



## SAFE Humanitarian Working Group (SAFE WG) Monthly Conference Call Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2017

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

### SAFE Working Group Updates

#### Introduction of new participants

- Irene Ojuok and her colleague Lawrence Kiguro (absent) have taken over from Joan Sang at World Vision Kenya and joined the call for the first time.
- Krista Riddley, the Alliance's new Senior Director for Gender and Humanitarian Programs joined the call for the first time.

#### Election of new co-chairs

- The Alliance, WFP, and FAO will remain in their capacity as Co-Chairs for the rest of 2017. Other Steering Committee members are encouraged to consider chairing in 2018 and discuss internally.

#### 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. Information on the process is available at: <http://www.sphereproject.org/handbook/revision-sphere-handbook/>
- Currently, the 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. This is the most obvious place for SAFE to engage; however, there is also the potential to incorporate references to energy in other sections, such as health, food security, and WASH.
- *Timeline:* The SPHERE Project plans to release two drafts of the new Handbook for public comment in 2017. The first draft is due out sometime in the next week, and consultations will take place through June. Draft 2 will be released in September, and the second round of consultations will go through October.
- *Process:* We are still collecting information on how this will work, but at the moment SPHERE has shared two [ways to get involved](#):
  - SPHERE will hold an online survey on key issues following the release of Draft 1 from Tuesday, 18 April to Friday, 26 May. It's unclear whether the survey will enable



commentary on specific sections of the graph, but the Alliance will keep everyone posted.

- Interested stakeholders are encouraged to host or participate in in-person consultation events at the local, regional, community or organisation level. Organisations and individuals planning to host consultation events are invited to submit them through the [Sphere calendar](#). A [consultation toolkit](#) is available for this.
- Where and how are SAFE WG members interested or already engaging in the revision process?
  - The Alliance plans to engage on cooking and fuel standards. UNHCR is also very interested in these, as well as lighting standards.
  - IOM is interested in incorporating power, particularly into the WASH sections. We could engage via SAFE or separately with Oxfam, which is also working on this.
    - Alliance: It may be good for SPHERE to get feedback on energy from multiple fronts, so engaging with Oxfam seems like a good idea.
    - IOM: Ok we will do that.
  - World Vision and GIZ are also interested in cooking and lighting.
  - EAPN is interested in trying to incorporate a couple lines on the importance of heat and electricity in health service delivery. Some work is being done on this by the UN Foundation and the World Health Organization (WHO). The style of the Handbook (high level, simple) will not allow us to go into great detail on standards, but we can try to at least insert some references.
    - Alliance: Yes, hopefully we convince the writers to incorporate references to further resources for practitioners.
- \*The Alliance will keep everyone updated as the process moves forward, and share the first revised draft of the Handbook when it is released.

### **Disaster Responses – Potential for energy interventions**

- Famine Response and Prevention in North-East Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia And Yemen
  - OCHA released a [call for support](#) on this in March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - COOPI is currently involved in North-East Nigeria with interventions mainly related to food security, nutrition and livelihood support. Activities related to energy (cook stoves and fuels) are being considered, but are undecided as yet. COOPI will provide updates as this develops.
  - IOM is traveling to Nigeria and South Sudan. We have been requested to provide sustainable water to camps and trainings. Will keep the group posted.



## Events

### Recent events

#### Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Forum – April 3-5, New York City, USA

- UNF: The Forum was really well attended, over 1200 participants. Interesting short presentations in the [Disruptive Voices](#) session. Diverse perspectives on scaling energy access.
- Many members of the Energy Access Practitioner Network (EAPN) attended, some who have done humanitarian work.
- UNF launched the EAPN annual survey results. There were not as many responses on humanitarian work as we would have hoped, but we will be starting the 2017 survey shortly. You can find the brochure on the survey [here](#).
  
- UNF: The Moving Energy Initiative (MEI) [Partner Working Session](#) was well attended. It was about an hour, really just an overview focusing on case studies, but looking at what various organizations doing, how energy interacting in the humanitarian area, and the main barriers that exist.
  - The majority of the SEforAll Forum looked more at the private sector and financing. It confirmed the need for initiatives like MEI, and more sector wide cross-coordination.
    - Alliance: Was the audience composed primarily of people already in the community, or were there people present who were new to the discussion?
    - UNF: Hard to judge, but SNV was present, looking both at energy access and clean water, both in households and humanitarian settings.
  - Videos of [UNHCR's presentation](#) and [Mercy Corp's presentation](#) are available on EAPN's Twitter and Facebook.
- Chatham House (*in absentia*) – Summary of the MEI session
  - Ben Good, Energy4Impact chaired and we had varied perspectives covered.
  - Olivier Lompo presented on the Goudoubo and Mentao Camps in Burkina Faso where MEI is working and will be overseeing a Low Carbon Energy project. He underscored UNHCR's commitment to reducing fossil fuel and wood fuel use in displacement situations clear and demonstrated the extreme need for more sustainable solutions in Burkina, and the problems with a donation-led approach.
  - Shanti Kleiman followed with the example of the Bost Hospital solar project by Mercy Corps in Afghanistan which showed Build-Operate-Lease-Transfer to Own (BOLTO Model) System, which allows ownership of a solar system in 20 months, which will increase energy reliability in a conflict-affected area.
  - Glada Lahn spoke about how energy interventions might be deployed in long-term displacement crises, with examples from the MEI's work and plans in Jordan.
  - The audience included experts from WFP, the UAE's representation to the UN, Project Gaia, UNHCR, Global Ecovillage Network, Solar Kiosk and others.



- Discussion was lively, with strong agreement that addressing displacement should factor in long-term environmental costs for the host country and interest in solutions that addressed greening of housing and community infrastructure that would serve both displaced people and locals. The often narrow divide between refugees and host communities in terms of energy access and the positive effects that improvements at camp scale could have on energy access for the wider region, e.g. by introducing new supply chains, were acknowledged and of interest.
  - E4I (*in absentia*): There were some questions about how the attitudes of different host governments vary, about the value of technical training for refugees, and about the impact of Syria on donors' attitudes.

### *Upcoming events*

#### **Vienna Energy Forum 2017** – May 10-11, Vienna, Austria

- This year's theme is "sustainable energy for the implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement." The forum will serve as a platform for discussing and highlighting the importance of the linkages between climate and development as well as the synergies among the SDGs, and the importance of joint and integrated approaches for a successful implementation.
- Attendees will include heads of State, ministers, energy experts, representatives of international and non-governmental organizations, academia, civil society and the private sector
- COOPI will look for opportunities to engage on SAFE at this event.
- Alliance: This could be a key moment to advocate for the inclusion of displaced people in [SDG 7](#).
  - \* If any other EU-based SAFE WG members are planning to go, please let us know.

#### **InterAction Forum** – June 20-22, Washington DC, USA

- [InterAction](#) an alliance organization of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Their Forum convenes leaders from a variety of sectors – one of the largest gatherings of international development and humanitarian professionals.
- The Alliance is assessing the potential for engagement on both clean cooking and SAFE broadly. We will keep the group posted.
  - \*If any other U.S.-based SAFE members are interested in collaborating on energy at this event, please contact Kathleen.

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

- The UN Environment/OCHA Joint Unit (JEU) hosts this event (could not be on the call today). EEF is an opportunity to discuss global policy and agree on key actions related to environmental emergencies. Registration is open from now until May 30, 2017
  - Alliance: During the 2016 SAFE Workshop we saw a lot of interest in discussing climate and environment issues, but there is only so much we can cover, so we want to encourage interested SAFE partners to attend EEF as well.



## 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 at least a few sessions focused on humanitarian, but specific topics are not yet determined.

## Organizational Updates

### Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

- Ongoing project with the International Center for Women’s Research (ICRW) to monitor and evaluate the social and livelihood impacts of a pilot project by Inyenyeri and UNHCR in Kigeme Camp, Rwanda. Inyenyeri is using a market-based approach to distribute fuel pellets and the Mimi-Moto stove. Refugees use cash transfers instead of firewood allotments to lease the stove and purchase pellets from Inyenyeri. After the initial M&E assessment, the Alliance will also conduct a fuels assessment during the second phase of the project.
- The Alliance has commissioned a research study to assess the link between firewood collection and the risk or incidence of gender-based violence (GBV) in humanitarian settings. This follows from recommendations in the [GBV study](#) that we published in 2016, which calls for more and better-quality evidence on this topic. The study will likely take place in Rwanda.

### COOPI

- Summary from the Set4Food Innovation Brokers for Energy in March:
  - The training was designed for professional figures in sector already involved in the humanitarian and/or development sectors, with the aim of strengthen the response capacity of humanitarian actors in the energy sector.
  - Among 72 applications for the workshop, 68 were eligible. 27 were from NGOs members, 29 from UN agencies and to a much lesser extent from private profit or non-profit, public institution and Universities. Applicants had strong field experience rather than familiarity with HQ roles. 83% of the total were already familiar with energy aspects. Their work was related with energy aspects (56%) and even when not directly involved on energy activities they declared to be familiar with the sector (79%) but to never have previously received training on it (63%).
  - According to the candidates, the main challenges and obstacles that their hosting organizations are facing in energy projects are related to the lack of technical expertise to accompany all the project’s phases (27%), as well as guidance for the identification of the most appropriate technology to be used in a precise context (24%) and specific tools for efficiently approach to the monitoring and evaluation phases (18%), the assessment (15%) or the procurement (15%).



- Ultimately, 23 applicants were approved, though some were not ultimately able to attend – 15 people from NGOs, 7 from UN agencies, and 1 from a private non-profit. The final 18 attendees were 18 persons from European (8) and African (7) countries.
- The training started from the tools produced from the SET4Food project and proceeded to sessions on comprehensive energy solution planning, stove procurement, and appropriate technologies for food processing and preservation, power production, and water supply and treatment.
- Sessions were divided into lecture and sharing case studies – discussing and applying what was learned.
- Among the final 18 participants, 67% had received energy training in the humanitarian sector; 33% had received some training somehow.
- Technologies addressed included electric systems, biogas, solar energy, clean cooking, water treatment and supply, and food preservation and processing.
- All of the participants stated to be interested in applying the acquired tools to ongoing or future projects in the field, in the sectors of Food Security and Environment.
- COOPI will follow up with participants to advise them on adapting and using these tools in their new projects.
- Updates on the Energy Community of Practice (EnergyCoP)
  - All the categories needed for the part of the platform (Resource, Tools, Projects, and Technologies) have been received, and the second part of the platform will be a Community forum where stakeholders can interact on different topics. We will have more updates next month.

**Practical Action** (*in absentia*) – on behalf of MEI members

- The Moving Energy Initiative (MEI) is finalizing the evaluation of applicants for the Low Carbon Project grants. We will announce at the end of the month. Three £200,000 grants for low carbon projects for camps in Kenya, Burkina and Jordan.
- We are starting market development activities in the three camps looking at creating the conditions for private energy access suppliers to work in the camps
- We have written two boxes on energy and displaced people (a generic one and one specific to cooking) which have been included in the newly published Global Tracking Framework Report from ESMAP, World Bank.

**Actions Planned**

Who	What
Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves	Share the first revised draft of the Handbook as soon as it comes out, and work with UNHCR to



	get some clarity from the SPHERE project on how the process of submitting comments will work.
Any organizations planning to participate in the June InterAction Forum	Contact Kathleen at the Alliance to coordinate on energy topics.
Any organizations planning to participate in the Vienna Energy Forum	Contact Kathleen at the Alliance and Semira and COOPI

## List of Participants

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

Organization	Name
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## Apologies

Organization	Name
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