

ETC 2020 Work Stream 2

Government Resilience

Telecon #01 Notes

Telecon Details:

Dates:	9 March 2015, 15:00- 16:00 (GMT)	
Participants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Burton, U.S. Department of State (Chair) Craig Thorpe, BT Steve Birnbaum, GVF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazme Akyol, MSB Alan Kuresevic, SES Luxembourg Eric Kiruhura, Global ET Cluster Caroline Teyssier, Global ETC Cell
Meeting Recording:	https://wvi.webex.com/wvi/ldr.php?RCID=051a6b3ae650d043ab64efcc6be9d2b4	

Highlights:

Agenda	Key Discussions	Action Points
ETC 2020 Intro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of ETC 2020 undertaken. A copy of presentation available on the ETC website forum. Click on this link. 	
Working with governments to build resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to get some baseline work done in advance of the workshop at the end of March, using a combination of weekly teleconferences and online discussions using the ETC website forum. Suggestions of new contributors are welcome and can be posted on the forum or by email to Joe. A dedicated workspace on the ETC website where discussion on government resilience is available on this link: http://ictemergency.wfp.org/group/ictpr/forum/-/message_boards/category/850534. A number of questions that will help refine the groups thinking on the topic will be posted on the forum, and are intended to promote lively debate. The questions are: What are we missing in that statement? What would you suggest changing in the value proposition?; What does working with governments (contacts, opportunities, messaging, type of approach) to build resilience mean to you?; What type of Government Contacts should we know and approach?; How should we approach them? What is our goal, i.e. what do we want them to do? ; How do you define resilience? ; What role could the ETC have in working with governments to build resilience? Key milestone: define / refine a clear value proposition by 12 March and then look at the 3-5 focus areas by next week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If participants don't have access to the ETC website forum section, to contact Eric.Kiruhura@wfp.org / global.ETC@wfp.org for assistance. Everyone encouraged to logon to the website and contribute to the discussions.
Initial Ideas/Thinking From Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition that this workstream has a strong link to the outcomes of the other workstream as well. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible risk / impact of supporting governments with restoring communications: We may assume this will support the population but we may indirectly support the oppression from some government on its population. However if we don't restore communications, we may do more harm and we cannot anticipate any unintended consequences or prevent them all. Humanitarian Principles for providing communications should always be followed. • How do we prepare the government to build resilience for the emergency and have them looking at the regulatory framework. • How to have essential communications being restored but also have the network, contacts prior the emergency. This should be reflected in the vision statement. • On the value proposition, the word "ensure" puts the pressure on the ETC and may be read as an obligation, a responsibility or may lead to a situation where the ETC competes with operators. At the same time, the ETC should position itself as a facilitator and, as much as possible, the ETC should move away from being a provider of services and become a broker of services in a response. Strong terminology in the vision could push the ETC community to own it. On an extreme scenario, if the government does not want us to intervene, we need to define how far we are ready/ able to push. • Need to clarify what is resilience for the group: having the policies, contacts quickly to restore communications and/or helping a government enable more resilient networks? • Also include capacity building, have the staff ready/trained and not only brokering the equipment/infrastructure. • Also need government high level commitment and potentially commitment of funds (which usually shows strong commitment). • We should look at what is done in terms of development at country level. Is resilience embedded in development activities? • Potential focus areas to be further discussed: a) How to help a country build a resilient network; b) get ready for emergency; c) building capacity. 	
Next Teleconference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next teleconference to be held on Friday 13 March 2015 at 15:00 (GMT). 	