SAG Meeting 27/11/18

Those present:

Dominique Porteaud – GWC

Tim Grieve – UNICEF

Murray Burt – UNHCR

Jean Lapegue – ACF

Aude Lazzarini – Solidarites

Kit Dyer – NCA

Arjan Ottens – WelthungerhilfeRobert Fraser – IFRC

Harriette Purchas - RedR

Ross Tomlinson – GWC Field Support Team

- 1. Tim/Murray presented Bangladesh HAR and summary of three recent HARs. Asking for greater involvement in next HARs planned in 2019 for Iraq and DRC. Participants of these must have attended HEAT training. It was noted that all INGOs report a gap in hygiene promotion capacity to lead surge response. Jean noted the HAR process should be structured in a systematic way around the 6+1 functions.
- 2. Aude presented on Quality Assurance & Accountability System. Creating an adaptable framework that can work across the humanitarian context from development. Project is being led by Oxfam with partners Solidarite and Tufts University. Coordination platforms from six countries have expressed interest in being country pilots. Robert pointed out that there are well established procedures in the development sector that should inform this project Any input to this from SAG members should be communicated to James Brown, Oxfam PM. Framework isn't designed for donors but will be of interest to them and it was noted some NGOs may be reluctant to engage with a new QA process requirement.
- 3. Tim presented the Water Under Fire agenda for change. He will share this draft with the SAG members for them to add any other notes/comments and asked for members to share any case studies relevant to this. Dominique will produce a short paper with key messages for shared advocacy. Murray is part of the committee for the Leave No one Behind initiative 2019 and will look for opportunities to share the agenda.
- 4. Robert presented the Red Cross localisation action around their National and Regional Disaster Response Teams. ICRC and IFRC have created a joint fund to build capacity from south and would welcome recommendations of potential people to be funded through training and education.

## Afternoon session.

Minute	Action By
Localisation	
Discussion on localization continued from the morning session.	
An intern could be used to gather information on localization successes and failures,	CAST
and better understand bottlenecks around involvement of civil society.	
It was discussed that a 2 pager should be produced summarizing capacity of	CAST
humanitarian WASH sector, (funding, human resources, etc).	
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FST Funding Update	
Ross presented updates from the FST and summarized the funding situation.	
ECHO has confirmed that it will NOT fund FST next year.	
OFDA has committed to support FST as a priority.	
Norwegian MOFA is funding 3 staff.	
A vision for the future field support team will be prepared and shared with SAG.	
The FST funding group will develop promotional materials for marketing to donors,	Ross
and there is need to identify new donors to fund FST posts in future.	
In light of reduced funding for the FST it was suggested that we need to rethink to	
scope of partnership and how we can be creative in contributing agency staff	
resources for the collective coordination effort.	
Mid Term Review of GWC Strategy 2016 - 2020	
Dominque presented the GWC Strategy Mid-term review.	
It was highlighted that there is need for better inter-sectorial coordination particularly	
with health (Cholera), Nutrition, Shelter (Urban), Education (WASH in Schools), CASH	
(shelter, NFI).	
Dominque presented an excel spreadsheet with updated and amended GWC Strategy,	
taking into account the Grand Bargain and GHS outcomes, and new initiatives.	
Next GWC Meeting	
The next GWC meetings will be on week of 29 April – 3 May 2019 as follows:	
29 April - morning SAG	
29-30 April - GWC	
1 May - EEHF	
2 May - High Level Meeting with Emergency Directors on the Lack of Capacity in	
WASH Sector.	
3 May - SAG Meeting	
Capacity of the Humanitarian WASH Sector	
Dominique presented on the Capacity of the WASH Sector.	
Building on the outcomes of the MSF research and the subsequent meeting in	
Brussels. CAST will engage a consultancy firm to gather additional evidence to	
demonstrate the lack of capacity in the WASH sector, and outline a theory of change	CAST
of how the sector can be strengthened. Consultancy will start mid-January 2019.	
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The output of the Consultancy will be a document outlining the current situation and	
trends, the consequences, and our requests for key actions for Emergency Directors	
to take to strengthen the WASH Sector.	
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Then arrange for UNICEF to send letter of invitation to Emergency Directors or other appropriate managers within each key agency. The Settlements Approach and Urban Response James (Impact/REACH) and Harriette (RedR) presented the area based settlement approach for urban response. This approach is being led by the Shelter Cluster Urban Settlement Working Group, and Global Alliance for Urban Crises. The approach involves a multi-sectorial coordinated response and rebuilding in a defined geographical area within an urban environment. Building upon development 'urban renewal' experiences since 1960's. RedR is offering Urban Capacity Building/Training on the topics: WASH in Urban (Face to face and online training) Shelter in Urban (Face to face and online training) Urban Humanitarianism (Face to face and online training) Urban Security (online training only) • DRR in Urban (online training only) The question was asked, does WASH Cluster need to be more involved in the Area based coordination? Yes (Murray), yes (Harriette), yes (Aude in a pilot area), yes (Tim - in cholera hotspots), yes (Jean - from perspective of inclusivity). Harriette / Murray are given mandate to represent GWC SAG at GSC Urban Working Group. The International Humanitarian Infrastructure Platform Francois Baillon presented on International Humanitarian Infrastructure Platform (World Bank, WFP, SDC, GWC, FIDIC). The concept is to adapt International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) construction contracts from private sector construction industry for the humanitarian industry. The objective is to de-risk construction projects by selecting the right contract. The standard contract is used by the development banks and major governmental development agencies. Use of FIDIC Contracts will help with engagement with the private sector construction industry. FIDIC is currently working on developing standard contracts for SDC: Under \$5 million short form contract. • Under \$300,000 minor works contract. • Over \$5 million complex contract. Three versions are available for "Anglo-Saxon", "Francophone", and "Arabic" legal systems. Once developed the contract would cost around EUR30. The question was asked, what is GWC SAG response to this project, should we be engaged?

It was agreed for Dominique to communicate back that there is interest from GWC to

benefit from this IHIP project and would see benefit in the standardized contracts

produced, which could be used in Humanitarian context.

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Dominique reported back from the Gates Foundation reinvent the toilet expo in China.
Dominique presented the idea from BMGF to create a Humanitarian sanitation expo/fair to display current humanitarian WASH innovation products/services.
There was general consensus that this would be a useful event to connect with private sector providers of WASH products/services. Although Jean noted that this could be a duplication of the World Water Forum event (March 2021).