



BANGLADESH FOOD SECURITY SECTOR

Strengthening Humanitarian Response

Weekly Meeting

DATE Tuesday, 19th December 2017
TIME 11.00 am – 12:30 pm
VENUE WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

AGENDA

- Introduction and welcome
- FSS-HNO - Need analysis workshop outcomes
- Need Analysis Recommendations
- FSS- Response plan 2018 – Strategic objectives, indicators, activities
- AoB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- **FSS to circulate REVA summary report and presentation from the needs analysis Workshop.**
- **FSS to re-circulate Livelihoods response package outcomes from workshop.**
- **VAM to contact each partner to confirm market and agree dates for market price monitoring.**

DISCUSSION

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

FSS-HNO - Need analysis workshop outcomes

The FSS coordinator thanked all who had took part in the needs assessment workshop and the useful discussions around REVA and other assessments. A summary of the workshop outcomes was then presented. A first version of the REVA report will be released by the end of this week.

Need Analysis Recommendations

Following on from the summary findings, an overview of the recommendations was provided. More details to be found in that attached presentation. Some key suggestions

- General Food Distribution (GFD) will continue to both new arrival and existing non- registered refugees.
- There is a need to build up capacity in livelihoods, help with cash for work as two items, health and access to cooking fuel were two big costs identified from REVA.

There was a very positive discussion around livelihoods with several NGOs looking at this, but plans yet to be finalised. Fresh food to complement GFD also a possibility flagged by NGOs;

On energy&fuel FAO asked if anyone was distributing cooking stoves and if so, to let them know. They explained the military has a program through government, to deliver stoves and wanted to know what areas they should target so as not to give to areas which already had received. FSS will circulate a document from the Energy and environment WG to sector members on this topic.

FSS coordinator outlined how the Livelihoods working group had finished their first draft and would be meeting again in the new year. Sector members were asked if they wished to have an active role in the working group to let the coordinator know in the new year.

FSS- Response plan 2018 – Strategic objectives, indicators, activities

The FSS coordinator provided details of the planned strategic objectives for the new HRP plan. Details of which, can be found in the attached presentation. A discuss followed on this topic area and several questions arose, with a common focus on Life saving and life sustaining projects.

UNWOMEN expressed their wish that the objectives be broken down by gender.

There is an emergency livelihood group which is looking at some quick wins where possible. Save the Children, FAO and UNHCR are involved. FAO said they agreed to bring it under the broader livelihoods WG discussion. It was reminded to all, that all planning for to be submitted (a matrix will be circulate by FSS) and proposals to be submitted on January.

General suggestions from group were

- DCA interested in Food assistance and Livelihoods
- ADRA a focus on food distribution in Teknaf region and a move to look at nutrition.
- Handicap involvement with GFD and no plan yet for 2018 in place.
- World Vision GFD and working with host communities
- E-voucher was of interest to several partners.

AOB:

GFD

WFP is changing the food ration from round 7.

The existing food package of 25kg Rice, 4.5 kg Pulse and 2 Litres of Oil for all will now be replaced with the following.

- 1-3 household size: Will get one GFD a month, 30 kg Rice, 3 Litres of Oil and 9 kg Pulse.
- 4-7 household size: Will get two GFD a month 30 kg Rice, 3 Litres of Oil and 9 kg Pulse.
- 8+ households: Will get two GFD a month 60 kg Rice, 12 Litres of Oil and 27 kg Pulse.

FSS partners can also add other food stocks if they wish when taking part in GFD.

- **FSS to organise meeting later in week for next round GFD.**

Price Monitoring - Markets

There was a talk on Price monitoring with WFP VAM explaining they are looking for partners for the new year to confirm their availability and to select 12 markets. A timeline will be set for each partner to carry this out and would occur every two weeks.

- **VAM to contact each partner to confirm market and agree dates for market price monitoring.**