Connectivity, Sustainability and Clean Energy in Displacement Working Group

Terms of Reference

8 September 2020

1. Title of Initiative

Connectivity, Sustainability and Clean Energy in Displacement Working Group

2. Title of Working Group/Community of Practice over-seeing initiative

The Working Group will be under the Global CCCM Cluster, with the guidance of the CCCM Cluster Strategic Advisory Group

3. Proposing/Lead agencies

Upon creation the following three agency focal points will act as focal points for the working group. Additions or amendments to this will be based on workload and expression of interest by working group members.
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4. Summary

4.1 Background and rationale

In the past number of years, a number of global initiatives have emerged in to address issues around sustainability and access to energy in humanitarian settings. These include:
- **The Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy in Situations of Displacement.**
- **The Environmental Emergencies Centre (EEC)** hosted by the UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit (JEU)
- **Global Shelter Cluster Environment Community of Practice**
Greening the Blue: www.greeningtheblue.org/index.html The creation of the Connectivity, Sustainability and Clean Energy in Displacement Working Group will raise awareness of these initiatives, their tools and expertise to CCCM practitioners supporting CCCM programs and encouraging CCCM experiences and challenges to feed back into global discussions on policy and advocacy.

4.1.1 Clean Energy

Clean energy plays a prominent role in CCCM, not only from the perspective of the energy needs of displaced communities but also of the energy needs and impacts of implementing

agencies. Understanding these impacts and sharing best practices is linked to and can collectively support Sustainable Development Goal number 7 - ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

4.1.2 Sustainability:

Similarly, Sustainable Development Goal number 11 - making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable - touches at the core of CCCMs work. Ensuring, that our activities actively limit harmful environmental impacts, while reducing waste, has both environmental and financial benefits. Building upon existing work such as Sustainable Settlements, this working group provides an opportunity to better understand existing sustainability practices and challenges, and to support the development and dissemination of tools and best practices.

4.1.3 Connectivity

While smartphone ownership and the number of people with access to the internet continue to increase, access to these resources and information remains uneven, especially for displaced communities who can be hardest hit by a crisis, those who quite often have some of the highest informational and communications needs.

Changing communications technologies also have a broad impact on how and where displaced populations receive and share. The appropriate and relevant use of ICT's in CCCM can have a big impact on the effectiveness of CCCM programmes, on our understanding of the populations needs etc. Adapting our tools and methods, incorporating these ICTs, present both challenges (data-security, privacy) and opportunities for CCCM practitioners.

4.2 Aim and objective

Broadly speaking, the aim of the working group will be to:
- Compile examples, case studies and tools from field and the themes of connectivity, sustainability and clean energy.
- Provide a knowledge base of these examples and tools, making them available to CCCM practitioners.
- Raising awareness of existing global networks and initiatives to CCCM practitioners, linking them to domain experts and facilitating feedback of CCCM field perspectives to these networks.
- Advocate for the mainstreaming of connectivity, sustainability and connectivity in CCCM activities.

Further details of these and further objectives, such as the development of additional guidance, will be described in the forthcoming working group workplan.

4.3 Membership

Membership of the group is open to all humanitarian organisations and practitioners. While primarily focused on CCCM practitioners, the group will actively engage with other sectors and personnel with expertise and experience with connectivity, sustainability and clean energy. The group does not have a formal membership process, but members of the group are asked to contribute to the groups workplan and support the achievement of the groups, outputs and objectives.

Chairing duties will be initially shared by the above-mentioned focal points and revised on a yearly basis or as required.

5. Duration and key milestones

The planned start date for the Working Group, pending SAG approval is November 2020, to coincide with the CCCM Cluster annual meeting The duration of the working group will be initially for a year, with further extension possible upon review of the groups progress against its workplan, the objectives outlined above and the perceived value of the group to its participating members and the wider CCCM community.

6. Contributory resource requirements

The resource requirements of the working group will primarily be the time and expertise of its participating members. Future resource requirements will reflect additional tasks decided upon by the group as part of workplan development.

7. Process

Oversight of the working group's activities by the CCCM Clusters Strategic Advisory Group.

8. Outputs

A comprehensive list of expected outputs for the group will be developed as part of the consultative development of the working group's workplan. Tentatively planned outputs include:
- An online knowledge base of guidance, case studies and tools for CCCM practitioners related to connectivity, sustainability and clean energy.
- A community of practice using the working groups email list, webinars, a chat group and dedication section on cccmcluster.org details, links, resources and meeting minutes.
- Periodical calls involving CCCM practitioners and experts on connectivity, sustainability and clean energy.
- Survey to capture knowledge, attitude, and practices of CCCM practitioners to provide a baseline for the working groups workplan.
- Development of advocacy material to support in-country resource mobilization and the inclusion of connectivity, sustainability and clean energy in relevant strategy documents.