



SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call Meeting NOTES: May 10, 2017

*Names, acronyms, and *action items are summarized at the end of the document*

SAFE Working Group Updates

Introduction of New Participants:

- John Keane from GOGLA and Maria Ten Palomares from MSF joined the call for the first time.

COOPI joins the SAFE Steering Committee

- The SAFE Steering Committee has voted to welcome COOPI as a new member.
- COOPI has been an active member of the SAFE Working Group since joining at the Associate level in December 2015.
 - COOPI has shown great leadership in humanitarian energy access by implementing the Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security (SET4Food) Project, which has resulted in [four pilot projects](#) focused on sustainable energy technologies for food utilization in humanitarian settings, a [Decision Support System tool](#) for selecting the most appropriate technologies for food preparation and preservation, and a workshop to train Innovation Brokers for Energy in humanitarian contexts.
 - COOPI's contributions to SAFE include supporting the 2016 SAFE Workshop through SET4Food and working closely with the Alliance, WFP, and FAO to ensure that the upcoming Energy Community of Practice (EnergyCoP) meets the needs of SAFE practitioners.

SPHERE 2018 Revision Process

- *Recap:* The [SPHERE Handbook](#) is the most well-known and widely respected set of guidance, principles, and minimum standards for engagement in humanitarian response. The Handbook is currently undergoing revision, and a new edition will be released in 2018. The 2011 Handbook contains only a few references to energy. These are mainly contained in the minimum standards in shelter, settlement, and non-food items (NFI) section. [NFI Non-food items Standard 4](#) references stoves, fuels and lighting. Information on the process is available at: <http://www.sphereproject.org/handbook/revision-sphere-handbook/>
- The Sphere project has [released the first draft](#) of the revised Handbook – *Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response* – for public comment. It will remain available until **May 31st**. Draft 2 will be released in September, and the second round of consultations will go through October. There are several ways to provide input on the current draft.



- **Individually share your feedback** and comments through [this online form](#) (also [available as a Word file](#)). The deadline to submit feedback on Draft 1 is **31 May**.
 - **Take a survey on key sectoral issues**. The revision writing team has put forward some questions about key technical and conceptual issues which require additional feedback through [this online survey](#). The deadline to take the survey is **31 May 2017**.
 - Host a consultation or participate in one (**up to the end of June**). You can find out whether there is an event near you in the [Sphere calendar](#) or propose an event yourself. (Download the [Consultation toolkit](#).)
- Current engagement by SAFE WG members:
 - UNHCR and the Alliance are in touch with the Shelter and NFI chapter authors at The Sphere Project and plan to engage on cooking and lighting standards. World Vision and GIZ have also expressed interest in these areas
 - GIZ: What is the process for sharing our feedback?
 - Alliance: This has yet to be established. * We will follow up in the next week or two.
 - The Alliance, WFP, and FAO plan to engage the Food Security Cluster to potentially collaborate on revising the minimum standards for food security and nutrition. On behalf of the Moving Energy Initiative (MEI), Practical Action is part of the peer-review group for the Food Security and Nutrition chapter, so all four members will collaborate on this area.
 - IOM is engaging Oxfam and the WaSH cluster on incorporating power into the WASH sections.
 - UNF Energy & Climate is interested in trying to incorporate some information on the importance of heat and electricity in health service delivery.
 - Chatham House is in touch with the Urban Response Partner Platform, which is focused on the new chapter on urban crisis response. Chatham House will look for energy tie-ins here.

Events

Recent/current events

Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) 2017 – May 11-12, Vienna, Austria

- VEF is ongoing this week. Yesterday (May 9th), EUEI-PDF and UNIDO hosted a side event, “[Clean Energy for Migrants and Vulnerable Groups](#).”
 - The session examined the links between energy, development and migration, bringing together perspectives from policy makers, practitioners and the international community in these fields. Panellists explored the possibilities of new and innovative mechanisms for meeting the energy needs of migrants, refugees, and vulnerable groups on a sustainable



basis to help ensure that they are able to sustain their daily lives as well as prepare for a better future. (See EUEI-PDF's [post-event summary](#))

- Panelists included representatives from IOM, Practical Action, UNIDO, EUEI-PDF, the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), as well as Paul Quigley from UNHCR.
- UNF: Discussion focused on the main barriers to working in this space, such as coping with increased energy needs in camps and settlements. The case of Uganda was brought up multiple times. Potential strategies were discussed, such as influencing delivery models or approaches to clean cooking, electricity, power, and lighting, or tapping into the private sector to deliver services, rather than just products.

[Humanitarian Development Nexus! What is the New Way of Working? – Webinar\(s\), April 26/May 10](#)

- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and the Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team (STAIT) recently hosted a two-part webinar series addressing the “humanitarian development nexus” and the opportunities and challenges of partnerships between the two sectors. Panelists included OCHA’s Director of Operations and field operatives who are engaging on this issue in Ethiopia and Sudan.
- While not specifically focused on energy, both sessions may be of value to future SAFE discussions on the role of the private sector in humanitarian energy access. A [recording of the first webinar](#) is now available, and Part 2 will be shared when it becomes available.

Upcoming Events

[Best Practices for Decentralized Energy Solutions Focusing on Lighting and Power in Humanitarian Settings](#) – Webinar, May 24, 2017, 9:30 am EDT / 3:30 pm CET

- UNF Energy & Climate is partnering with UNHCR, the Alliance, and two private sector energy companies (Little Sun and Schneider Electric) to host a webinar to explore the role of distributed energy solutions for lighting and power in humanitarian, conflict, and displacement settings.
- The webinar will be hosted by the Clean Energy Solutions Center and the Energy Access Practitioner Network, which UNF manages.

Environment and Emergencies Forum (EEF) – September 26-28 in Nairobi, Kenya

- *Recap:* EEF is hosted by UN Environment/OCHA Joint Unit (JEU). It is an opportunity to discuss global policy and agree on key actions related to environmental emergencies. Registration closes **May 30, 2017**.
- Kati Wenzel from JEU could not make today’s call, but SAFE WG members are encouraged to consider participating in the workshop as speakers or attendees. The Alliance will share the agenda and opportunities to participate after today’s call.



Clean Cooking Forum 2017 – October 24-28, New Delhi, India

- Alliance: Save the date! Registration is not yet open, but you can visit the Forum website for more information: <http://www.cleancooking2017.org/>
 - We will have 2-3 sessions focused on humanitarian, but specific topics are not yet determined.

Organizational Updates

ICEED

- After last year's Clean Cooking Forum, the Nigerian senate promised support for IDPs and cooking and lighting, but the budget of the country is not improving.
- ICEED is working closely with FAO and UNHCR.
 - FAO has conducted an extensive survey on the cooking and fuel situation among the IDPs.
 - UNHCR wants to do a pilot project on clean cooking in local area, possibly in cooperation with ICEED.
 - Alliance: Has this project developed with UNHCR yet?
 - ICEED: Not yet; it is just conceptual right now.
- FAO was on mission in Maiduguri last month and had some calls with ICEED, as well as meetings with the UNHCR and WFP country offices and other organizations in other clusters, e.g. shelter, food security, and camp management. All are interested in addressing the lack of cooking and fuel response in the humanitarian structure.
 - Shelter: Serious fires burnt down two entire IDP camps due to cooking on open fires or rudimentary stoves nearby or inside shelters. Fire risks associated with cooking on open fires is a huge issue in Borno and other northeastern states.
 - Food security: WFP has observed that nearly the entire NFI component of the cash transfers that they provide is spent on charcoal, indicating the need for energy. There is also an indication that people are shifting to pasta and imported rice rather than millet, beans, and other foods that are more nutritious but take longer to cook.
 - FAO and UNHCR conducted a rapid survey on cooking and fuel needs in Borno State including Maiduguri, and the Local Government Area of Jere. These covered themes such as the distance IDPs walk to obtain fuel, types of fuels and stoves used, and risks and challenges related to protection.
 - FAO and UNHCR want to tweak, improve and scale up these assessments.
 - The assessments fed into some resource mobilization efforts. We will have to wait and see if anything comes of them.
 - UNHCR environment representative in Senegal reported that 13000 CFA (about \$20 USD) per week is given to IDPs for food, but part of it has to go for cooking fuel. The representative also reported cases of GBV.
 - * Andreas can share a presentation summarizing some of the findings.



- UN OCHA was on mission to Washington, DC last week to advocate for the urgency of work in Nigeria. * The Alliance and ICEED will follow up separately to discuss potential impacts.

FAO

- Mission to Nigeria (see ICEED update above)
- FAO has been developing GBV guidelines for agriculture and environment-based interventions. These will hopefully be complete by the next SAFE call.
 - The [IASC GBV guidelines](#) were released in 2015 and were the impetus for the development of FAO-specific Guidelines. The FAO guidelines dovetail with the IASC's.
 - The guidelines contain several references to SAFE. It may be of interest to the group to see how SAFE has been analysed using gender theory for this publication.
- FAO is conducting wood fuel supply and demand assessments in Chad and Djibouti.
 - In Chad, these are in and around the refugee camps in Gore. FAO is working closely with UNHCR and the Ministry of Environment.
 - Djibouti assessment is still to come.

WFP

- WFP has produced a 2-minute video on SAFE, which we will share the next few days. The video addresses a large audience and addresses challenges in humanitarian energy access. Feel free to share with partners.

World Vision

- World Vision attended an MEI meeting on energy consumption in humanitarian contexts, specifically Kakuma and Dadaab camps, in Kenya last month. Partners were able to share best practices and case studies on energy preferences in the refugee set up. It was acknowledged that there is very high consumption of firewood, intensifying the extent of environmental degradation in the already fragile refugee context. It was a fruitful forum – partners who attended were looking to support moving to clean and renewable energy. Irene will share the report from the forum.
- MEI is conducting some surveys assessing energy use in humanitarian agencies.



Actions Planned

Who	What
Alliance	Follow up with GIZ, World Vision, and UNHCR on
FAO	Share the findings of Nigeria IDP rapid survey assessments
ICEED	Follow up with the Alliance on UN OCHA's fundraising mission to Washington, DC.
World Vision	Share materials from MEI's Kenya workshop

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

Organization	Name
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
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Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	Maria Ten Palomares
<i>Guests</i>	
Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA)	John Keane

Apologies

Organization	Name
International Organization on Migration (IOM)	Alberto Llarío
Joint OCHA/UNEP Environment Unit (JEU)	Kati Wenzel