

Food and Agriculture Sector Meeting Report

Minutes of 05 June 2017

Chair: Bernard Mrewa

Venue: Damascus – Four Seasons – Palmyra Hall

Agenda:

Subject	Agency Presenting	Time
Introductions (of agenda and participants)	All	5 min
Review and approval of previous minutes	All	5 min
Alerts/ongoing emergency response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raqqa update - Micro plans; Az badani etc. 	Coordinators/OCHA	30 min
Sector update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o April maps o Achievements and plans 	IMOs/All	10 min
Cash based transfers (Task force) HNO/HRP/PMR (timeline-general update) Update on the outcome monitoring	Coordinators	20 min
AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration- Food assistance and Livelihood projects 	Coordinators	5 min

Action Points from previous meeting

- Partners should continue to use the updated 4Ws matrix and in particular ensure that the information related to integration of livelihood activities and food assistance is provided **(ONGOING action)**
- The sector to work with OCHA and design a template which partners will use to provide information on current market based interventions **(Action-Before the next sector meeting)**
- The sector to organise a dedicated meeting to take stock on ongoing and planned agriculture activities for 2017 **(before the next sector meeting)**.
- Partners to nominate participants for the planned IPC training and analysis workshop in August **(Action- before the next sector meeting)**

Food and Agriculture Response and Plans Updates

AGENCY	Notes/highlights
ACF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between June and July 2017, AAH will distribute 1550 home gardening kits in Hassakeh, Dara and Rural Damascus governorates • Baseline survey is planned to be conducted in July 2017 in Hassakeh, Dara, Latakia, Aleppo and Rural Damascus governorates.
AKF	<p>MAY ACHIEVEMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Distribute agro-processing equipment and technical training to 219 vulnerable women. 2- Distribute local layer hens to 29 women with training to 21 women, vet kits to 332 livestock farmers. 3- Provide lab screening services for 170 livestock and poultry farmers. 4- Establish a saving group with 15 women. 5- Implement two Farmer Field School on lambs fattening and almond. 6- Provide training for 787 livestock and crop farmers, and master training to 166 extension workers in Homs, Hama and Tartous. <p>PLANS FOR JUNE - AUGUST</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Distribute vet kits, food aids, local layer hens, vegetable production, home garden inputs and agro-processing equipment. 2- Provide training for livestock and crop farmers and technicians on wheat, and Farmers' Agricultural Schools in Hama and Tarots, 3- Establish green fodder intensive production unit as a pilot. 4- Distribute agro-processing equipment to vulnerable women. 5- Implement a Farmer Field School on lambs and calves fattening. 6- Establish new saving groups for women.

<p style="text-align: center;">FAO</p>	<p>MAY ACHIEVEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3,350 Vegetable packages were distributed to 1600 Households in Homs and 1,750 households in Latakia. - Within school gardening activities, FAO team, with support from UNICEF Syria, sensitized more than 140 school teachers on key concepts related to nutrition, Key Messages on the importance of School Gardens shared by FAO and on the importance of school gardens in insuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Diverse diets and better learning outcomes for school children; o Teaching children, how to grow a variety of foods – vegetables– and do this with a good diet in mind; o Increase children’s preference and consumption of vegetables and fruits; o Enhance school meals with micronutrient-rich vegetables and fruits <p>PLANS FOR June – July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poultry farm units for income generating business developed for 900 beneficiaries in Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous. - 25 households will have a Silkworm Breeding as an income generating activities in Tartous. - 500 households will have support and building capacity for beehive and honey production in Aleppo. - Rehabilitation of irrigation systems in Homs. - The distribution of beekeeping packages for 250 HHs in the governorates (Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Tartous and Lattakia) - 2 unit of Milk Processing will be installed in Homs and Hama - 100 HHs will be provided with Mushroom Production tools and 50 HHs will be provided with Soap production tools as an income generating activities. - 2700 HHs will have winter vegetable seeds packages (2700 HHs, sets of manual vegetable farming tools, olive saplings 25000, and shredders for composting (1 /District = 4 shredders)- irrigation kits for 42 HHs.
<p style="text-align: center;">ICRC</p>	<p>May 2017 Update (ICRC-SARC joint activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May, about 1.25 million beneficiaries were reached with food parcels, canned food parcels, bulk food and bread packs. • Data analysis of Post Distribution Monitoring of seeds and fertilizer distributed in 6 governorates (6000 HHs) is on-going. • Greenhouse inputs (defrost kit) to 200 HHs in Lattakia were distributed <p>ICRC-SARC Plan for June-July 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover over 1 million beneficiaries with various food packages each month • Initiate/complete area and beneficiary selection process for the agro program (coordination with DoAAR, SARC, ICRC, Other actors) • Support bakeries and flour mills with new production lines and generators- fixing or donating new ones (Damascus, Aleppo, South etc)

IFRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the excel file
MSJN	<p>Ongoing activities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooked 5 days per a week one hot meal for 2000 families around 10,354 beneficiaries were reached in Al-Sakhour Distributed every day 1 bread bundle for 2000 families around 10,354 beneficiaries were reached in Al- Sakhour Provided one RTE food parcel per month for 2000 family around 10,354 beneficiaries were reached in Al- Sakhour Cooked 20 days hot meals in april and may for 6000 families, around 30235 beneficiaries were reached in Eastern Aleppo and Aleppo countryside. Provided food for 1200 students from Manbig countryside during their residence in Aleppo for passing their exams. Distributed every day 1 bread bundle for 6000 families, around 30235 beneficiaries in Eastern Aleppo and Aleppo countryside. <p>Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooked hot meals and distributing bread for 2,000 families and Mini domestic mushroom farms in Aleppo countryside for food self-reliance for 750 families our target is to reach around 4,500 individuals 12, 000 RTE rations for around 60,470 beneficiaries in Eastern Aleppo and Aleppo countryside, assessing especially new venues from Deir Hafer, Maskaneh and Raqah. Hotmeals during Ramadan. This will include sweets and fruits.
TDH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16,465 food parcels was received in the warehouse of SARC in Tartus, To be distributed as planed in Aleppo, Homs, Rural Damascus and Damascus, in the coming 2 months Distribution planned for 685 food vouchers monthly and for 5 months starting from the coming June, (targeting people living with disability) Preparing to distribute food vouchers instead of food parcels (18,500 FP) in August or September in the Aleppo, Homs, Lattakia and Rural Damascus,
UNRWA	<p>Cash Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd cash round started from 02 May 2017. Each Palestine refugee will receive SYP 33,000 in this round. The round would be completed by 22 June which is before Al Eid. <p>Food Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food baskets 20,533 (in April 2017) Additional assistance for IDPs families: Ready to eat food 641
WFP	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 813,375 FRs have been distributed reaching 4,066,875 beneficiaries. <p>May</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> During May 17, WFP dispatched 737,497 food rations for 3,687,485 beneficiaries (92% of the plan). Equivalent to 41,065 MT, including 6,832 MT of WHF

2. Of the 3,687,485 beneficiaries, a total of 104,500 people in the hard-to-reach areas of Dar Kabira- Duma and Jayroud received only fortified wheat flour from WFP as part of cross-line inter-agency convoys.
3. Cross Borders deliveries: **143,401** FR (included in the above figures): **83,642** FR from Turkey to Rural Idleb, **32,639** FR from Turkey to Rural Aleppo, and **27,120** FR from Jordan to Rural Dara'a.
4. A total of **10,295** food boxes/ were delivered through airdrop operations from Amman to Deir Ezzor including one drop to the Southern part (Harabesh).
5. WFP prepositioned 16,000 RTEs in Hassaka during May and beginning of June as part of Raqqa response.

June-August

6. Continue reaching 4 million people.
7. WFP is submitting the plan to MoFA included most of besieged and HtR area and some locations approved for WFP.
8. WFP shifted the allocation of the 2 biggest NGOs in Aleppo that have been cancelled to SARC and the work of these 2 NGOs will be coordinated by SARC HQ.
9. June food ration is back to the normal rations after 2 consecutive months without rice
10. WFP agreed with SARC to have one drop food to the Southern part of besieged DZ (Harabesh) each 10 drops in the Northern part.
11. WFP is ready to implement June Cycle with food rations in Raqqa with a plan of 37,100 rations and 10,000 RTEs (For sudden displacements)
12. The current RTEs stock in Hassaka is only 14,000 rations (Part of this stock will be prepositioned in Eib Issa)
13. WFP sent normal rations from Hassakn to Jin Al Shaeer camp (South Ein Essa) to cover the needs of around 15,000 people.
14. The normal distribution in all Hassaka locations is still suspended by the self-admiration, except for Al-Hol Camp for Iraqis refugees. Discussions are ongoing to have in simultaneous distribution in Hassaka and Raqqa.
15. A total of 5,000 FR were loaded and waiting close to Barzeh to enter after completing the evacuation

CBT Brain Storming:

Objective:

1. Streamline the design, development and implementation of cash based responses.
2. Improve programs, identify and mitigate risks as well as connect stakeholders to the best and most current information and practices.

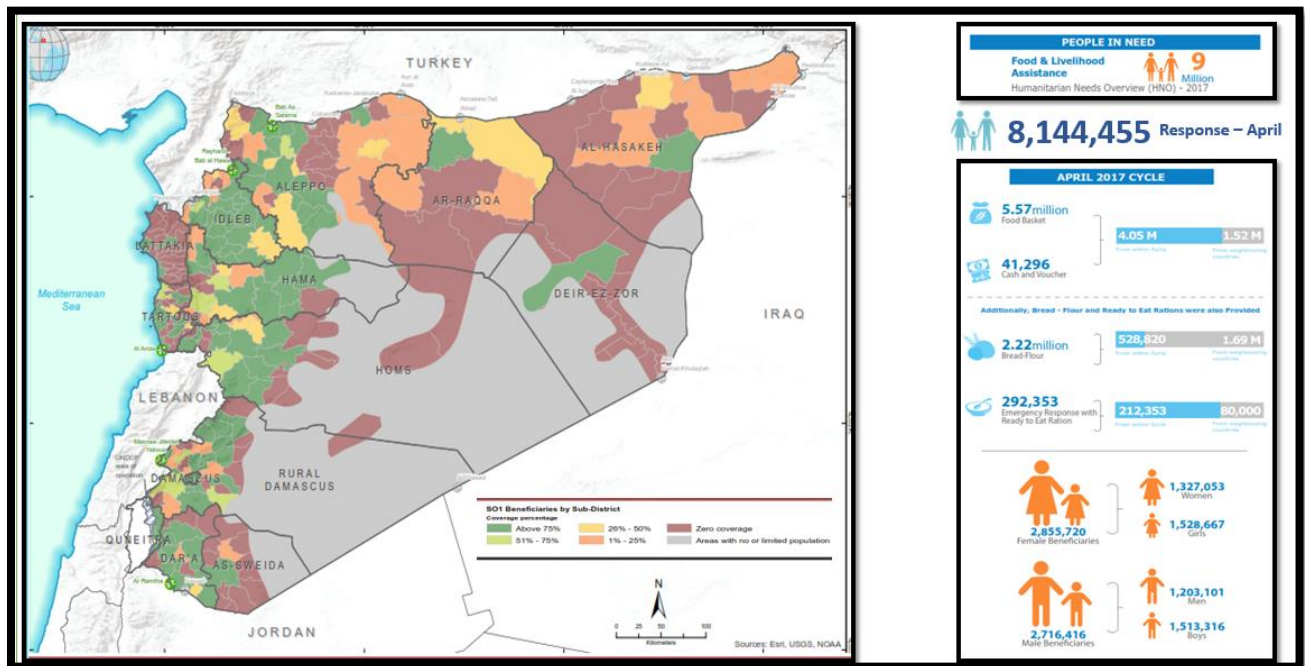
Thus propose following aspects:

- A descriptive paper on current CBR (actuals/plans)
- Monitoring: including market monitoring
- 3W (Who does What Where) and other data collection

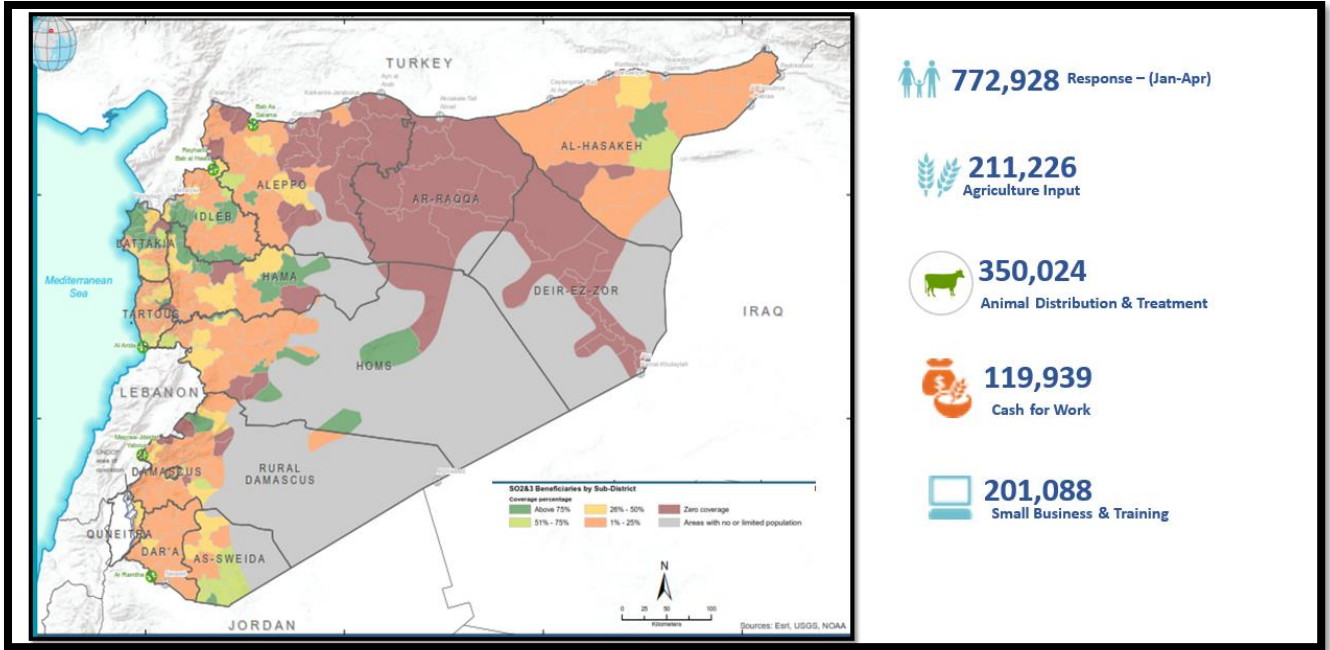
- Technology in CBR
- Harmonizing rates, voucher values and grant sizes
- Payment methods and delivery agents
- Engage in advocacy work on important issues as identified and agreed upon by the participants
- Evidence and research based information sharing
- Operational guidelines: procedures / type of CBR (modality decision, transfer mechanisms)
- Preparedness: integrate procedure into contingency plans
- Support the development of tools that can be used for cash transfer programs
- Ensuring accountability to beneficiaries
- Promote cross-sector coordination and dissemination of information on how cash transfers can support programming in multiple sectors
- Financial and administrative SOP (international experience to be shared also)

Gaps/Coverage Analysis:

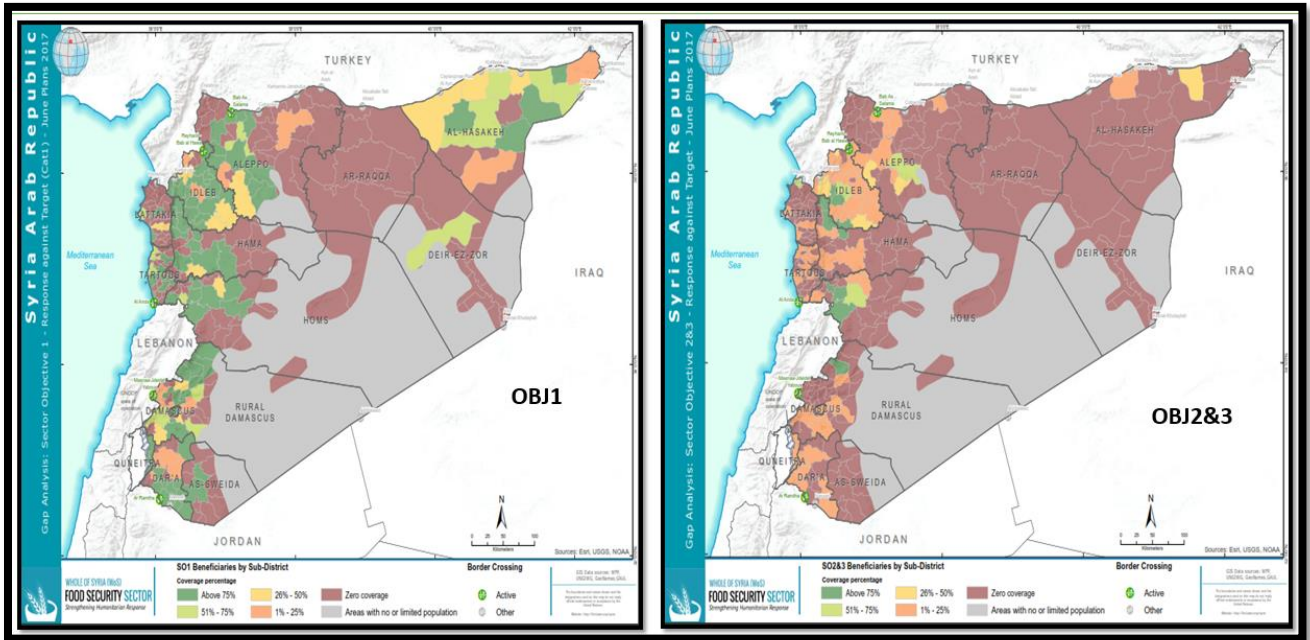
Sector Objective 1 – WOS Actual April 2017



Sector Objective 2&3 – WOS Actual April 2017



WOS Plan June 2017



AOB:

Next Meeting: To be held on Damascus – Four Seasons – Palmyra Hall - 06 July 2017.