



**SAFE Humanitarian Working Group Monthly Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018**

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

SAFE Working Group Updates

Introduction to New Participants

- Katrina Pielli and David Jones, Power Africa, speaking about the Smart Communities Coalition.
 - Katrina served as a guest speaker for today's meeting. She is currently the Senior Energy Advisor for Power Africa. David Jones works under Katrina at Power Africa.

SAFE Workshop / Conference

- *Recap:* There will be no global SAFE Workshop in 2018 due to insufficient funding; however, one is now tentatively planned for early 2019. Details to come in November.
***Members are invited to provide ideas on potential dates, locations, key topics, and themes.**

Global Plan of Action on Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA)

- *Recap:* UNITAR and the other members of the GPA Steering Group are working on translating the [GPA Framework document](#), a set of 60+ recommendations, into a cohesive Work Plan. This is being done in coordination with various stakeholders. To receive updates on the process or participate in any of the workstreams, [sign up for the GPA mailing list](#).
- On September 25th, UNITAR, UNF, and the Alliance held a very successful [webinar](#) to raise awareness and increase participation in the GPA process among new partners. Members are encouraged to share the recording with anyone who wants to learn more about the GPA.
 - Approximately 130 participants from 59 countries and across multiple sectors (government, energy, finance, etc.) participated and stayed engaged for the entire webinar. Participants also asked good questions, which the GPA Steering Group will work to translate into a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document.
 - As a direct result, 40 new individuals signed up to participate in one of five GPA working groups – Coordination & Planning (led by the Alliance), Policy & Advocacy, Innovative Finance, Capacity Building, and Data & Evidence Monitoring – which will be critical in the development and review of the GPA Work Plan.

Expert Roster

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has hired an Energy Expert, Frank Helbig, to conduct needs assessments for energy expertise in humanitarian settings in Sub-Saharan Africa. His first three site visits will be in Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia.
- Following the needs assessment, NRC plans to send out four experts to the settings that are identified as “most need” or “best able to make use of” a humanitarian energy expert.

***NRC asks for the following assistance from SAFE WG members:**



- Concrete suggestions of countries/settings to look closer at (the study is limited to Africa only.)
- Reports, analysis, data that can help orient Frank before starting a new site visit
- Share your contact information with Mina Weydahl (mina.weydahl@nrc.no) if you would like Frank to visit your in-country projects or activities. Information will also be shared via Workplace (a professional version of Facebook).
- ICEED suggests including local rosters along with global rosters.

National & Local SAFE Working Groups *(Recap from September 27th email)*

- As part of both the SAFE WG and the GPA Coordination workstream, the Alliance is beginning to reaching out to the local & national coordination groups that we are aware of over the next several weeks. These include groups in Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, DRC, Nigeria, Burundi, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, and Jordan.
- The goals of this outreach are as follows:
 - Determine the current status of each group. Is it active? Who are the current members? How do they operate?
 - Learn about the benefits the group has provided and challenges it has encountered.
 - Initiate conversations with the local group about if and how the global working group can help them to overcome challenges and provide them with needed resources.
 - Raise awareness at the local level about the Global Plan of Action and get the groups thinking about how it can tie into the work that they and their organizations are doing.
- The Alliance has already started reaching out to SAFE members in-country for each group.
***Members are requested to email Kathleen if:**
 - You would like to participate in the overall outreach process.
 - You would like to participate in and/or lead outreach to a specific country/local group
 - You can think of key questions that we should be asking each group
 - You have any other thoughts about the local groups, e.g. principles, operation, roles that they can / should perform, etc.

Competencies and Topical Knowledge Spreadsheet

- The Alliance drafted an Excel sheet highlighting each SAFE WG member organization's specific competencies and expertise, based on the member profile updates that we conducted earlier this year. ***Members who have not yet submitted updated profiles are requested to do so as soon as possible.**
- The goal of the sheet is to make it easy to identify other members with whom you can collaborate or request help from in different areas. It is divided into three sheets:
 - Topical expertise (gender, livelihoods, protection, education, etc.);
 - Types of energy expertise (cooking, lighting, power supply, etc.); and
 - Type of work (advocacy, research, field implementation, etc.)
- The Alliance originally envisioned this information as something that could be included in a simple format on a SAFE fact sheet, but it can also be repurposed for other, more complex uses.



- Member feedback:
 - Lighting Global: Potentially add more specific comments on the organizations' activities in each area, and consider including all information in a centralized location.
 - ILF & WLPGA: Include country/regional data
 - FAO: Expand to other topics included in FAO's scope of work, including Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Events

Recent

[Global Plan of Action: Mainstreaming Sustainable Energy Solutions in Displacement Settings](#), Webinar, September 25th 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

- See comments above (GPA)

[World LPG Forum](#), Houston, TX, USA, October 3-4.

- WLPGA held a side event at the forum focusing on humanitarian settings. It focused on current demand for assistance with commercial cooktoves in Solwezi, Zambia, post-earthquake.
- WLPGA Will publish a case study to share at next year's forum in Amsterdam (September 24, 2019), similar to the ones included in [Opportunities for using LPG in Humanitarian Settings](#), published in 2016.

Upcoming

[Clean Cooking Investment Forum for East Africa](#), November 5-6, Kigali, Rwanda.

- The Alliance has officially added an optional humanitarian session to the event at 8:00 AM on November 6th. The session will be co-hosted with MEI and will serve as a forum for interested partners to discuss current opportunities, barriers, and risks associated with private sector engagement in providing clean cooking solutions to displaced people and exchange ideas for further partnership-building in this space.

Voices of America Live Broadcast (TBC), November 7, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya

- Chatham House to follow up this week (10/8/18)

West Africa energy week, November --?

- Possible collaboration with Practical Action
- Resilience hub in Dakar Senegal

Training on solar irrigation 4th – 9th November in Nairobi (Kenya) – Jacaranda Hotel

- FAO will organize a training on the solar-powered irrigation systems (SPIS) toolbox which has been developed with GIZ: https://energypedia.info/wiki/SPIS_Toolbox_-_Solar_-_powered_Irrigation_Systems. A small market place with private sector players will be organized



as well as a site visit. It is not related to displacement specifically but some key players will attend (IOM, OXFAM, SNV, Lorentz, PowerGen). This capacity-building activity is part of a regional project on solar irrigation covering Kenya, Uganda, Mali and the Gambia. The training will be organized in each country as well as an analysis of the SPIS sector and policy brief on specific topics.

- Chatham House: Suggestion to connect with Practical Action on solar irrigation in Burkina Faso. FAO is interested to include Practical Action in the Mali training

Guest Presentation

Smart Communities Coalition, Katrina Pielli and David Jones

- The [Smart Communities Coalition \(SCC\)](#) is a public-private effort seeking to transform the operating model in refugee camps and settlements. Co-chaired by Mastercard and Power Africa, SCC will organize and mobilize stakeholders according to their core strengths to address three fundamental pillars: Connectivity, Digital Tools, Energy Access.
 - Power Africa is comprised of 12 USG agencies and various donors and investors. It focuses on both off grid and on-grid energy. Power Africa has also been researching digital transactions and how they transform the refugee experience. This intersection spurred the SCC collaboration.
- Premise: Take a fresh look at how stakeholders interact. Apply an integrated approach to camp management, service delivery, and host community engagement. New Partnerships - Deploying new technologies
- Planning work in two countries:
 - Uganda – 3 settlements (Bidi Bidi, Kiryandongo, and Nyabiheke)
 - Kenya – 2 settlements (Kakuma and Kalobeyei)
 - The Settlements were picked for diversity
- SCC is an open and inclusive initiative. Contains Over 30 members – public, private, NGO. Coordinating closely at the country level and in Geneva.
 - Completed an initial assessment and then brought in members.
 - Working closely with UNHCR.
 - Among SAFE members, E4I, Chatham House, and Mercy Corps are all SCC members, and Luc (UNF) and Nicole (Lighting Global) have been collaborating.
 - Work lines up quite nicely with the GPA. One of the areas is around central procurement of energy for a camp.
- E4I is conducting a current assessment to understand and map who is currently doing what.
***Alliance & E4I to connect on the assessment, as it could feed into the expert roster assessment or mapping for the GPA. Kathleen to connect Laura and Frank Helbig.**
- SCC has developed 7 pilot concepts for implementation.



- Once implemented, data will be collected and translated into “playbooks,” to enable learning and replication.
- Hoping to implement pilots in this calendar year
- Hoping to bring on SCC focal points in Nairobi and Kampala
- Reports from pilot will be published once website is made and updated
- Thematic working groups to kick off in 2019; ISC in Kenya
- SCC meeting in early 2019

Current Suite of Pilots:

1. Digital Health Ecosystem

- Bringing together a more comprehensive technology solution, EMS system to digital prescriptions, feedback tool etc
- Ensure better delivery of care

2. MAKE Change for Refugees

- Focus on Kenya
- Includes Energy 4 Impact, Chatham House and Power Africa
- Integrated energy access planning

3. Subsistence to market pilot

- Focus on looking at how energy is deployed as a service in refugee settlement agencies
- One of key stakeholders is Mercy Corps
- Employ SEC pillars/digital tools for market testing and market outreach
- Improving production for smallholder farmers

4. Diesel 4 Solar

- Examine how energy is deployed as a service in camps
- Initially focusing on Bidi Bidi but the Norwegian government is extending grid access in camps so possible re-scoping
- Currently on hold
- Directly linked to Global Plan of Action

5. EME4R

- Energy micro entrepreneurs for refugee settlements.
- International Trade Center, Total, NRC. Assets that NRC has in the camps.
- Enable conditions for successful energy entrepreneurship

6. SCC4CE3

- Focus: bringing together entrepreneurship programs for improved connectivity
- An opportunity to layer in energy contact
- Three-pronged approach: entrepreneurship, financial literacy skills and business skills.
- CE3 concept that Accenture and others have used in SSA but focusing on humanitarian aspect
- Focus on Bidi Bidi and potentially Rwanda
- Bringing in entrepreneurship and connectivity; building on existing efforts by Accenture

7. Financial Assistance to Refugees

- Integrated financial inclusion
- World vision has put forward a number of pilots – all focused on Northern Uganda.
- Focus on Bidi Bidi for three reasons:



- i. It gets donor attention
 - ii. It includes a sizable amount of people
 - iii. Members are already active there
- Microfinance wing: WFP on in-kind transfer of food – from food aid to food assistance in the form of cash transfers
 - Improved connectivity – cross-cutting activity with NetHope. Data services in refugee settings.

Organizational Updates

NOTE: Members were asked to submit updates by email this month to leave more time for the guest presentation.

COOPI

- Improved cook stoves project in Oromia Region in Ethiopia
 - COOPI is currently implementing a 24 months project with entitled “Energy access and environmental conservation in the Oromia Region”. The project will be implemented in Dello Mena and Meda Welabu districts of Bale Zone and Goro dola and Liben districts in Guji Zone, Oromia Region. The total direct beneficiaries of the project are 20.000 Households living in the targeted district.
 - The specific objective of the action is “to increase access to affordable, reliable, sustainable cooking energy thereby improving socio-economic and environmental conditions in four Southern Oromia districts”
 - The project will distribute 20,000 improved wood burning cook stoves, most will be two models designed by GIZ (Tikikil and Mirt). We will also carry out a pilot project distributing some electric stoves in an urban area of the same district. The Guji zone has been recently affected by the violence between people from the Somali and Oromo ethnic groups, so we are trying to readjust our activities and targets based on this new context.
- COOPI is also currently carrying out some WASH projects in Somali and Afar regions in Ethiopia. Most part of the water wells we are implementing will be powered by solar energy and will provide clean water to the local population and to displaced people in the area.

FAO

- FAO has published a [rapid woodfuel assessment 2017 baseline](#) for the area around the city of Goré, Chad.

International Lifeline Fund

- Lifeline has just started a new program with WFP in Uganda to address stove access, livelihood, and community asset creation in five locations across the country, both in refugee settlements



and developing rural communities. This program will involve both household and institutional fuel efficient stoves.

Lighting Global

- Happy to announce that Mercy Corps adopted Lighting Global standards in their latest tender.
- Per Katrina’s remarks, we have been in contact to help SCC understand how LG may add value.
- Lighting Global will soon be coming out with a new technical note on procurement as a guide to bulk procurers specifically on off-grid lighting products.

Actions Planned

Who	What
ALL MEMBERS	Suggest in-country contacts who may be helpful in the process of raising awareness about the GPA at the field level and developing or reporting activities that align with it. Email Kathleen or info@safefuelandenergy.org
ALL MEMBERS	Next SAFE workshop will occur in early 2019. Please share your thoughts on potential dates, locations, and themes. What should we make sure to include this time? Email Kathleen or info@safefuelandenergy.org
Chatham House	Follow up on Chatham House: Voices of America live broadcast at Kakuma Refugee Camp
E4I & Alliance	Connect on the SCC mapping assessment, as it could feed into the expert roster assessment or mapping for the GPA. Kathleen to connect Laura and Frank Helbig.

List of Participants

Meeting Chair: Kathleen Callaghy, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

* = Moving Energy Initiative (MEI) consortium member

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World LPG Association	David Tyler
Chatham House	Owen Grafham
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<i>Guests</i>	
Power Africa, representing Smart Communities Coalition	Katrina Pielli, David Jones