



# Sub cluster strategy for better coordination of FSL partners in South Sudan

Presentation for capacity building & best practice in 2020

# **FSL Cluster Secretariat**



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# **FSL Cluster Secretariat**



### Cluster aims & hierarchical objectives:

**Overall Goal**: FSL cluster contributes towards a timely, effective & well-coordinated humanitarian response within the inter cluster HRP during the current humanitarian crisis in South Sudan (US\$ 1.5 billion)

**Specific objective**: to provide strategic guidance and direction for FSL cluster partners to respond in a coordinated & prioritized manner to address the severity & causes of food & livelihood insecurity in South Sudan (US\$ 645 million or 42% HRP)

# Seven core **functions** 1. Service 7. Advocacy delivery & coordination 6. Accountability 2. Information The FSL cluster to affected Management **Persons** 5. Quality, 3. Needs standards & assessment & capacity IPC building planning & appeals

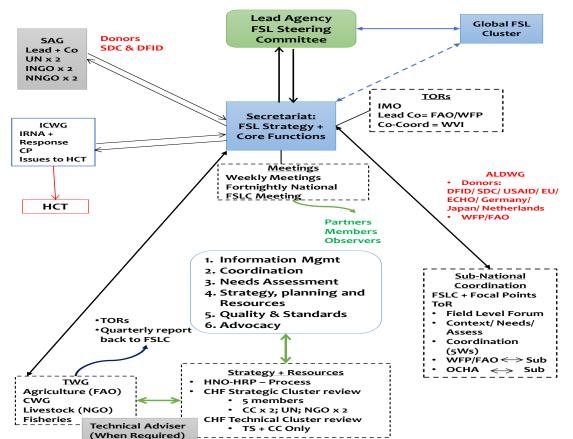
# **FSL Cluster Secretariat**



### The Team:

- Cluster coordinator (FAO/ WFP) x1
- INGO Co coordinator (World Vision) x1
- NNGO Co coordinator (SPEDP) x1
- IMOs x2
- Food Security Assessment Officer x1

### **FSL Cluster system in South Sudan**





# FSL Cluster Secretariat: Institutional mapping

# 1. Service delivery & coordination for support to FSL service delivery



FSL cluster provides a platform to ensure service delivery is driven by agreed strategic priorities/ mechanisms to avoid duplication.

- Weekly team meetings/ Monthly CLA meetings/ At least quarterly SAG meetings
- Weekly ICCG/NAWG meetings: engage on issues/ ensure partner prioritization reflected for optimal use of common services
- Fortnightly FSL cluster meetings National
- Sub-national clusters support missions
  - 13 WFP, 9 FAO sub-offices (FSL focal persons)
  - 8 OCHA state focal persons
  - 1 national cluster, 12 state sub-clusters
  - 30 county sub clusters/ focal persons



# 2. Reporting & Monitoring (information management)

Inform & support strategic decision making through data analysis to identify needs, response, gaps, duplications & reporting implementation of cluster strategy & results

- Partner training on 5Ws
- Monthly reporting on 5Ws
- Product development: gap analysis/ partner presence maps/ dashboards/ bulletins/ information sharing/ capacity building to partners
- Regular communication flow with partners
- Product uptake survey with partners: mid & year end
- Review state/ county locations where targets over reached
- Website: <a href="https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep">https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep</a>

### 3. Needs assessment & IPC

Data collection & analysis for emergency response and informing food security situation (IRNAs, FSNMS & partner assessments that contribute to response planning and the IPC analysis).

- Collation of needs assessment reports: input to IPC and Emergency response teams
- Participation in IRNA & other agency FSL assessment missions
- Support to FSNMS (capacity building & partner presence)
- IPC analysis
- Training on FS analysis & interpretation and IPC Level I in-country training;
- Share collated reports with WFP & FAO sub offices & sub clusters



# 4. Strategy, planning & appeals



Cluster plans in line with HC/ HCT priorities/ Clarify funding requirements, prioritization & cluster contributions (HRP, SSHF, CERF etc.)/ Participation in cluster/ ICWG planning & preparedness

- HRP planning: September IPC → HNO → HRP = Annual plan & Log frame
- Famine & flood response strategies (2017 & 2019); SSHF strategies etc.
- South Sudan Humanitarian (Pool) Fund SA1 & SA2 for frontline & core pipeline + support partners with RRF (IOM/ OFDA)
- Capacity building on proposal/ concept writing
- Reserve allocation for pipeline only
- HRP MYR (July)
- Juba IDP contingency planning



# 5. Quality, standards & capacity building

Application & adherence to existing standards & guidelines/ training & capacity building





- Awareness raising at FSL meeting & information sharing to ensure accountability to affected population (AAP) and GBV prevention (awareness, referral pathways, mainstreaming)
- Technical Working Group: Agriculture, Livestock (future Fisheries) and Food Security & Marketing Analysis (TBC)
- Maintain links with the Cash Working Group (now inter agency not specific FSLC)
- Capacity building: cash based programming/ FSNMS enumerator training/ LEGS/ IPC analysis level I and GBV prevention

# 6. Accountability to affected Persons (AAP)



Supporting mechanisms for the feedback & consultation with primary beneficiaries including complaint mechanisms; supporting other mainstreaming and context priorities around gender equality and protection from sexual exploitation (GBV) & abuse are raised and discussed;

- Partnership with WFP and Internews: assess and map feedback mechanisms used by FSLC partners; identify gaps & opportunities to improve; capacity building & practical support to partners;
- Funding of training on GBV/ PSEA for FSL cluster partners at State level cluster/ ICWG
- Promotion of the **Core Humanitarian Standards**: 9 core standards including complaints, coordination and inclusive participation (flow of information);

# 7. Advocacy



Identify advocacy concerns to HC/ HCT and Undertake advocacy activities on behalf of cluster participants & affected populations

- Close collaboration & support from the WFP & FAO communication teams for:
  - Advocacy points from FSNMS/ IPC analysis
  - Technical advocacy from TWGs
- Localization: support & empowerment of NNGOs Grand Bargain: capacity building, SSHF recipients, Inclusion in SAG & other bodies etc.
- Continued engagement with ALDWG & PfRR for resilience type work: linking humanitarian & development interventions (NWOW)
- Top 20 INGO and NNGO meetings 'finding a common voice' for support & advocacy



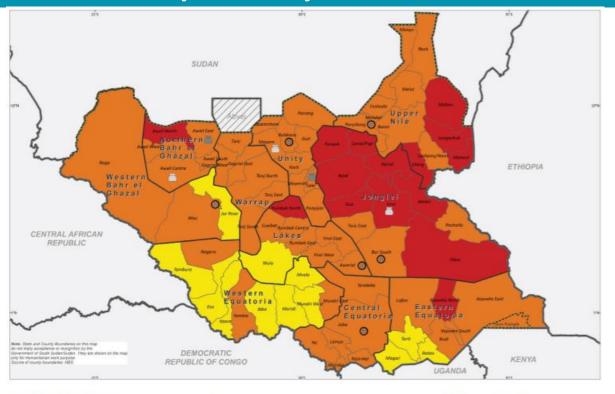
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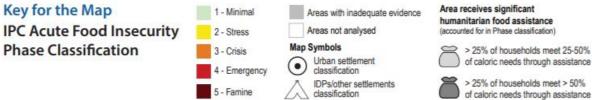
# **HRP 2020 Objectives, Activities & Indicators**

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Objective 1: Provide_food_assistance	-Unconditional General Food Distribution (UGFD))	-Number of beneficiaries Reached -Quantity of food assistance distributed (tonnage)	Food	Unconditional
	- Food for Assets (FFA)	-Number of beneficiaries Reached with conditional food assistance -Quantity of food assistance distributed (tonnage)	Food	Conditional
	- Unconditional Cash/ Voucher food assistance	- Number of beneficiaries reached - Total cash value	Cash/Voucher	Unconditional
	- Cash for Assets - Conditional Cash Transfers	- Number of beneficiaries reached with conditional cash/vouchers - Total cash value	Cash/Voucher	Conditional
	Provision of feedback & complaint mechanism			
Objective 2: Enhance emergency food production	-Distribution of agricultural inputs (CK, VK & FK) -Seed Fairs -Distribution of Rapid Response Kits -Livestock vaccination -Livestock treatment -Animal Restocking -Provision of feedback & complaint mechanism	- Number of HH receiving agricultural inputs/ vegetable & fishing kits - Quantity of food produced - Number of animals vaccinated - Number of animals treated	Inputs Vouchers	Unconditional/Conditional
	- Setting up of Kitchen gardens	-Number of Backyard Kitchen gardens set up		N/A
Objective 3: Training	-Agricultural Vocational Trainings - Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW) - Demo Plots - Farmer Field Schools (FFS) - Village Savings/Loans Associations & Small Grants - FAW training - Income Generation Training - Value Chain Training - Pest & Disease Management Training - Post Harvest Management Training - Nutritional Backyard Kitchen Garden Training - Provision of feedback & complaint mechanism	-Number of HHs receiving good agricultural practice and nutrition messaging and awareness -Number of Community Nutrition Volunteers trained	Training	N/A



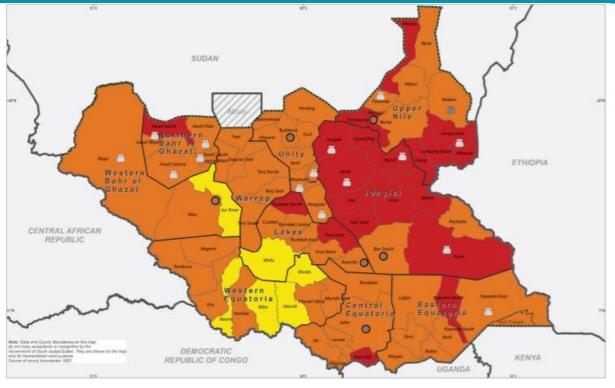
# **IPC Map: January 2020**

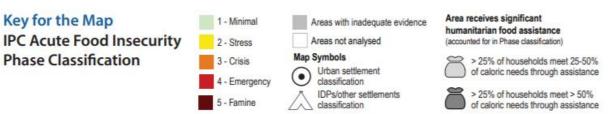






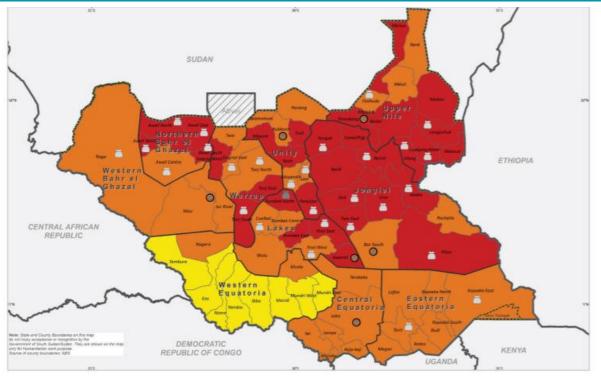
# IPC Map: Feb - April 2020







# IPC Map: May – July 2020





IPC Acute Food Insecurity Phase Classification



5 - Famine

Areas with inadequate evidence

Areas not analysed

### Map Symbols





Area receives significant humanitarian food assistance (accounted for in Phase classification)



> 25% of households meet 25-50% of caloric needs through assistance

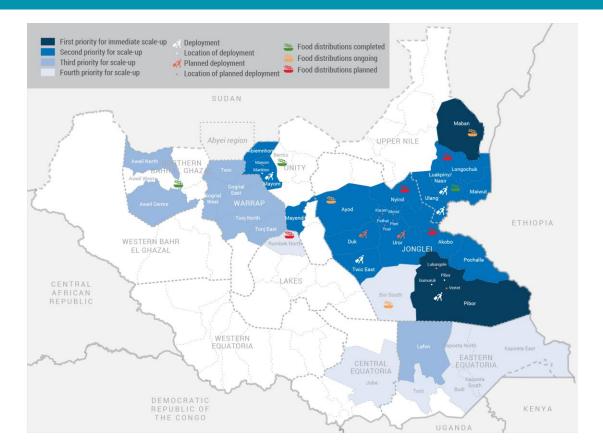


> 25% of households meet > 50% of caloric needs through assistance



# ICCG prioritization: fortnightly Needs Analysis Working Group (close monitoring & EWS function)

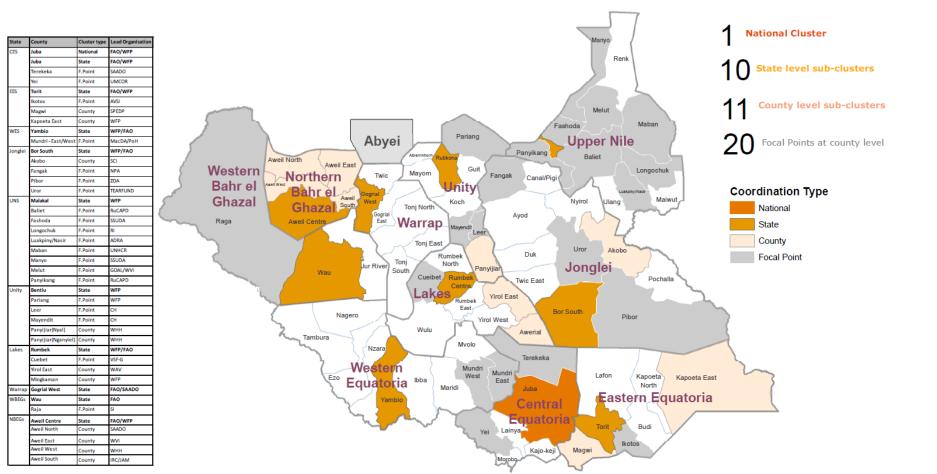




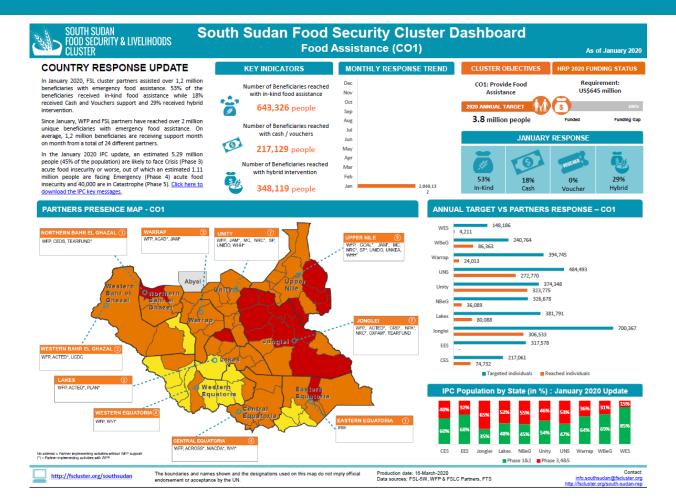


# **FSL Cluster Information Management Products**

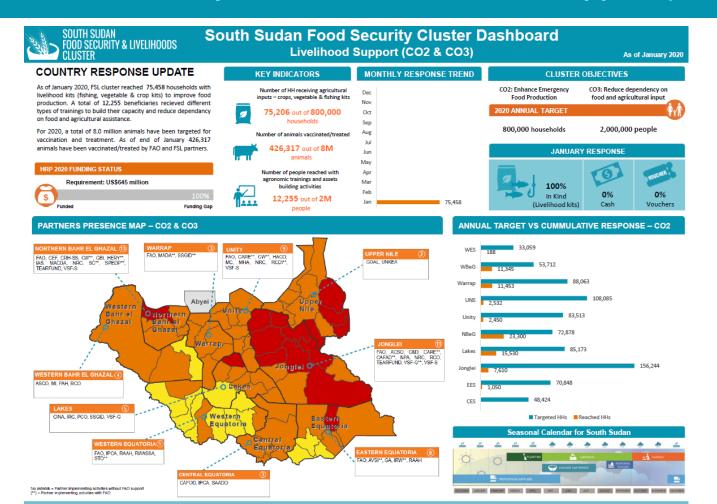
# **FSL Cluster sub-national coordination**



# **Monthly Dashboard – Food assistance (CO1)**



# Monthly Dashboard – Livelihood support (CO2)



# Training Dashboard (CO3) — below the summary for 2019 when it was CO4



### South Sudan Food Security Cluster

FSL Strategic Objective 4: Reduce Dependency on Food and Agricultural Assistance

Activity Types

In 2019, Food Security and Livelihood Cluster under objective 4, supported 1.7 Million people through various trainings to build capacity and reduce dependency on food and agricultural support. Out of these, more than 60% were women that were supported mainly through improved agricultural practices, pest and disease management, post harvest handling and management as well as income generation activities.

In addition, Community Animal Health Workers were trained by partners to enhace their knowledge and skills on livestock disease control and management.

Key Figures (2019)

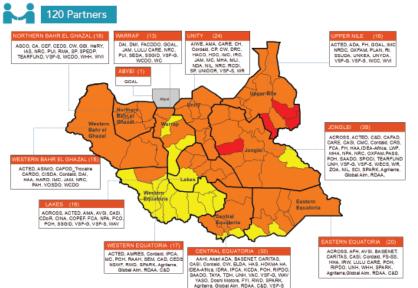
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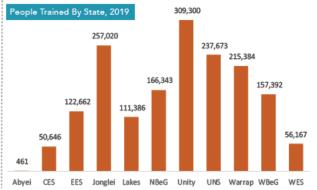
Total People Trained
1.7 M
285,000 HHs out of 200,000

Female (60%)

Male (40%)

	# Activities	# Beneficiaries
Agricultural and Vocational Trainings	257	364,604
Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs)	81	16,799
DEMO Plots	248	399,604
Farmer Field School	190	161,285
Fall Army Worm Training	5	820
Income Generation Activities	334	176,730
Pest and Disease Managment	88	190,727
Post Hervest Menegement Training	129	219,694
Value Chain Training	91	34,335
Village Savings/Loans Associations (VSLAs)  & Small Grants	219	119,836





# **Cash Dashboard**

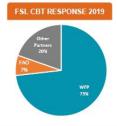


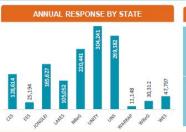
### **CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS DASHBOARD**

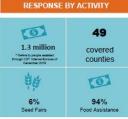
As of December 2019

#### COUNTRY RESPONSE UPDATE

As of December 2019, FSL duster partners assisted a total 1.3 million unique beneficiaries through cash-based interventions (cash and vouchers). Beneficiaries received unconditional and transitional food assistance (CO1 & CO3) as well as livelihood support (CO2). Notably 81% of the total 1.6 million HRP 2019 targeted beneficiaries for cash based transfer were reached.







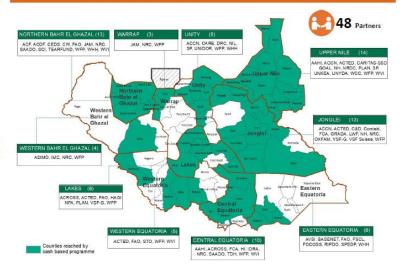
#### ANNUAL RESPONSE BY OBJECTIVE



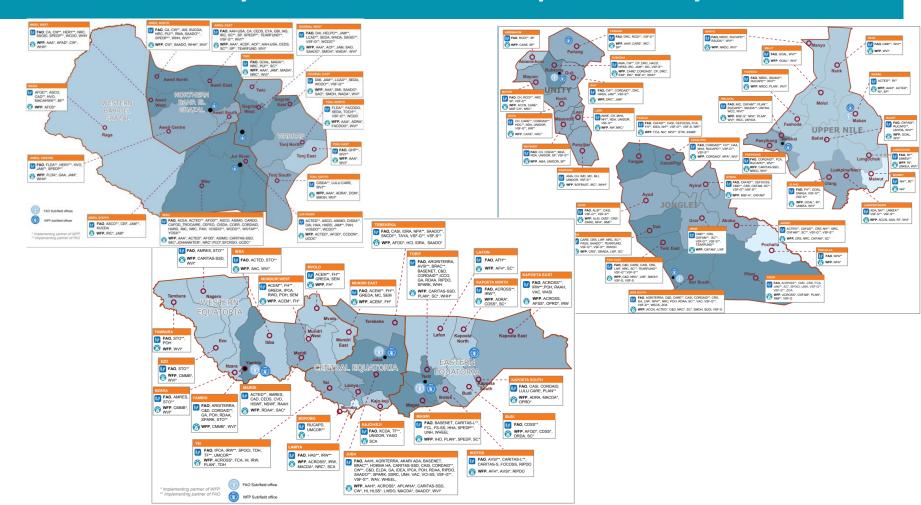




#### FSL CASH BASED INTERVENTIONS AND PARTNERS PRESENCE MAP



# **County Partner Presence Map - Quarterly**





# 2019

# SSHF

## South Sudan Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster SSHF Projects in 2019

Total Beneficiaries

Key

**Figures** 



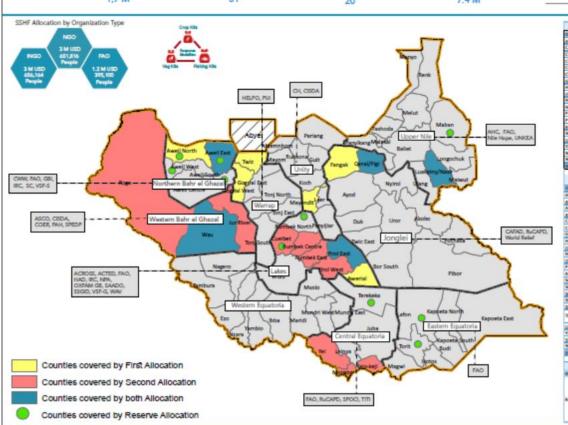
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Total Counties

Total Funding

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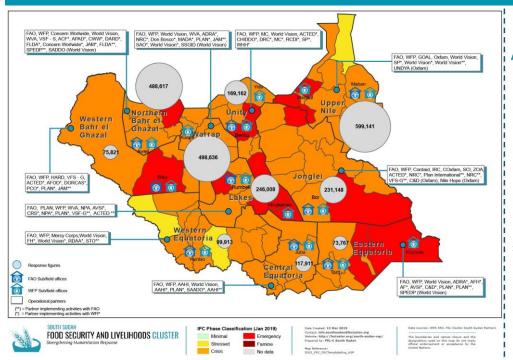
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### **FSL Partners Resilience Programming in 2018**

As of 31st December 2018



### Summary overview of resilience programming

- ➤ The FSL Cluster's objective 2: Protect, stabilize and safeguard rural and urban livelihoods to improve food availability and reduce the food gap. FSL Cluster partners have assisted over 2.6 million beneficiaries in 2018 with resilience type actions that enhances the ongoing food assistance and emergency livelihood support activities, addressing better some of the underlying causes of food insecurity, and strengthening the ability of beneficiaries to better absorb the effects of shocks.
- This support is also in line with the South Sudan HRP 2019 towards the use of greater conditionality, promoting less dependency and more selfreliance in transitioning towards more resilience and developmental interventions over time.
- From the data gathering exercise partners are providing resilience type interventions across all 10 states in 49 counties with an estimated USD 148 Million.
- Activities that were undertaken and considered for resilience programming in 2018 include but not limited to: conditional food for assets, good practices on vaccination and treatment, school feeding, restocking programmes, vocational training, deworming campaigns, livestock diversification, village savings and loans, micro finance activities, strengthening market connections and the provision of small business starter grants.

### **FACTS & FIGURES**



## 2,600,133

 Number of beneficiaries assisted as of December, 2018 based on partner submissions of close to 3 Million people targeted (the figure doesn't account for double counting). Represents ongoing and completed projects.

### Disaggregated by State



# \$

# 148 M (USD

Resources used for the implementation of activities based on partner inputs. Figures do not account for double infrauen generous contribution and counting the properties and agencies: BMZ, Canada, EU, DFID, Germany, GIZ, Irish Aid, Japan, SDC, ILISAID.



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Number of partners implementing activities on resilience programming as of Dec, 2018. This includes implementing partners for FAO, WFP and other organizations.

# **Monthly Bulletin**

- Situation updates
- Innovative partner products
- Highlight partner projects
- Share beneficiary stories

We have a space for you every month!!!!

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### SAADO continues to touch lives in Aweil North



Beneficiaries receiving cash in Malual Centre final distribution point

Smile Again Africa Development Organisation (SAADO) is implementing a "Building Resilience through Asset Creation and Enhancement (BRACE)—II" project whose key objective is improve and strengthen food and nutrition security for 3,118 food insecure Households and communities of Aweil North County in former Northern Bahr El Ghazal State by the year 2020.

### Village savings project by World Vision

World Vision (WV) is one of the several humanitarian agencies responding to the crisis in South Sudan and has been implementing savings groups in two of the ten former states with over 13,000 members. WV South Sudan uses the Saving for Transformation (S4T) model that applies an enhanced version of Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) to reach the most vulnerable groups. Please click here to read the full story.



Members of a VSLA in Twic County.

### Longochuk, Upper Nile state.



A female beneficiary in her cow peas farm with an UNKEA extension worker

Post-harvest maize handling practices in Longechuk county



# **Principles & practice of coordination**

# Linking State and County level sub clusters with the National cluster



# **Objectives for 2020**: two way flow of information:

## State & County to National:

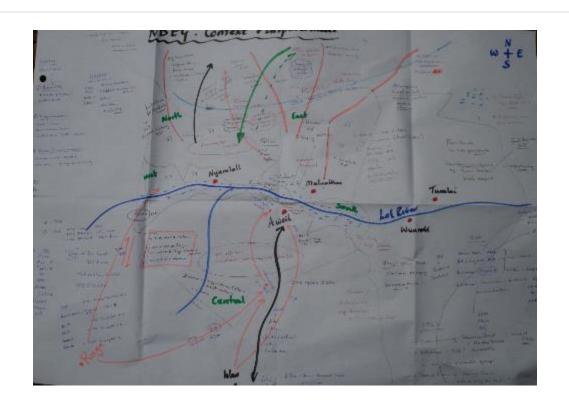
- Send contact details of ALL your members (update on a monthly basis)
- Send your monthly/ bi monthly meeting minutes
- Ad hoc needs assessments from any crisis events

# National to State & County:

- Regular sharing of information by email & website updates: <a href="https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep/documents">https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep/documents</a>
- State focal points: receive national ICCG update twice monthly
- Bi monthly share the Needs Analysis Working Group prioritization
- Monthly update of the 5W reported to national cluster

# More detailed participatory mapping of the wider context e.g. context analysis map of NBEG (July 2017)





### The essentials of coordination:



- 1. Agree on the **problem** consensus; document & communicate needs
- 2. Agree on a **solution** elaborate strategy & response plan;
  - This can also include supporting State ICWG and the newly established Solutions Working Groups (SWGs)
- **3. Identify a partner**(s) who can respond: capacity & experience
- 4. Do you have the **resources & capacity** identify the gap & seek support via the FSL cluster, CLA, your own agency or directly with donor(s)
- 5. Monitor & report on a regular basis including 5Ws via your own agency

# **Avoiding duplication & potential conflict:**



- **Principle I**: where at all possible **stay where you are** and scale up where you are already known, have a good track record, know the context well and have established good relations with the authorities;
- Principle II: as a new entrant, coordinate with the national cluster (partner presence maps)
  and coordinate with ALL actors on the ground; who is doing what where identify the gaps;
  work around existing actions and interventions to complement the work of others; work
  closely with the sub clusters;
- Principle III: currently needs are greater than any one actor to meet entirely; (the
  humanitarian principle is to save lives) if needs are unmet can you support/fund/provide
  capacity for existing actors to meet those needs? Where this is not possible work with
  existing partners & the sub cluster to scale up/ save lives by complementing the work of
  other actors

# **Coordination activities at State & County level**



- Who is doing what and where:
  - Ask partners to submit their key bullet points and compile for the local cluster partners;
  - Regular updates
- Avoid duplication especially in context of resource scarcity (there is not enough so don't waste what we have):
  - County level participatory mapping: who is doing what in each Payam;
  - For County sub clusters with fewer partners mapping at both Payam and even Boma;
  - Maps are your best tool for coordination;
- Map both humanitarian (food & livelihood support)
   & development / resilience activities:
  - Use a simple 2 x 2 matrix on a flip chart;

Humanitarian actions by NGO/ UN	Integration of humanitarian actions with other sectors or NGOs
Resilience actions by NGO/ UN	Integration of resilience actions with other sectors or NGOs

# **Evidence from the field: integration & transition mapping example**

# Integration/ transition matrix presented: example from field visit to Aweil (FSLC partners only included)

	→ Moving along the Integration continuum →			
→ Moving along the transition continuum	<ul> <li>Emergency response:</li> <li>FAO ELRP: crops &amp; tools (via ITF modality), fish, vegetable kits (direct)</li> <li>HeRY (kits &amp; ITF)</li> <li>SPEDP: CBT</li> <li>VSFS: livestock &amp; DSR (fish &amp; veg kits)</li> <li>WFP: GFD with WV, JAM, WHH</li> </ul> Importance of cash & vouchers increasing! Early recovery WFP/ FFA:	Emergency response:  Some integration with other WASH, HT & Nut actors:  KUCDA: FSL & WASH;  IRC: FSL, Nut & Protection;  JAM: FSL & Nut  WV: FSL, ED & protection  SPEDP: FSL, WASH & Education  WHH: FSL (CAHWs), WASH, Nut & ED  CWW (OFDA): FSL, WASH, Nut & HT		
	<ol> <li>2012 In kind → Cash</li> <li>2013 BRACE I Cash &amp; CFA</li> <li>2016 BRACE II + FAO livelihood/ ITF</li> </ol> Resilience: <ul> <li>SPEDP: FSL &amp; CBT</li> <li>JAM: BRACE II: CFA &amp; kits/ ITF + DRR (dykes) &amp; Ag extension services</li> <li>SCI: FSL? (details)</li> <li>WV: FSL? (details)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CWW (Irish Aid): FSL (DRR: flood dykes/ dry spells via CFA) &amp; NRM (trees), WASH, HT;</li> <li>JAM- Household food security- restocking, kitchen gardens Aweil South – FAO/World Bank – DRR</li> <li>WHH: FSL, ED (schools) &amp; Nut education;</li> <li>SCI: WASH &amp; FSL through livestock</li> <li>Resilience:</li> <li>CWW (DFID) BRACED: WASH, NRM/ DRR, Education, FSL (FFS)</li> <li>WHH: FSL, DRR/ NRM &amp; fuel efficient stoves &amp; dykes; Education &amp; Water supply</li> </ul>		



# FSLC learning over past three years on sub cluster 'best practice'

- State/ county level function liaise and meet with Government officials regularly
- Knows your sphere of influence: counties where partners know and report on (produce the maps)
- Partners know one another: collaborate and update who is doing what and where
- Regular meetings with spirit & vitality:
  - 'Liven up the meetings' with guest speaker; topical presentations; participatory exercises;
  - Draw topics for discussion from the National cluster meetings, the ICCG and the NAWG;
- Lead agency (WFP/ FAO/ NGO) must have authority to step in to avoid duplication;
- Espouse **humanitarian values**: impartiality, humanity, neutrality & independence;
- Espouse **partnership principles**: dignity & respect; get member 'buy in' & delegated roles e.g. minutes & informal TWGs
- Requires **leadership:** energy, vision, commitment, trust etc. inspire partners and 'be there' for them assisting them when you can;

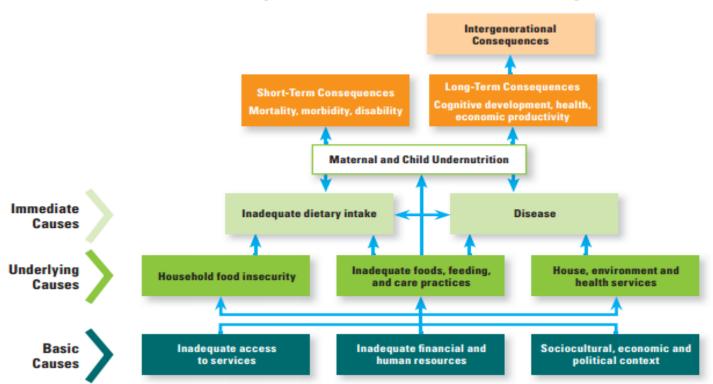
# Refer to the TOR for sub clusters & focal persons



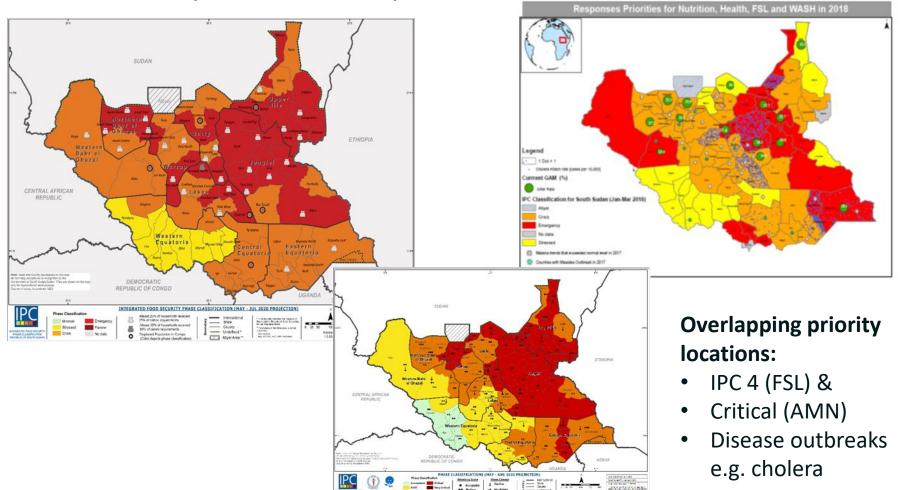
# **Principles & practice of integration**

# Why integration?

### **UNICEF Conceptual Framework of Malnutrition (adapted)**



### Where? Every where across the country where there are FSL, Nutrition, WASH and Health needs!





# Trying to break the cluster silos!

- Minimum package for the main four famine prevention clusters:
  - FSL: food assistance/livelihood & livestock support
  - WASH: clean water/ hygiene/ sanitation
  - Nutrition services: SAM & MAM
  - Health: facility service delivery, vaccination campaigns etc.
- **Geographical convergence** often already taking place in many areas where there is delivery of FSL, Nutrition, WASH and Health services beneficiaries receive services from ALL four famine clusters is what we are aiming for

# Sub national coordination/ collaboration/ co-location



How then can we support **greater integration on-the-ground** that can make a difference to programming outcomes?

- Map Health (PHCU etc.) and Nutrition (OTP/ TSFP) facilities and as FSL actors provide services (based on vulnerability targeting) within the catchment area of these facilities.
- Establish kitchen garden demonstration sites at every Nutrition facility and when conducting training on improved agronomic practices for vegetable production ensure the Community Nutrition Volunteer (CNV) also attends
- Map **WASH facilities** (boreholes) and encourage a division between human and livestock watering points; deliver services in the catchment areas of these boreholes; in communities without boreholes and hygiene promotion advocate for these services.
- Promote Colocation/ Collaboration/ Coordination at the lowest possible administrative level (Boma/ Payam) between to partners from ALL four clusters;

# **Combined National/ State/ County actions for integration**

### **County:**

- Strengthen existing coordination mechanisms to support integrated programming:
- Involve local authorities/ Multi cluster county coordination with integration standing agenda;
- Map operational actors: use simple participatory map of 3W;
- · If possible joint monitoring
- Ensure information flow county to state on integration gap analysis (where are the gaps?)

### State:

- State ICCG and CC meetings to include integrated programming as a standing item on agenda
- Agree simple strategies to promote integration: produce a one-page fact sheet outlining entry points for other clusters; and Coordinators attend other cluster meetings
- Reinforce the importance of multi sector assessment on need/ crisis event basis and ensure clusters do analyse together after assessment
- Identify how data from other each sector can assist other sectors and share relevant data
- Is integrated programming happening: case study/ visits to any good examples & shared;
- National OCHA & CC support visits to State and County sub cluster / ICCGs

### **National:**

- Share integration messaging & minimum package/ strategy report → convert to PowerPoint
- Share multi cluster OCHA/ HRP products showing multi cluster partners at county level;
- Set priorities for integration (locations e.g. based on famine prevention); identify champions for integration (case studies) for advocacy with donors;
- Integrated Needs Tracking (INT) and analysis set up (REACH) how best to support integration (e.g. setting priorities)
- Document existing integration activities/ disseminate learning & good practice
- Support capacity building of partners: minimum State & even County

**Commit to integration:** share follow up actions/ responsibilities/ ownership

