

## Food and Agriculture Sector Meeting Report

### Draft Minutes of 12 January 2017

Chair: Bernard Mrewa (F&AS Co-Coordinator)  
Venue: WFP Offices, Damascus – Four Seasons

**Agenda:**

| Subject   | Agency Presenting | Time   |
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| Introductions   | All               |        |
| Review and approval of previous minutes   | All               | 5 min  |
| Food Security Alerts:<br>- Aleppo<br>- Hassakeh   | Coordinators/OCHA | 30 min |
| Sector update<br>o Nov maps<br>o Achievements and plans   | IMOs/All          | 15 min |
| Food security and prices update   | VAM (WFP)         | 5 min  |
| Update from Whole of Syria F&A sector Coordinator<br>• IPC<br>• Transition strategy from Food assistance to livelihood<br>• Outcome monitoring initiative | Coordinators      | 1hr    |
| AOB   |                   |        |

**Action Points from previous meeting**

**Reminder to all members of deadlines for data submission:**

- Achievements of previous month (18th of the month)
- Plans for subsequent 3 months (25th of the month)

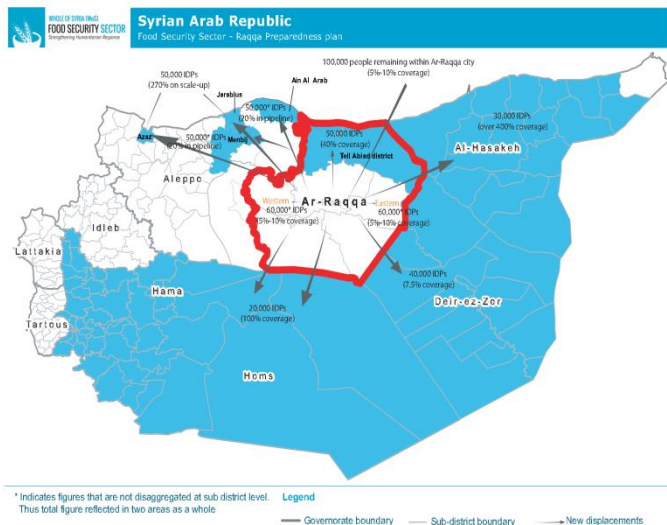
**Update from FTS**

**Action:** report any contribution received for food security activities in 2016 as part of the HRP. Failure to do so will result in an artificial under-reporting of funding (and to a gap larger than normal)

## Update from 'Hot Spots'

### Al Raqqa contingency plan (*Ongoing action point*)

- There are discussion to update the scenarios as well as the response. Below map indicate the current status in terms of preparedness for the F&AS.
- Partners with additional inputs on the response are requested to share these with the sector accordingly.



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| Tel Abiyad district<br>T-50,000<br>C-40%             |
| Membij<br>Ain Al Arab districts<br>T-50,000<br>C-20% |
| Al-Hasakeh<br>T-30,000<br>C-100%                     |
| Azaz<br>Jerablus<br>T-50,000<br>C-100%               |

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From Syria Hub- WFP/FAO/ICR C (with the support of SARC)

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| Homs<br>Hama<br>T-20,000<br>C-100%     |
| Deir Ez-Zor<br>T-40,000<br>C-8%        |
| Ar-Raqqa district<br>T-60,000<br>C-10% |
| Ar-Raqqa city<br>T-100,000<br>C-?      |

### Alerts:

#### Aleppo

Some 90,500 people from east Aleppo have been registered across Aleppo city, in both eastern and western neighborhoods. The over-whelming majority of them reside in houses, while 4,250 remain in the Jibreen collective shelter.

Following the closure of Mahalej transit site on 25 December, some 750 IDPs were unable to find accommodation in private houses and are now staying in the Jibreen collective shelter.

As of 29 December, reports that 30,487 IDPs from east Aleppo city arrived at 154 locations in Idleb and western Aleppo countryside.

### Response:

Below response figures include only the additional assistance related to the recent population displacement and return. Regular activities are reported through the 4Ws matrix and reflected in the regular response and gaps analysis of the sector.

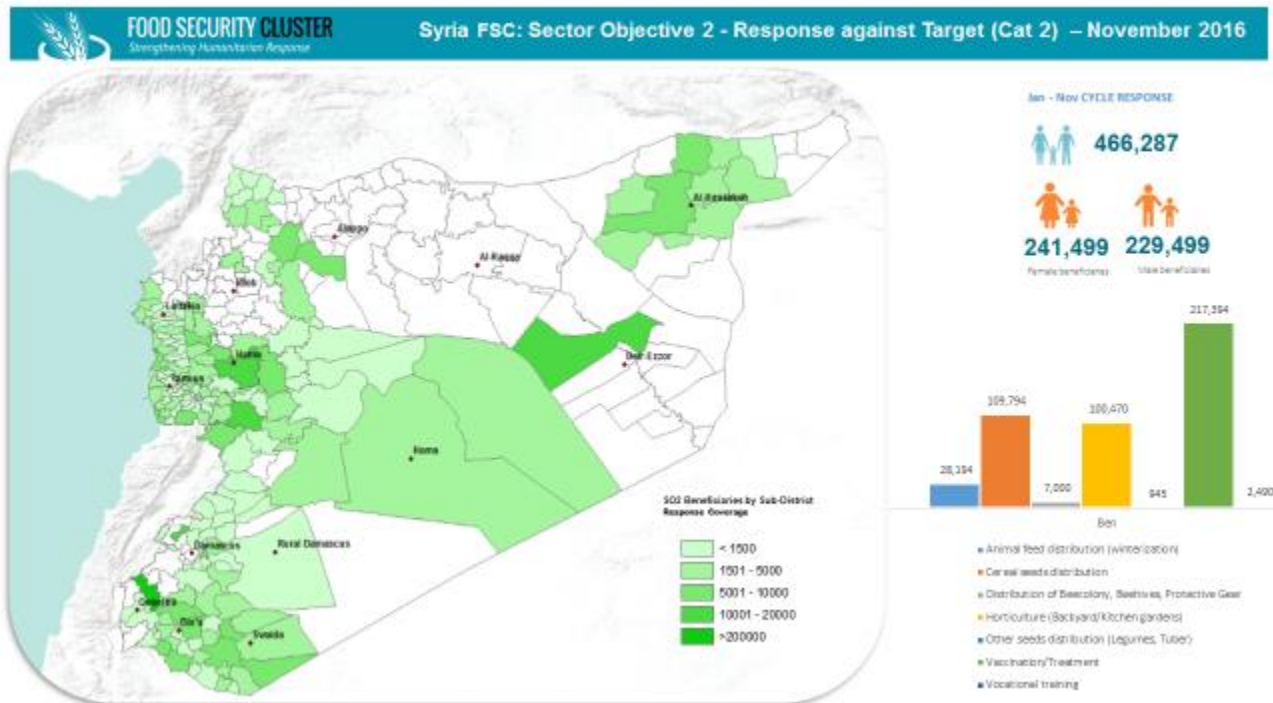
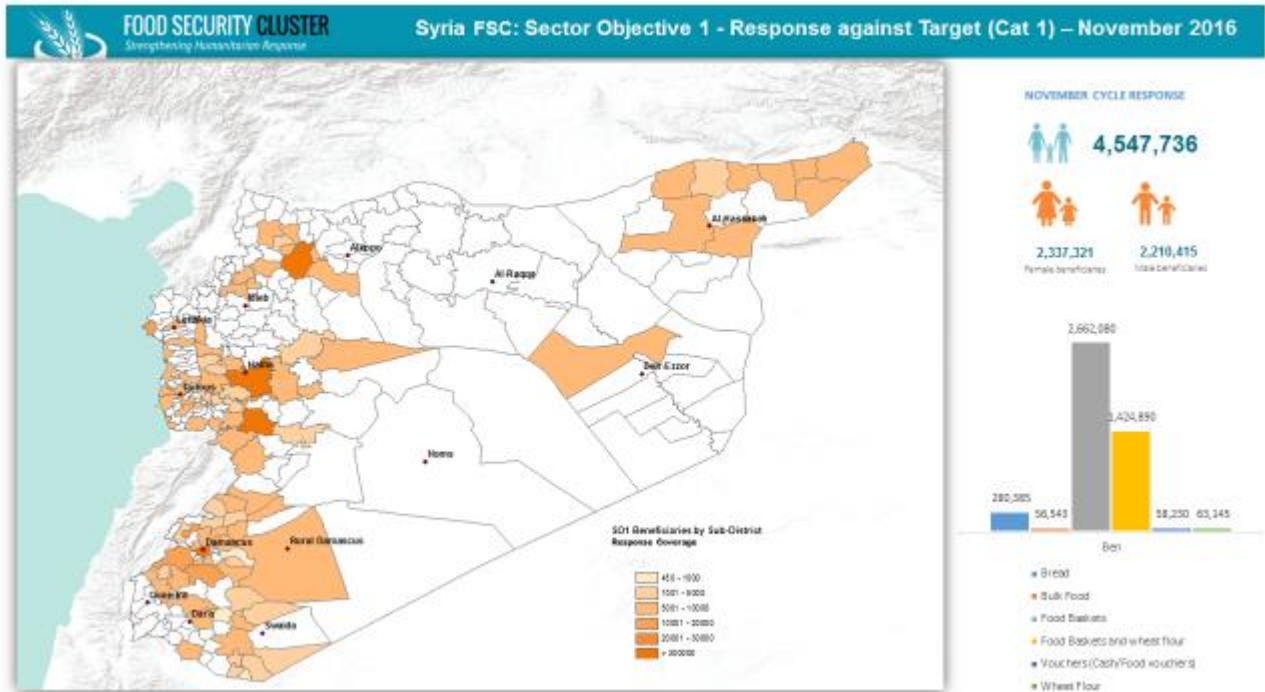
- **186,584** Bread bundles (weighing 1,200g each bundle):
- **1,286** FRs Salah Al Deen & Martini & Al Azamyah.
- **5,301** Ready to Eat Rations (RTEs)
- Four communal kitchens provide hot meals for **20,700 IDPs** in collective shelters of Jibreen, Mahalej, the old city and Hanano neighborhood

**Gaps and Constraints:**

- No immediate gaps. 21,800 RTEs inside Aleppo city: **food rations** for up to 150,000 people: 87 mt of mixed **bulk food** (pasta, tomato paste, lentils and canned beans)

**Food and Agriculture Response and Plans Updates**

The maps below reflect responses reported by partners operating from inside Syria.



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| ICRC     | <p><b>December Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 202,980 food parcels/canned food parcels (FP/CFP), bulk food rations (BFR) and bread packs were distributed. Achievement of 86%.</li> <li>- Challenges related to the pipeline</li> <li>- SARC/ICRC provided 1,400 Metric Tons of seeds and fertilizer to SARC branches in 6 governorates: Sweida, Quneitra, Hassakeh, Homs, Hama and Rural Damascus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 50% distributed rest is on-going.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Plan for January-March 2017:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 million beneficiaries with various food packages monthly</li> <li>- Completion of the seeds and fertilizer distributions in January.</li> <li>- ICRC/SARC working on plans for the 2017 agro program.</li> </ul>   |
| WFP      | <p><b>WFP is moving from EMOP to PRRO project during 2017/2018.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dec 2016, dispatched food rations enough for 3,542,685 beneficiaries (89% of the plan). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o equivalent to 41,713 MT</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cross Borders deliveries: 136,543 Food Rations (included in the above figures): 83,410 FR from Turkey to Rural Idleb, 21,573 FR from Turkey to Rural Aleppo, 1,560 FR from Turkey to Rural Hama, and 30,000 FR from Jordan to Rural Dara'a</li> <li>- <b>Airdrop Deir Ezzor:</b> 6,435 food boxes/ were delivered in Nov. The Air Drop operation has been extended for additional 26 drops until Jan 2017. WFP is planning to continue the airdrop during 2017 based on funding availability.</li> <li>- Jan 2017 deliveries slow due to delayed approvals and late plan submission</li> <li>- 5000 RTEs prepositioned in Aleppo. Additional 30,000 RTEs to be further prepositioned in the upcoming days/weeks.</li> <li>- The plan for Feb and Mar 17 will continue to be the same covering 4 million people including an allocation devoted for convoys.</li> <li>- The allocation of the airlift to Hassaka Gov has been increased by 3,500 FR to support Iraqi refugees in Al-Hol for 6 months.</li> <li>- WFP is planning to distribute more than 600 MT of liquid bottled milk from school feeding program with the GFD (Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Lattakia and Tartous).</li> </ul> |
| Aga Khan | <p><b>DECEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Implementation of technical training sessions on wheat and vegetables Conservation Agriculture and livestock techniques (1,259 beneficiaries)</li> <li>✓ Distribution of vet kits, local hens, olive milling vouchers (about 562 beneficiaries)</li> <li>✓ Establishment of 19 demonstration plots on Narbon Vetch.</li> <li>✓ Implement cash for work projects (217 labourers).</li> </ul> <p><b>PLANS FOR JANUARY -MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Establishment of demonstration plots; Conservation Agriculture, Narbon Vetch, broiler chicken, biogas, vertical agriculture and integrated water use management.</li> <li>✓ Implementation of training for livestock and crop farmers.</li> <li>✓ Distribution of feed, vet kits and food aids.</li> <li>✓ Implementation of apprenticeship and cash for work projects</li> </ul>   |
| FAO      | <p><b>FAO Plan (Jan – Feb 2017):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distributing Vegetable Packages in Homs 1,000 HHs and Lattakia 1,500</li> </ul> <p><b>FAO Actuals (November 2016):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distributing vegetable packages by air plane to Dier Azor 2050 HHs</li> <li>- Distributing Vegetable Packages by regular program: (Aleppo – Hama – Homs – Lattakia – Tartous – Qunitra) for 8100 HHs</li> </ul>  |
| TDH      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16,465 food parcels planned for distribution in the following 2 months as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damascus: 2,853FP.</li> <li>• Rural Damascus: 9,22FP.</li> <li>• Aleppo: 10,448FP.</li> <li>• Homs: 1,969 FP.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New project will start on February targeting 650 families monthly (using food vouchers) for 5 months in Aleppo.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Monastery</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the 27th of November prepared and 'distributed' 20 000 meals for Jibreen and 19 other villages in Aleppo Eastern and Southern countryside. Funding available only until the 30th of January 2017.</li> <li>10,000 families registered but only able to assist 5,000 families at a time.</li> <li>Since the Mahalej was closed assistance is being provided to families that are still dwelling in the industrial zone (between 500 and 1,000 people).</li> <li><b>Planned:</b> 5,000 ready to eat food parcels for January and February</li> <li>Calling for a coordination meeting on the kitchens in Aleppo</li> </ul>  |
| <b>ACF</b>       | <p><b>Achievements in December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Distribution of home gardening kits (vegetable seeds and farming tools) to 250 women in Hassakeh and Daraa governorates</li> <li>✓ Distribution of certified wheat seeds to 750 HHs in Hassakeh and Daraa governorates</li> <li>✓ Distribution of fodder to 750 HHs in Hassakeh and Daraa governorates</li> <li>✓ Community training sessions on agriculture production, home gardening and livestock care and management</li> <li>✓ Distribution of 468,000 bread bundle in Rural Damascus</li> </ul> <p><b>Plans for January:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Distribution of 468,000 bread bundle in Rural Damascus</li> </ul> |
| <b>Armadilla</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Plan to start with distributions in late January in Midan (Damascus). Targeting 500 families for a six month period.</li> <li>✓ Discussions underway to integrate the food rations with dried milk for children &gt;6 months &lt;36 months (aprox 200 children). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to coordinate with other partners on this</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

#### Action points:

- Need for ACF to specify how many beneficiaries will be reached via the bread bundles.
- Coordinate on the kitchens in Aleppo
- Need to discuss with OCHA on the need to include food assistance (focusing on kitchens) and livelihood activities for the Aleppo allocation
- FAO and ICRC to meet on the livelihood packages. If there will be any changes, at implementation level to the existing guidelines, the sector should be notified.
- Partners to provide inputs for Raqqa contingency plan
- Partners to use the updated 4Ws matrix for Feb reporting.
- For Aleppo response there is need to focus on Sheik Masqud

#### Price Monitoring

The Market Price Watch Bulletin for December is available on

[http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/ena/wfp289505.pdf?\\_ga=1.20824056.1390618206.1482837721](http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/ena/wfp289505.pdf?_ga=1.20824056.1390618206.1482837721).

#### Main highlights include:

- In eastern Aleppo city, food prices decreased during the last week of December, as humanitarian access opened up.
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- The prolonged crisis combined with the lean season had significant negative impact on the market functionality in Idleb and Deir-ez-Zor city.
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- National average monthly prices of wheat flour and public bread increased significantly by 25 percent and 18 percent, reaching their highest levels.

- The purchasing power of daily wage earners decreased by 22 percent compared to same month last year.

**WoS F&AS Co-coordinator to Damascus**

- The mission was delayed with a day which means Samantha could not attend today's meeting. However, the sector is requesting partners, to share with the sector when it is convenient for them to arrange for bilateral meetings.

**Next Meeting:** 7 January 2017.