ETC 2020 Strategy Process: inputs to workshop

Work Stream #2: Working with Governments to build resilience

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**Work Stream #**2 **– definition, value proposition and focus areas proposed to the ETC 2020 Workshop participants for consideration and validation**

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| **Work Stream #2: Working with Governments to build resilience** | | | | |
| **Brief Summary:** | Workstream group 2 is chaired by Joe Burton, U.S. Department of State with partners from SES Luxembourg, MSB, SMART Philippines, YahSat, UNDP. BT and the Global ETC Support Cell, contributing to the discussions.  The group is contributing to build a strategy to identify, prioritize, contact, engage and enable/empower governments to build greater resilience prior to future disasters and to work more efficiently with the Cluster, so that the ETC’s resources can be better leveraged and utilized. It has been exchanging on how the ETC can help governments build resilience, based on the experiences of workstream participants.  Using the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) definition of resilience: (“The ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions”) as a reference point, the group is streamlining this definition to tackle resilience of national communications systems and toconsider how future ETC responses could be better enabled, if needed. . | | | |
| **Value Proposition:** | For government entities active in emergencies needing to communicate internally, with humanitarian actors, or with crisis affected populations, the ETC has the expertise, ability and network of partners to help prepare governments to build greater communications resilience and to partner with the ETC, if needed, to enable essential communications channels to be maintained or restored within 48 hours. | | | |
| **Focus Areas:** | 1. People: To build enhanced capacity, the ETC will convene the contacts, resources, and partners necessary to form relationships with priority governments, build communications network and response resilience and enable governments to work with the Cluster if needed. | | | |
| 1. Policies / Regulations (including Advocacy): To define its working relationships with governments, the ETC will acquire an understanding of country policies and regulations that enhance resilience, and determine its policies and communicate the ETC’s expectations for governments to work with the ETC ( to include how we can work, what we can provide, manage expectations). To understand the current policy landscape for communications resilience and response and how to improve it, the ETC will gather information on current national and multilateral policies, instruments and regulations that 1) enhance communications network and response resilience, (to also include multilateral instruments such as humanitarian frequencies and the Tampere convention)and 2) enable ETC deployment if needed (including access, importation, frequency approvals), compiling or building international best practices to be shared widely. | | | |
| 1. Resilience Activities: The ETC and its partners will work with governments to assess communications network and response resilience status and needs, then help develop capacity where needed, compiling existing efforts and building Tools (which could include a Menu of Services, Best practices, SOP’s, Training, Capacity Building exercises) that can address the range of communications network and response resilience needs. | | | |
|  | 1. Knowledge Management: To build on and leverage expertise, the Cluster will identify, compile, develop and maintain key contacts, existing efforts, lessons learned, relevant policies, tools, and best practices that will be accessible and shared widely. | | | |
|  | 1. *Response was discussed as a potential focus area but was later removed as the group sees the exercise of “Working with Governments to Build Resilience” as being Preparedness focused.* | | | |
| **Major Deliverables:** | **Deliverables** | | | **Quick Wins** |
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| **Pilots** |
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| **Resources:** | **People**: |  | | |
| **Funding**: |  | | |
| **Partners:** |  | | |
| **Risks:** | **Risk** | | **Mitigation Strategy** | |
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