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### Chair

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### Participants

NRC, Mercy Hands, ZOA, KFD, AFKUV, BAHO, Caritas Czech Republic; Save the Children; ISHO, HTN; Haraa Organisation; UIMS; Odessa Organisation; HA; IRCS, SP; WFP; UNHCR

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## Agenda

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1. 2016 – 1st Iraq Humanitarian Pool Fund (IHPF) Standard Allocation
2. Changing to Food Security Cluster (FSC) Reporting Structure
3. Displacement Planning
4. Key operational updates across Iraq
5. Introduction protection mainstreaming
6. Any Other Business (AOB)



## Action points

### 1. 2017 – 1st Iraq Humanitarian Pool Fund (IHPF) Standard Allocation

A total of 31 project proposals were received by the Food Security Cluster (FSC) for the 1st IHPF Standard Allocation.

Each project underwent a rigorous technical and strategic review, conducted by a seven-member strategic review team with representatives from ACF, FAO, the Food Security Cluster, OXFAM, RNVDO, WFP and ZOA.

The FSC is now preparing the Cluster Defence and portfolio of the projects identified through the technical and strategic review.

The Cluster Defences are scheduled for 3 May. Following the closure of the 1st Standard Allocation process, partners not selected for the allocation of funding through the IHPF, are welcome to contact the FSC to receive feedback and comments on their project proposals.

#### Action points

- FSC to inform partners of progress of 1st IHPF Standard Allocation.

### 2. Changing to Food Security Cluster (FSC) Reporting Structure

To streamline and reduce the number of reporting requests received by partners, and improve communication and information sharing, the FSC has introduced some important changes to its current communication and reporting structure.

As of this week the FSC has rolled-out a **new Iraq Operation email address**, which will be used for all general enquiries, requests and day-to-day information sharing and communication: [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)

The FSC has also rolled out a **new sign-up form to join a new mailing list**, which will replace the current one. Partners can sign-up by following this link: <http://eepurl.com/cL3DyH>

All current reporting matrixes are now being replaced by three main documents/online platforms:

- 1) **FSC Mosul Reponse 4W** a weekly reporting template to capture partners' **completed** and **upcoming** activities for the Mosul Response;
- 2) **Monthly FSC Planning Matrix** has been developed to capture upcoming food and livelihood plans for the Iraq humanitarian response;
- 3) **Monthly ActivityInfo** a monitoring tool that ensures that all **completed** food and livelihood activities are captured and represented in the overall Iraq humanitarian response.

#### Action points



- Partners who have not received the new reporting templates to contact the FSC at [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)
- Partners to submit Mosul Reponse 4W by **30 April at 10:00am**
- Partners to upload their inputs to ActivityInfo **by 5 May**. Partners who do not have access to ActivityInfo and need training on how to use to contact the FSC at [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)
- Partners to submit their Planning Matrix for the months of June and July **by 15 May**.

### 3. Displacement Planning

The FSC Coordinator gave an update on the current and expected displacements and food security status of individuals in West Mosul (a more in-depth meeting on the Mosul Response will be held on 30 April at NCCI - time TBC/invitations will be sent out shortly).

The FSC Coordinator highlighted 3 main routes of displacement (Tal Kaysum, Scorpion Junction and Hammam al-Aliel) and 1 possible scenario with people leaving west Mosul and heading towards Badoush.

Security concerns and access constraints were reported from a number of partners. The FSC Coordinator informed partners they can reach out to INSO to receive security updates. They can also request the support of CMCOORD if facing challenges at checkpoints or other access related issues. Additional informational and practical trainings can be provided by UNMAS if partners are interested.

Partners were reminded to share their current and upcoming response activities to better inform the overall Mosul response plan to assist vulnerable individuals, as well as to share information on their current stock capacity and pipeline to produce a new stock matrix.

The Protection Cluster Coordinator reminded partners working at the frontline of the importance to flag out immediately any protection-related concerns to relevant focal points; and, where possible, to obtain information from individuals fleeing Mosul on living conditions in the city, to better inform the overall humanitarian response.

#### Action points

- FSC to send invitation for next Mosul Response meeting planned for 30 April.
- Partners to send their Mosul Response 4W to [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org) by 30 April
- Partners to send their information on their current stock capacity and pipeline for their Mosul Response, to [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)



#### 4. Key operational updates across Iraq

##### **Sinjar Mountain**

- Reported increase in military activities in 6 locations in/around Sinjar Mountain;
- 450 RTER have been pre-positioned for newly displaced (BCF/SP);
- 3,000 food parcels have been sent to area (MoMD/BCF);
- FSC is supporting a multi-partner assessment to identify and clarify food needs in Sinjar;
- Assessment methodology and enumerator training is forthcoming.

##### **Tel Afar displacement to/near Zummar**

- 5,500 individuals have been reported to be displaced since 23 April (OCHA);
- Displaced families are arriving in Shindukhah and are being transferred to Sahlej with eventual transportation to HAA for screening/reception.

##### **Reported response:**

- 23 April BCF provided cooked meals in Shindukhah for new arrivals (2,050 meals);
- 24 April: NRC distributed IRR kits (380 kits);
- 25 April: BCF providing cooked meals in Sahlej for new arrivals (1,250 meals) & NRC continuing the IRR distributions;
- This displacement trend is expected to continue.

##### **Sulaymaniyah**

- Regular distributions of food assistance continue (in-kind, e-voucher and cash);
- Shop/market prices were stabilized in local camp(s);
- CDO conducted an assessment in Qaratapa sub-district through Asaysh coordination. There are currently 1,330 IDP families living in Qaratapa, 600 of which are in the center, while the other 700 are living in the villages around the area. Qaratapa IDPs do not receive food assistance from any organization;
- List of primary JCC contacts available.

##### **Kirkuk**

- Regular food assistance activities continue;
- The next Kirkuk Food Security Cluster Meeting will be held on 2 May, 2017 at 10:30 at the UNAMI Conference Room in Kirkuk.

#### Action points

- Partners interested in receiving more information on the Sphere Handbook and Standard to send an email to [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)

#### 5. Introduction protection mainstreaming

The Protection Cluster Coordinator informed participants it can provide training on the incorporation of gender and protection mainstreaming and guidelines in the planning and implementation of food assistance humanitarian operations.



Protection mainstreaming is the process of incorporating protection principles and promoting meaningful access, safety and dignity in humanitarian aid. The following elements must be taken into account in all humanitarian activities:

- 1) **Prioritize safety & dignity, and avoid causing harm:** Prevent and minimize as much as possible any unintended negative effects of your intervention which can increase people's vulnerability to both physical and psychosocial risks.
- 2) **Meaningful Access:** Arrange for people's access to assistance and services – in proportion to need and without any barriers (e.g. discrimination). Pay special attention to individuals and groups who may be particularly vulnerable or have difficulty accessing assistance and services.
- 3) **Accountability:** Set-up appropriate mechanisms through which affected populations can measure the adequacy of interventions, and address concerns and complaints.
- 4) **Participation and empowerment:** Support the development of self protection capacities and assist people to claim their rights, including – not exclusively – the rights to shelter, food, water and sanitation, health, and education.

#### Action points

- Partners interested in training opportunities at the Protection Cluster and to receive more information and guidelines on protection mainstreaming should contact Lis Koek at [koek@unhcr.org](mailto:koek@unhcr.org)

## 6. Any Other Business (AOB)

The next Mosul Response meeting will be held on 30 April at NCCI (time TBC). Invitations will be sent shortly.

A film crew shooting a documentary produced by the Global Food Security Cluster and Welthungerhilfe, and who plans to attend the meeting on Sunday and is looking for interested parties to be interviewed.

The inter-agency Rapid Needs Assessment conducted in 45 accessible neighbourhoods in Mosul City has been completed. The assessment was conducted by nine AWG partners between 28 March and 11 April. The full report can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/ku6dvm5>

ACTED conducted a household surveys in villages in Jalawla and Khanaqeen in Diyala to identify households eligible for our Farmer Field School. The report profiles the farmers' basic activities, demographics and inputs.

Upcoming training on food assessment methodologies is planned for 14 May in Dohuk, for further information contact [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)

#### Action points

- Partners interested in training on food assessment methodologies to send an email to [info.iraq@fscluster.org](mailto:info.iraq@fscluster.org)
- FSC to share additional information on documentary project.
- FSC to share ACTED farming assessment.