### Improved Cluster Coordination

### Break-out Group at the GSC Meeting

### 5th - 6th October 2016

### Summary

This break-out group discussed better ways in which the global cluster and shelter actors can be better prepared for response and cluster activation. The group agreed on the need to collect key information about countries particularly prone to natural disasters and where the cluster was likely to be activated. The output from the group was a template to organise information to be collected. Given there is an active preparedness cluster in Nepal, it was agreed that this would be the first country to collect the information.

The template was organise along the following lines:

* **Government:**
  + Regional coordination mechanisms (eg. ASEAN/SAARC)
  + Existing government coordination mechanism
  + Government counterparts
  + Pre-agreed coordination arrangement – understanding of different response phases/responsibilities.
* **IM preparedness:** 
  + Sub-national administration
  + Maps
  + Census data/secondary data
  + Mapping of response resources (stockpiles)/suppliers/availability
  + Existing IM tools
* **Likely response modalities throughout the different phases:**
  + Pros/cons of cash, NFIs, training etc
* **Links to existing contingency plans and/or processes.**
* **Important non-government agencies/contacts**
  + Donors
  + International
  + National International
  + National
  + Private sector (ie. CSR, chambers of commerce, rotary).
  + Development of preparedness SAG?
* **Protection:** 
  + Mapping of HLP issues
  + Define vulnerability in country context
  + Map layers which denote vulnerability (socio-economic/hazards)
  + Gender & protection
* **Technical resources:** 
  + Tools
  + IEC materials
  + Tenure/building typologies
  + Market assessment
  + CGI/other local materials
* **Summary of recurring response themes**