



Food Security & Livelihoods Coordination Meeting

14 November 2023

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



**COX'S BAZAR
FOOD SECURITY
SECTOR**

Introduction & Welcome

Agenda

Meeting agenda

- Introductions & welcome
- FSS general Updates
- Project template – Presentation Q&A
- Gender considerations Q&A
- FSS JRP 2024 - PRT and vetting
- Partner Updates
- AOB

Who	Action	Status
FSS JRP 2024		
Partners & FSS	FSS shares latest JRP 2024 calendar to partners (completed)	19 October 2023
	FSS shares final strategic objectives, activity matrix to ISCG (completed)	23 October 2023
	FSS share JRP project template to partners (completed)	26 October 2023
	Partner attend town hall meeting for guidance on the template (completed)	2 November 2023
	PRT confirmed (completed)	13 November 2023
	Partners will share project proposals template to FSS (ongoing)	14 November 2023

Last meeting minutes review (22 August 2023)



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FSS JRP 2024 Preliminary Plan		
Partners & FSS	<p>UPCOMING:</p> <p>FSS holds a 2 days PRT workshop for project proposal review</p> <p>Selected projects reviewed and corrected by partners</p> <p>SAG meeting for endorsement of FSS JRP matters</p> <p>Partners submit final revised proposal through HPC</p> <p>FSS approves appealing partners' proposal through HPC</p>	<p>21/22 November 2023</p> <p>25 November 2023</p> <p>28 November 2023</p> <p>3-5 December 2023</p> <p>6-7 December 2023</p>

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HOMESTEAD GARDENING – FAO request/ Research		
Partners	FAO will communicate with respective partners to provide their inputs	(ongoing
FSS FIELD VISIT		
FSS	FSS will share the registration link for site facilitation	TO DO
Partners	Partner will provide site information	TO DO

FSS general Updates

FSS Updates

- [FSS partner FAO released their long-awaited Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis \(RIMA\) report conducted in December 2022.](#) The study covered the 5 sub-districts of Cox's Bazar and 24 Rohingya refugee camps with a sample size of 2,500 households.
- [FSS finalized an updated the SoP for the Emergency Rapid Food Assistance during Multi-Hazard Emergency Response for the Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar. The initial SoP was produced with the collaborative effort of WFP/FAO/FSS.](#) The document was shared with RRRC office for endorsement.
- [FSS updated the database and maps the partners' 132 operational structures and facilities in the camps including the E-voucher shops and Fresh Food Corner.](#) (E-voucher outlet, Food Corner, training centers, youth centers, 10 different organizations)

FSS JRP Plan 2024

FSS Update

FSS JRP 2024

FSS response plan objectives : Remain Same as per 2023

Objectives
1. Ensure and sustain the timely provision of lifesaving, nutrition-sensitive food assistance for Rohingya refugees/FDMN.
2. Support the food security and strengthen the resilience of Rohingya refugees/FDMN through climate-smart context-specific food production and early actions.
3. Strengthen household food security, nutrition and resilience of the host communities through climate-smart agricultural-based livelihood activities.
4. Improve the socio-economic status of host communities by enhancing their capacity in natural resources and disaster risks management, while addressing climate change impacts with early warning and early actions.

Peer Review Team (PRT)

CORE PRT is selected from the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

- 1 Gender focal - WFP
- 1 UN agency – lead agencies WFP and FAO
- 1 NGO - BRAC
- 1 INGO – CONCERN WORLDWIDE

ISCG Secretariat will attend as observer, cross-cutting sections will be sought for advise (EEN, PSEA, ...) when needed as well LSDS.

FSS PROJECT SELECTION RATIONALIZATION STRATEGY

Not all project proposals will be selected for the JRP 2024

- Due to funding reductions all over the world = obligation to follow a strategic rationalization process
- FSS response needs to cover the maximum targeted PIN with the minimum of inputs/partners through the most efficient strategic planning.
- Obj_1: life-saving food assistance to refugees = 100% need coverage
- Obj_2: food security resiliency building for the refugees = 75% HH need coverage (25% gap)
- Obj_3/4: food security related livelihood activities for the HC = 56% HH need coverage (44% gap)

RATIONALIZATION STRATEGY: FSS works towards the maximum coverage of targeted needs, with the least number of projects / partners.

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PRT has the responsibility to conduct a rigorous vetting of the appeals and will:

- That the proposal is in line with the FSS response needs and strategy.
- Prioritize projects / partner that have a coordinated/collaborative approach with other interventions/partners, working within the same area.
- Prioritize partners that have a strong experience in food security with the Rohingya refugees.
- Prioritize partners that have the proven to have the resources and expertise.
- Submissions with confirmed funding will be regarded positively.
- JRP 2023 partners performance and % met/unmet of planned funding requirements.
- Attention to projects that objectives are development / poverty reduction rather than saving lives / alleviating hardship interventions (humanitarian / development nexus).
- Up-coming year, FSS priority will be to conduct a cost-efficiency rationalization exercise. As an example, it can entail harmonization approach for cost-saving with partners conducting the same type of activity. (office sharing for cost reduction with other partners)
- **Partners with a proven willingness to collaborate/coordinate/link with other partners will be prioritized.** The essence now is cost-efficiency.
- PRT will prioritize partners that have participated/conducted a strategic cost-efficiency rationalization process.

Partner's Update

AOB

Thank you

Next FSS coordination meeting

12 December 2023, 11:00-12:30

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