Data Analysis
 - IV. Advocacy & Communications
- II. A.O.B

Were present on the call

- British Red Cross- (Sophia Novelli)
- Plan International (Anna Tupling)
- Welthungerhilfe (Sofia Minetto, David Jakob, Florent Chane)
- Penn State University (Jason Acimovic)
- Save the Children (Sue Hodgson)
- UNHRD (Nirmala Decosta)
- IOM (Takuya Ono)
- IFRC (Juan Galvez)

- Were Excused

- OFDA (Gurmeet Philora)
- Action Contre la Faim (Guillaume Mathieu)

Membership & Admin matters

- The PM presented the updated on the current funding (ESUPS phase 2), currently running until end of December 2020 after the acceptance of the No Cost Extension. The main points were:
 - Facing delays due to the COVID crisis consequences on linking up with target countries
 - Semi-Annual report being finalised (due end October)
 - Introduction of ESUPS to all Log cluster preparedness officers in Asia-Pacific.
- The PM gave an update of the ESUPS phase 3 funding
 - Grant confirmed for 2 years from 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2022
 - Main activities will be around the further development of STOCKHOLM platform and the geographical expansion towards new countries to be defined with the SG
 - This new grant also need to be built on a new baseline survey that is being finalised and will be shared in the coming days.
 - The recruitment process for the extended team has been started

Follow Up actions

- 1. Finalise semi-annual report phase 2 and phase 3**
- 2. Finalise recruitments**
- 3. Trigger the baseline survey**
- 4. Discuss with Log Custer preparedness to present the Nepal report in the next group coordination meeting**

Data Collection Platform - STOCKHOLM



- STOCKHOLM is moving to phase 3 with new funding. Tech specs are being finalised to collect feedback before engaging tender. The main functionalities will revolve around the below points:
 - Bring all three ESUPS tools into one (Data collection spreadsheet / the STOCKHOLM foundation platform / the analytics tool)
 - Encode algorithm and display optimum on the STOCKHOLM platform
 - Connectivity with external systems (WMS / LOG.i.e / PALM, Global Technical Clusters, etc...)
 - Enhance data registration to offer multiple display options
- New initiatives on a similar approach are appearing: the CALM platform in the Caribbean's have a been a copy/paste exercise from the PALM platform developed in the pacific. It will be important to communicate to avoid the duplication of efforts in the creation of a competing while similar system.
- The current COVID pandemic and its consequences severely impact ESUPS capacities to collect stock data from new countries.
- IFRC highlighted the importance value of keeping the aggregated info in STOCKHOLM available as open source as a resource to other partners.

Follow Up actions

- 1. Finalise and launch the tender for the phase 3 development of STOCKHOLM**
- 2. Connect with relevant systems (existing WMS, Log i.e, National systems, Global Clusters, Em-Dat, etc...)**
- 3. Define expected analytics to be built into the platform**
- 4. Develop the webinar / training**
- 5. Follow up with IFRC about the new Head of office arriving in the Philippines**

- Nepal recommendation report finalised and favourably received by in-country partners
- Analysis algorithm will start being encoded in the platform
- Need to engage with Em-DAT mothership company – The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) to discuss options & possibilities to automate the access to data. The database is currently not exploitable as is and requires a lot of manual cleaning. Probably not sustainable on the long term.
- Database of disasters for Indonesia and Colombia complete. Need to start collecting stock data to run the analysis.
- Tilburg University: After discussion about their proposed solution to integrate the 2 variables, it appears it was not a viable option as it would require to change all the analytics tool as well. Discussions are on the way to define an alternative solution.

Follow Up actions

- 1. Publish and communicate the Nepal report**
- 2. Initiate to meet (even virtually) with the CRED to discuss the Em-Dat database.**
- 3. Initiate the disasters analysis of Indonesia and Colombia**
- 4. Finalise the discussion with Tilburg University to define if/how they can integrate the 2 variables in the existing model.**

Advocacy

1. The research study with Ozyegin university is progressing and initial findings start to emerge. While initial findings were planned to be presented at the next HNPW in February 2021, this one has now been pushed back to May 2021. ESUPS may be able to present final findings by then..
2. The publication of the first Nepal report should support the advocacy pillar by demonstrating the value of coordinated pre-positioning strategies. Communications on this report should be triggered in the coming days.
3. The PM will investigate the request made by the SG to identify a launching event.

Follow Up actions

1. **Follow up research progress with partner academics**
2. **Use the Nepal report publication to advocate the values of coordination**
3. **Contact RLH to identify their launch strategy for their “pooling resources” report in 2019.**

Communications

1. Publication of the Nepal recommendation report
 - communication calendar ready for 4 weeks
 - communication visuals ready (to be extracted from the report)
 - Communication support identified as below:
 - website / Facebook / LinkedIn
 - Strong support required from SG partners
 - Support partners and networks being identified
2. ESUPS baseline survey for ESUPS phase 3 funding started
 - platform identified
 - contact list(s) and social media being finalised
 - Strong support required from SG partners

Follow Up actions

- 1. Publish Nepal report and trigger communication**
- 2. Finalise and circulate new baseline survey**

1. Next SG meeting planned for Wednesday 16th December 15h00 CET. Agenda should include a recap of the year but also of the grant getting to an end.

Follow Up actions

1. **Send invitation with reminders**
2. **Prepare agenda**