**Terms of Reference – gFSC Preparedness and Resilience Working Group (PRWG)**

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**Background**

The global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) aims to merge the two existing task teams on preparedness and resilience into a single Preparedness and Resilience Working Group (PRWG) with the aim to guide and support cluster partners on necessary preparedness and resilience building through the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC). The PRWG will coordinate with the IASC Task Team on Preparedness and Resilience (TTPR) in operationalizing the guidance and tools relevant to food security.

**Expected Results:**

Better preparedness will enable the cluster partners to mitigate the impact of shocks, provide more effective response, and support better recovery for food security.

Better articulation of preparedness, response and recovery, taking disaster risks into account at all times by all partners in food security, will contribute to building resilience of affected communities and countries.

**Objectives:**

The main objectives of the PRWG will be to:

1. Develop a common position and understanding on the role and contribution of the gFSC and country FSC in preparedness and resilience building in disaster prone countries or in different contexts and scenarios (i.e., protracted crises, sudden onset and slow onset disasters), determining the different entry and exit points of the country Clusters through the HPC, including linkages to agriculture-based livelihoods, urban livelihoods and early recovery activities in food security).
2. Analyze good practices, tools and guidance on food security emergency preparedness/readiness and recovery programming that supports resilience, including the tools developed by IASC TTPR, compile the relevant tools and guidance, disseminate the recommended tools, and provide necessary guidance and support to the gFSC to operationalize them at country level
3. Advocate for gFSC’s contribution to preparedness and resilience-building in various humanitarian settings also by building on the advocacy works laid out by IASC TTPR in relation to various post 2015 global process

**Deliverables & Timeline**

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| ***Deliverables***Activities | **Timeline**  |
| ***Common shared gFSC position and understanding on its role and contribution in preparedness and resilience building*** * Develop a common simple and shared understanding or principles for members to use and follow, on the role of the gFSC on preparedness and resilience for disaster prone countries and areas, taking into account context, scenarios and timing/strategy of entry and exit. (some already exists, and needs further review)
* Review with cluster partners the Resilience Task Force mapping exercise carried out by gFSC and analyze the different definitions of resilience as identified in the exercise. The outcome of the mapping exercise will be incorporated into shared preparedness and resilience principles. (some work has been done, but not to the extent required)
* Consider the potential of a shared definition of preparedness e.g. inter-agency preparedness, cluster preparedness, cluster partner preparedness (the process of building resilience follows the OECD approach/guidelines and capacity development is an important element here. Also refer to RBA approach)
* Review the Emergency Preparedness Planning Guidelines 2015 prepared by the gFSC and provide practical inputs for its application and further improvements. (first version produced already as a rolling document)
 | All activities to be completed by end April 2016 and reviewed at the May 2016 Global Partners Meeting.FAO, WFP, CRS, WHH and the Support team currently supporting this process. |
| ***Compilation, sharing and operationalization of tools, guidance and good practices on preparedness and resilience**** Compile good practices and lessons learnt on preparedness measures and resilience building for food security from different countries, including IASC TTPR, and share them with the country Clusters.
* Prepare basic checklist for food security cluster coordinators on preparedness and resilience.
* Provide technical guidance and support to training events including on preparedness and resilience for cluster coordinators and other partners at global, regional and country level, including local NGOs and community based organizations wherever feasible. (Define whether it would be a part of the training, and what would be the role of gFSC).
* Provide technical support to cluster coordinators to identify available baseline data sources, and develop and measure relevant preparedness and resilience indicators.
 | Activities and timeline for delivery to be discussed at the May 2016 Global Partners Meeting |
| ***Advocacy*** * Map good practices on preparedness interventions from country level, prepare key messages and communicate them at appropriate level.
* Map good practices on resilience building from country level, prepare key messages and communicate them at appropriate level and post these on the gFSC website to maximize dissemination.
* Advocate the clusters’ role in preparedness and resilience building in food security sector, also by building on the advocacy works laid out by IASC TTPR. (Also associated to the training?)
 | Activities and timeline for delivery to be discussed at the May 2016 Global Partners Meeting |

**Chair/Co-Chair**

As agreed during the December 2015 Global Partners meeting, the following members will be chairing the WG on a rotational basis. The Chairmanship will be reviewed in November/December 2016:

Priya Behrens-Shah, Welthungerhilfe: Priya.Behrens-Shah@welthungerhilfe.de

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**Membership**

The WG currently consists of 8 members as agreed during the December 2015 Global Partners’ Meeting. Membership is open to all cluster partners and may be expanded upon need and request from other cluster partners.

Current members include:

FAO, WFP, HelpAge (ALERT), CARE, NRC, CRS, Welthungerhilfe and OXFAM

**Meeting schedule and frequency**

The gFSC will appoint a focal point in Rome for facilitation of the WG meetings, who will convene telephone/Skype conferences with the WG members once every two months. The WG will meet twice a year through face-to-face meetings before the bi-annual gFSC global partners’ meetings to review the progress and way forward. Major achievements of the WG will be presented in the global partners’ meetings to get feedback and seek guidance from the cluster partners.

**Reporting**

The WG, via gFSC focal point will report the work progress to the gFSC coordinator, who in turn will report to the cluster partners for necessary input and feedback. Reporting will be done in writing. The WG will also prepare necessary terms of reference and get clearance from the gFSC Coordinator if any technical expert or consultant is to be hired for some specific works.

**Funding**

The WG will operate through self-funding basis since there is no separate financing made available.