WASH and Research Technical Working Group (TWiG)

Objectives

- The TWiG will support and strengthen the sector with regards to addressing issues linked with evidence base and WASH. This will be achieved by:
    - Defining gaps in evidence base for humanitarian WASH and in doing so advocating for resources;
    - Enabling key research to be disseminated in a coordinated way with maximum outreach;
    - Enable sharing of information on key capacity building events especially for field based WASH personnel;
    - Promoting partnership at the global and country level between WASH research and WASH implementers; and
    - Building a better culture of monitoring and evaluation as a basis to measure our collective impact from inter-sectoral action.

Membership

- The TWiG will be comprise approximately ten individuals representing a variety of agencies and skill sets in relation to WASH and Research as much as possible globally;
- Members should come at a minimum from NGOs, UN agencies, IOs and academic or research representatives;
- The TWiG will be chaired by the Global WASH Cluster and Co-Chaired by ????; and
- Beyond the TWiG membership, it is expected that relevant individuals or institutions will be invited to contribute on specific aspects of the TWiG work plan as and when needed.

Duration

- The TwiG will initially commit to a 1 year work plan and duration for activities and participation. By then, agreed outputs, according to the work plan validated by the SAG, will be reviewed for progress to measure achievements and review need for continuation.

Work Modalities

- TWiG meetings will ideally occur on a monthly basis or ad hoc in case of specific issues. Meetings will be held virtually and minuted by members on a rotating basis;
- Commit an appropriate amount of time to meet the TWiG responsibilities and outputs;
- Feedback on documents and emails exchanges as and when required; and
- Actively and consistently participate in meetings/teleconferences and provide timely contributions to TWiG work plan / outputs. Demonstrate a commitment to the TWiG by contributing to activities.

Actions

- Curate and disseminate existing research bibliography as already initiated by USAID Link and further shared through the GWC platform;
- To ensure that WASH as a sector is included in research by other sectors e.g Health, Nutrition etc;
- To ensure that any further gap mapping exercises are coordinated and the results thereof disseminated through the existing GWC platform; and
- Design a work plan based on agreed prioritized needs.

Guiding Principles

- Provide regular updates to the GWC (CAST) for dissemination to the GWC membership;
- Update the Cluster on status of work-in-progress and present final outputs/recommendations of the TWiG to Cluster stakeholders in oral and written form for feedback and comment;
- Ensure a TWIG membership that is representative of the wider Cluster stakeholder groups, and ensure that relevant technical skill-sets are appropriate and available (advise the Cluster Coordinator if this is not the case); and
- Ensure that in-country experiences and feedback are captured and iteratively addressed in developing the outputs of the TWiG.