**Strengthening and Mainstreaming Diasporas’ Engagement in Shelter Responses Working Group**

GSC Annual Meeting 2020 - Meeting Minutes

10.26.2020

**Participants**

* Haiti Renewal Alliance (HRA), UNHCR, University of the Philippines Alumni Association San Francisco (UPAASF), GSC, IOM Geneva (HQ), IOM Haiti, Shelter & Settlements Consultant, IOM Bangladesh, USAID (BHA), InterAction

**Meeting Takeaways:**

* Working group members were briefed on the update on the third phase of the project entitled “*Consolidating the engagement of diaspora for alternative approach to safer shelters and settlements in disaster preparedness, response and risk reduction”* that is being implemented by IOM Washington with funds from USAID’s Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (BHA).
* Working Group members discussed the draft of the SOPs, with IOM Washington giving an overview of the structure and scope of the document.
  + Members reviewed and gave comments on the format and components of the SOPs and flowcharts.
* Members discussed the documents detailed functionalities, in particular how to greater strengthen accountability within the SOPs, including communication lines between diaspora and institutional actors.

**AOB and action points:**

- The first draft including flowcharts will be recirculated to Working Group Members for any further input.

- The next meeting will be announced to members via email.