

Food Assistance Working Group

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Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Food Assistance Overview in 2023
3. Recommendation for emergency support through general in-kind distribution
4. Sectorial deduplication of the food assistance
5. Partners updates and Q&A to the FSL Cluster
6. Any Other Business

Around 70 participants attended the Food Assistance Working Group (FAWG) meeting by following organizations: Action Against Hunger, Altera, ASB, Caritas Donetsk, Caritas Ukraine, Caritas SPES, CF "Mriia", CF "SavePeaceInUa", CF "Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, CF "Right to Protection", CF "Shchedryk", CF UNITUS, CO "Network 100 Percent Life. Zaporizhzhia", CO «Rise of Ukraine», Estonian Refuge Council (ERC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Goodwill, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), IMMAP, INGO Joint Emergency Response in Ukraine, INGO "Peace Winds Japan", I am Saved, NGO "Food for Kharkiv Residents", NGO "Kharkiv Regional Counseling Center", NGO "Melitopol Region", NGO "Ukraine for Happy People", NGO "Vostok-SOS", Norwegian Refuge Council (NRC), People in Need (PIN), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Relief Coordination Center (RCC), Rise of Ukraine, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children International, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Polish Humanitarian Action, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Ukrainian Deminers' Association (UDA), U.S. Agency for International Development, Ukrainian Education Platform, Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS), World Food Programme (WFP), ZOA. Thanks to all the partners who attended the meeting.

Aim: to look at the latest food assistance (FA) overview, note partners' needs and suggestions. Moreover, to present draft recommendation for emergency support through general in-kind distribution and discuss sectorial deduplication of the food assistance.

Latest FA Overview: according to the preliminary data, in December, 26 Cluster's partners have supported over 2.1 million people with the food assistance. Distribution was focused across east (Kharkivska, Donetska, Zaporizka, Khersonska, and Dnipropetrovska) and south (Khersonska) of the country. Over 1.7 million people received food assistance through General Food Distribution (GFD) boxes, 384,764 rapid response ration, and 418,319 hot meals.

In the comprehensive review of food assistance activities throughout 2023, a noteworthy fact was made: not a single month witnessed an overreach of the established target of 3.7 million. This indicates that the provisioning of food assistance consistently remained within the targeted limits, reflecting effective planning and execution.

Recommendation for emergency support through general in-kind distribution.

FSLC has distributed its draft document outlining recommendations for emergency support through general in-kind distribution to our partners. This comprehensive document encompasses various crucial topics, including needs assessment, targeting approaches, sub-modality selection, planning figures by energy, monitoring and evaluation methodologies, cross-cutting issues, and exit strategy considerations.

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FSLC encourages our partners to provide their valuable inputs and share their experiences to enhance and strengthen the document.

Sectorial deduplication of the food assistance

FSLC put forth a recommendation to set a minimum standard of 1,250 kilocalories (equivalent to 60% of the daily per capita energy requirement of 2,100 kcal) for the General Food Distribution (GFD) basket, specifically focusing on the upcoming food assistance deduplication. Present partners found this proposal to be logical, and no immediate objections were raised during the discussion.

