



BANGLADESH
FOOD SECURITY SECTOR
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

Weekly Meeting

DATE **Tuesday, 28st November 2017**
TIME **09.00 am – 10:00 am**
VENUE **IOM Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh**

AGENDA

- Introduction and welcome
- HRP 2018 Timeline
- GFD: Round 5 and 6
- Market assessment
- SAFE findings and Energy WG
- AOB (cash training for national partners)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- **FSS to provide any updates on HRP plan at next meeting.**
- **FSS to provide update on round 6 GFD at next meeting.**
- **FSS to upload market data and share with partners.**
- **FSS to provide update on WFP data collected from M&E on food distribution at next meeting.**

DISCUSSION

FSS coordinator opened the meeting and asked everyone to do a short introduction, name and organisation.

HRP 2018

Meeting started with a review of the HRP 2018 timeline. Key dates in table below.

HRP 2018 TIMELINE	
Need Analysis (including PIN for the sector and needs analysis narrative)	10 of December
Sector strategies draft (including narrative, targets, activities, monitoring framework)	21 of December
FS sectors finalises needs analyses and strategies (with estimated requirements)	6th of January
FS Partners draft projects and submit to Sector Coordinators	14 – 24 of January
Sector peer review of projects (Sector review committee)	24 – 31 of January
Consolidated HRP draft	5 – 12 of January
HRP 2018 publication	20 of February

The REVA assessment will play a key role in supporting HRP need analysis exercise.

A sector review committee (peer review) will be set up to review the project proposals for the Food Security Sector. by end of Jan 2018.

There will be regular updates on the how the plan is progressing over the coming weeks.

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GFD round 5 & 6

The food security coordinator presented summary chats of round 5 that was compiled by the Food Security Information Officer. This showed the trend since round 1 to 5 and projected round 6 reach of number of households. A breakdown by partners in round 5 was also given.

Round 6 started today, Tuesday 28th. Round 6 will cover the 2016 refugee arrivals.

- **FSS to provide update on round 6 GFD at next meeting.**

Market Assessment and market price Monitoring

WFP VAM presented the final findings of the Market assessment.. The same market assessed are also involved in the price monitoring exercise. A detailed breakdown of their market price monitoring was given. There are currently 12 markets which are tracked and talked about the methodology used. Food and non-food items are examined. More info in attached slide deck.

WFP VAM explained how there is plans to start a phase move from GFD to voucher system in January 2018 starting in the Teknaf region. This will be monitored to see if any issues arrive for local markets.

- **FSS to upload market data and share with partners.**

SAFE (Safe access to fuel and Energy)

Access to fuel for cooking is one of the biggest challenges facing the refugee community. There is concern about the cost and access to freshy cut wood which is not dried. People maybe selling items to get money to purchase fuel.

FAO gave an overview of the Energy working group Looking at a series of options in immediate, medium and long term for cooking fuel. Exploring options on LPG and to see can it be linked to new WFP voucher system. There was agreement that is there a lot of pressure on the Forest now. One program will look to at helping to reforest areas with local communities, a cash for work option could be used here.

AOB

Food security will send out a template for food distribution monitoring and PDM. The food security coordinator explained the importance of collecting this data.

Cash working group did a short talk on ideas of introduction to cash based interventions with strong focus on protection.

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