**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Food Security Cluster National Co-Coordinator - Iraq**

**Job Title:** Food Security Cluster National Co-Coordinator (Full-time)

**Place of Work:** Erbil, Iraq

Duration: 6 months

**Reports to:** ACF Iraq Country Director with functional link to ACF’s Deputy Country Director; under the overall guidance and observation of the WFP Iraq Country Director and FAO Representative in Iraq as the overal accountability o the FSC Iraq lies with the Cluster Lead Agencies at country level

**Reporting to position:** FSC IMO, FSC Sub-National Coordinators/Co-Coordinators/Focal Points. (May have other staff assigned as appropriate).

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| FUNCTION PURPOSE |
| The Food Security Cluster (FSC) in Iraq strives to provide an action-oriented forum for bringing together national and international humanitarian partners to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance on the lives of crisis-affected population in Iraq. In particular, it helps ensure coherent, coordinated and integrated humanitarian responses that are driven by the evidenced-based assessment of food security needs of the crisis affected population and through analysis of regular monitoring of FSC partner activities.  The Humanitarian Coordinator, with the support of OCHA, retains responsibility for ensuring the adequacy, coherence and effectiveness of the overall humanitarian response and is accountable to the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) and the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC).  In line with mandate of the global Food Security Cluster (gFSC), and with the approval of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), act as the Cluster co-leads in close collaboration with relevant line ministries and other stakeholders. Appointed cluster coordinators support Cluster operations to ensure the FSC is functionally achieving effective humanitarian coordination of food security response in Iraq.  The appointing agency of the National Co-Coordinator should ensure the same accountabilities as the cluster lead agency (who is accountable to the HC), Food Security Cluster partners and ultimately the affected population. The National Co-Coordinator appointing agency is however not assuming the global mandate or resources to be Co-Lead Agency and is therefore not expected to be a ‘Provider of Last Resort’. This must remain clear and transparent to agencies participating in the Food Security Cluster mechanism and indeed, within the humanitarian response architecture (HC/OCHA). The appointing agency will ensure the effective coordination and fulfilling of the cluster functioning through providing timely and appropriate human resources and support to the National Co-Coordinator.  The National Co-Coordinator will perform a dedicated coordination, strategy development and advocacy function. He or she will assume their organization’s commitment to work within the framework of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and the Cluster Approach. The FSC Co-Coordinator will work impartially with all members of the Food Security Cluster and serves and represents the group as a whole, not an agency.  The National Co-Coordinator, along with the National Coordinator will represent the Food Security Cluster in coordination mechanisms. He or she will advocate for mainstreaming the integration of cross-cutting issues into the work of the Food Security Cluster, especially protection, age, gender, diversity and human rights.  The objective of the National Co-Coordinator is to work with/support the National Coordinator to ensure a timely, coherent and effective food security response by mobilizing stakeholders to respond in a strategic manner to the current humanitarian crisis in Iraq. He or she will work impartially with all members of the Food Security Cluster and serves and represents the group as a whole, not an agency. The Food Security Cluster Co-Coordinator is to facilitate this process through:   * Being committed to putting aside their organizational interest and work on behalf of all sector members equally. * Inclusion of key humanitarian partners; * Establishment and maintenance of appropriate humanitarian coordination mechanisms; * Coordination with national/local authorities, state institutions, local civil society and other relevant actors; * Ensuring appropriate participatory and community-based approaches; * Ensuring appropriate attention to priority cross-cutting and cross-sectoral issues (e.g. * gender, age, HIV and AIDS, human rights, environment and early recovery); * Undertaking needs assessment and analysis; * Coordinating sector-wide emergency preparedness; * Undertaking planning and strategy development; * Ensuring the application of appropriate standards; * Ensuring monitoring and reporting; * Undertaking advocacy and resource mobilization; and * Undertaking training and capacity building. * Stand in for the National Cluster Coordinator, where and when necessary in meetings and in other external fora related to the FSC. |

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| QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES |
| * Professional experience in humanitarian response at a mid- or senior level including in the food security sector; * Be technically competent in the food security and agriculture sector and in the Cluster approach; * Have a strong understanding of humanitarian principles and how to apply these; * Ability to work and plan at strategic as well as operational levels; * Understanding of the international humanitarian response architecture, including coordination mechanisms, and humanitarian reform and action; * Able to develop a cluster strategy and to clarify complex strategies for operational implementation; * Understand the links between emergency response, recovery, and the transition to development; * Have an understanding of funding mechanisms (e.g. Consolidated Appeals Process, Central Emergency Response Fund, Country Humanitarian Fund, and Flash Appeals); * Facilitation and communication: experience of high level coordination and chairing of meetings; ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders and develop consensus and joint working; excellent English communication skills, both verbal and written; * Coping with pressure: ability to work productively in a pressurized environment and to maintains visibly high levels of morale in difficult circumstances; and * Demonstrate personal and professional integrity in all interactions. |

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| DESIRABLE |
| * University degree in food security, agriculture, economics or related field. * Strong information management skills; * Strong influencing skills and experience in advocacy; * Language skills in Arabic; * Experience in Iraq and/or the Middle East; and * Formal training in Cluster co-ordination or previous Cluster experience. |