



## SAFE Humanitarian Working Group Monthly Conference Call Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2016

### SAFE Working Group Updates

#### Welcome New Members

- [Joint OCHA/UNEP Environment Unit \(JEU\)](#)
  - JEU is housed within the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)'s Emergency Services Branch and helps Member States to prepare for and respond to environmental emergencies. JEU also facilitates integration of environment in humanitarian actions including in the relevant stages of humanitarian programme cycle. By pairing the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)'s technical expertise with OCHA's humanitarian response coordination structure, the JEU ensures an integrated approach in responding to environmental emergencies.
    - Alliance: We're really glad to have JEU as a member of the SAFE WG since there are some areas where energy and environmental response overlap.
- [Real Relief](#)
  - Real Relief is private company based in Denmark that supplies a large variety of relief items. We work with generic and innovative products in different categories like WASH, health, shelters, non-food items (NFI), etc. We supply the products directly to organizations, as well as participate in procurement tenders.
  - We are new to the clean energy space and are looking for help in improving services here.
- [Biogas Taita Project](#)
  - Biogas Taita's representatives couldn't join the call, but will hopefully be able to introduce themselves next time. (You can read more about them on the SAFE member page, linked above)

#### Expert Roster

- *Recap: The SAFE WG has been working to develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) for an energy expert roster – a list of energy experts that can be deployed at need to assist humanitarian responders with energy-related aid (e.g. heating, lighting, cooking, and powering) in emergencies.*
- The TOR is complete – thank you to everyone who provided feedback. We are updating it with application instructions and hope to release it to our networks in July. Candidates will then be able to submit their CVs for consideration.
- Approved experts will receive special training at the SAFE workshop later this year (see below).



## Annual SAFE Workshop

- This year's workshop will be co-hosted by the Alliance and COOPI with COOPI funding.
- Will likely take place in October, either in Ethiopia or Kenya.
- We are in the process of compiling updates from participants in the 2015 workshop in Kampala to see how the training benefitted their long term work.

## Events

### [Past:] World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), May 23-24, Istanbul

- Although there do not appear to be any major policy outcomes or commitments on energy access from WHS at the UN level, the event was a great success within our community.
  - Great participation in the SAFE side event and Exhibition Fair booth, especially from the Alliance, Chatham House, GIZ, Mercy Corps, Project Gaia, and DAO.
  - Halima Mohamed, Refugee Ambassador from Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda was prevented from attending in person, but provided some great remarks via video from UNHCR – we hope to make these public soon.
  - Other speakers at the side event included Baroness Verma, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State from the UK Department for International Development (DfID), Arif Husain, Chief Economist and Deputy Director, Analysis and Nutrition Service (OSZA) from United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Laurent Thomas, Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation Department from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Jelte van Wieren, Director of the Stabilisation and Humanitarian Aid Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and Susan Myers, Senior Vice President of the UN Foundation.
- Side event outcomes:
  - The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) is committed to changing the way humanitarian systems look at energy.
  - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) reaffirmed its goal of helping 10 million people safely prepare and consume the food it provides by 2020 through WFP's Safe Access to Fuel & Energy (SAFE) initiative.
  - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands announced a commitment to reach 50 million people with access to energy by 2030 as part of SDG 7, and committed to include a distinct target for refugees within this goal.
- The Alliance recently released a [newsletter article](#) that captures some of the WHS outcomes.

### Asia Clean Energy Forum (ACEF), June 6-10, Manila

- Not focused on humanitarian issues this year.



## The [ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment \(HAS\)](#), June 27-29, New York

- We discussed the possibility of doing something at HAS on the last call. The Alliance doesn't have any capacity for this – anyone else participating?
- UNHCR: Not sure if we will be attending. We'll find out and update the group.

## Organizational Updates

### Energy Access Practitioner Network (Energy & Climate, UN Foundation)

- The Energy and Climate team is currently assessing its strategy, and humanitarian has come up as a key priority. We're looking for suggestions on how we can engage more in this space, especially on the lighting and electrification side. Feel free to contact Yasemin ([yErboy@unfoundation.org](mailto:yErboy@unfoundation.org)) with any suggestions.

### JEU

- Kathleen has already sent around [JEU's study on the environment and humanitarian action](#). The series of studies examines challenges and opportunities faced in the systematic coordination to integrate environment as a cross-cutting issue in humanitarian action, and three country-specific studies were completed.
- There will be a global forum in 2017 on environment and emergencies in Nairobi. UNEP, OCHA and Green Cross international will also be launching a "Green Star Award" that acknowledges outstanding individuals or organizations who have made great achievements in area of environment and emergencies, including preparedness and response for environmental emergencies and environment and humanitarian actions.
  - Alliance: This is a really good opportunity for us to figure out where energy and environment overlap in humanitarian response. In the year running up to the forum it would be great to collaborate and identify those areas so that we can determine if SAFE should attend the forum, and in what capacity.

### UNHCR

- Looking for expertise in sustainable briquettes manufacturing business models.

### Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

- The Alliance is working with UNHCR Rwanda to provide monitoring & evaluation support to a stove & fuel pilot in Kigeme camp with [Inyenyeri](#) pellets and the MimiMoto stove. We will provide updates as the project moves forward.



### Women's Refugee Commission

- The World Food Programme (WFP) and a local implementing partner are piloting Prosopis briquette production and distribution in Dadaab in a project conceived with WRC. In early 2016, the WRC undertook [research](#), which found Prosopis has great potential to be an alternative fuel resource for both refugees and host communities, but there are numerous challenges that require careful consideration, further research, and technical expertise, as well as extensive consultation and collaboration among stakeholders.

### COOPI

- We are awaiting the final confirmation on ECHO funding for the [Set4Food initiative](#).

### Practical Action

- The [Moving Energy Initiative](#) has been formally approved and signed by DfID. This is a collaboration between Chatham House, GVEP, Practical Action, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), DfID, and UNHCR that seeks to meet the energy needs of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in a manner that reduces costs, is safe, healthy and respectful.

### Mercy Corps

- Research is continuing on MC's humanitarian capacity building initiative.
  - *Recap: This is an initiative help train humanitarian staff to ensure or improve access to fuel and energy in emergency settings. MC has been researching open source e-learning resources relevant to this topic, and will be incorporating them into a series of materials for their own staff on Disasterready.org.*
  - Initial results on e-learning resources for this topic were not satisfying, so MC is developing and adding to the curriculum on its own. Feel free to contact Shanti or Elena with any questions about this project.

### Real Relief

- We are new to the clean energy space.
- We unveiled the prototype of the Biolex® ultra clean multi fuel stove at Women Deliver in Copenhagen and are looking for some expertise from organizations on how to develop pilot projects for implementing the stove.



## Actions Planned

Who	What
ALL	Follow up with Virginie ( <a href="mailto:VIAENE@unhcr.org">VIAENE@unhcr.org</a> ) if you can provide expertise in sustainable briquettes manufacturing business models.

## List of Participants

**Meeting Chair:** Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Organization	Name
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (Alliance)	Kathleen Callaghy
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Real Relief	Karthik Thangavel
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<i>Guests</i>	
Practical Action	Mattia Vianello

## Apologies

Organization	Name
World Food Programme (WFP)	Daphné Carliez
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Biogas Taita Project	Fieke Geerts, Quirin Walter