

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster Review of 2017



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Strengthening Humanitarian Response



South Sudan

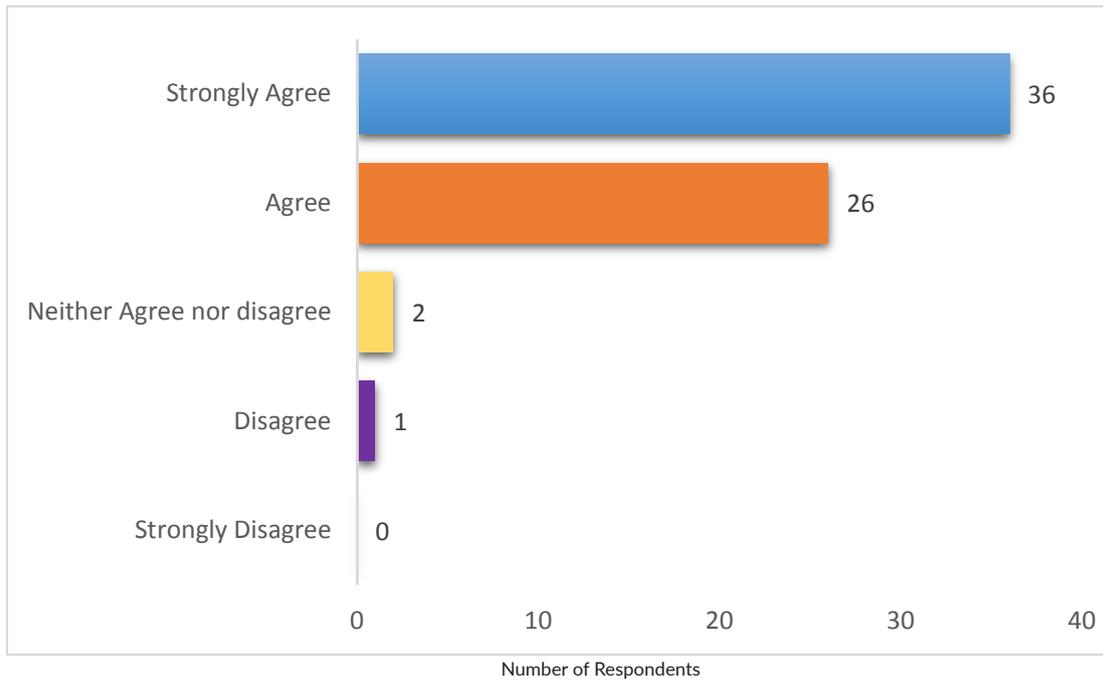
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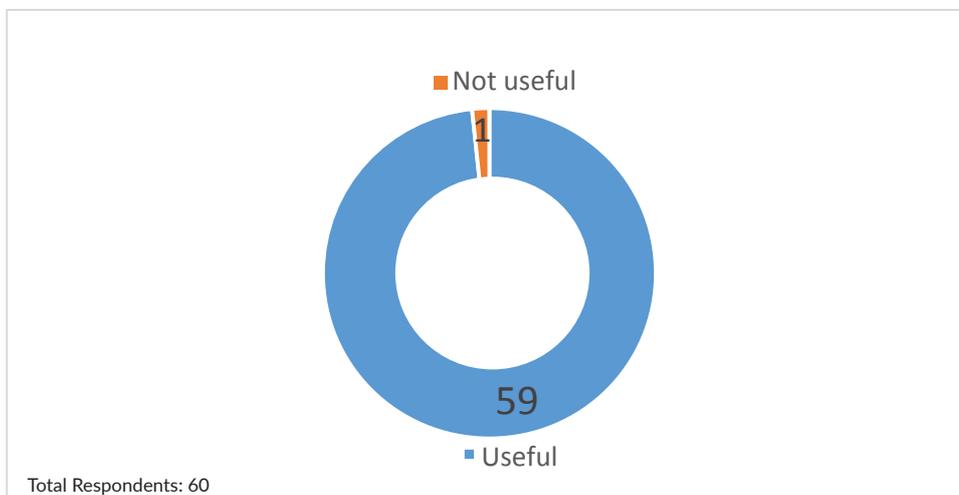
OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW

- to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the services being offered by FSL cluster to the partners in 2017,
- to incorporate partners suggestions in FSL 2018 planning.

Cluster Meetings/Contents were useful and well organized?

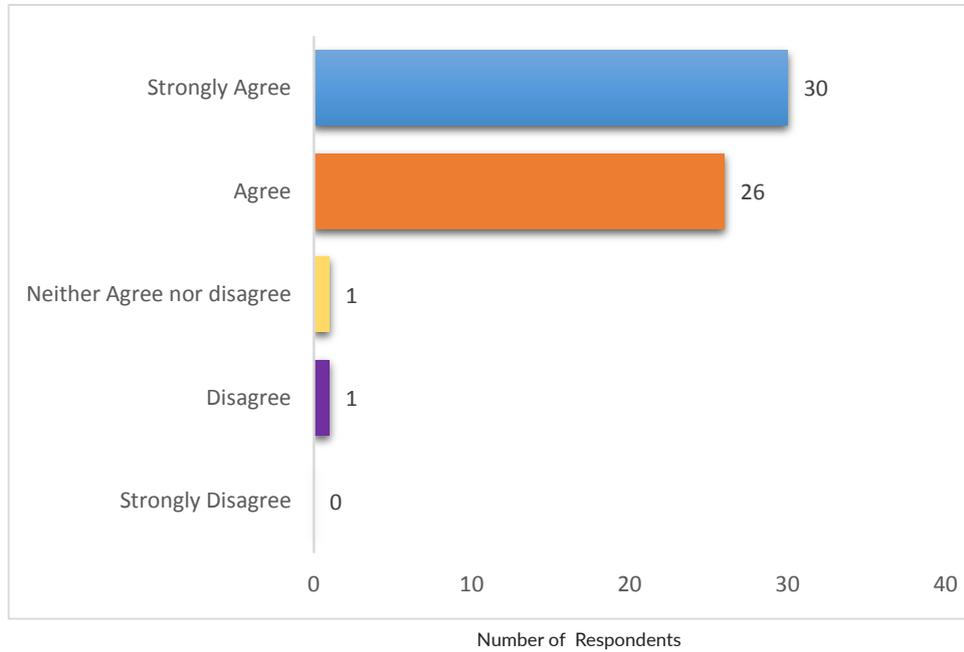


Do you find cluster meetings/cluster IM products/Cluster Supports useful to improve your FSL programme and projects?

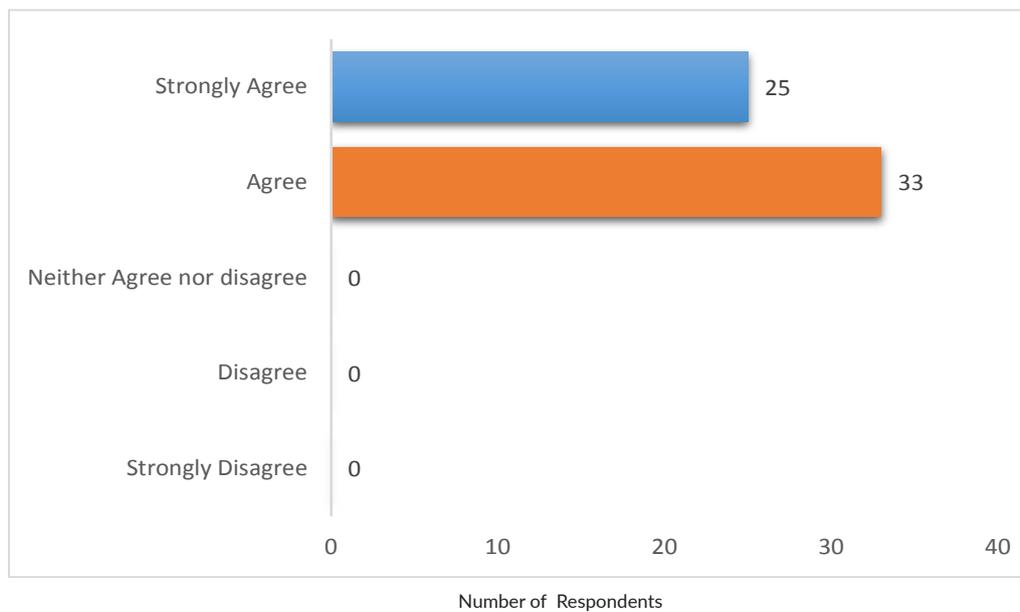




Cluster IM products including- presence map, dashboard, gap analysis, bulletin were useful?

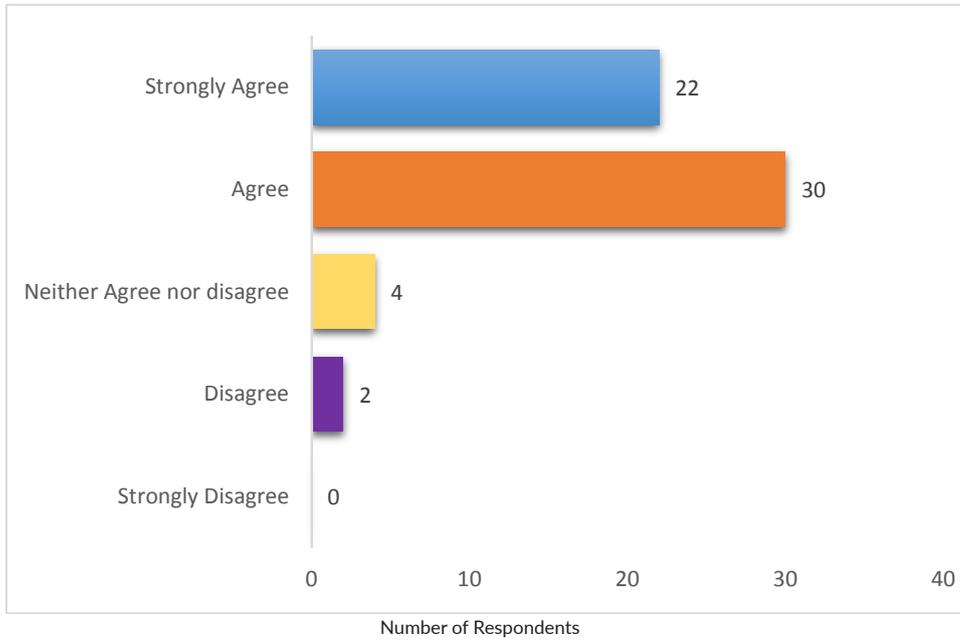


Information/communication shared by Cluster were useful?

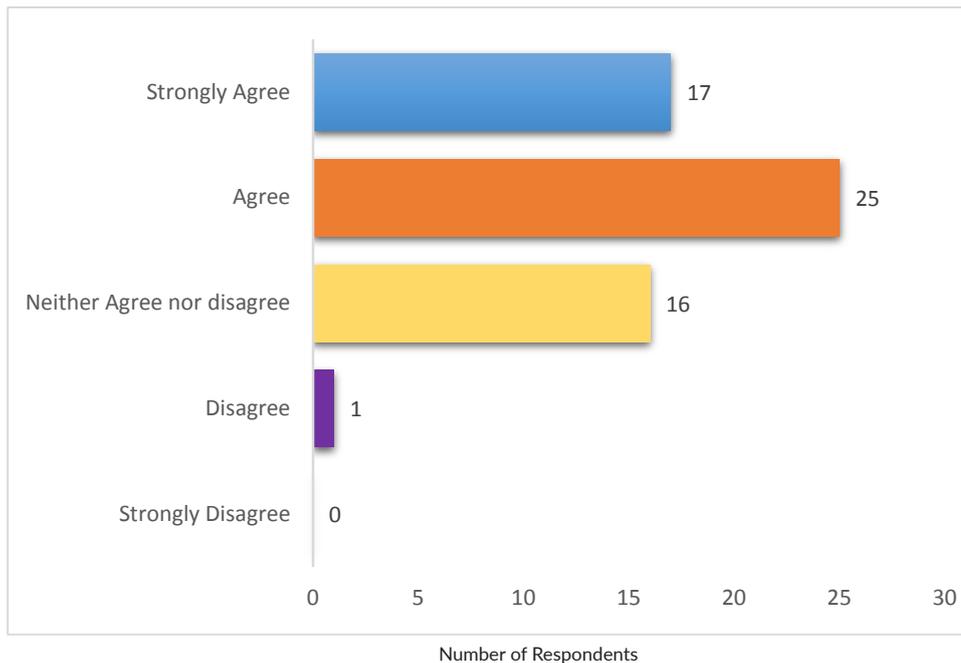




Coordination support provided by cluster was useful? (During- SSHF, HRP/HNO/TWG meeting).



Training and assessment support provided/organized by cluster were useful?





What would be your recommendation to FSL cluster to improve cluster's work in future?

1. Coordination

- Close interaction with cluster members and support of the CWGs and state level meetings
- In addition to what you are doing now, build strong relationship with the Government of South Sudan
- Move to the regions as well because your presence is not so much felt like it is in Juba.
- There are always too many participants attending FSL cluster meeting per agency. The number of people attending cluster meetings per an agency/organization should be limited to a specific. The meeting becomes overcrowded making many to stand in the corridors because of no space to sit. My suggestion is 2 people per agency.
- It should continue like twice in a month for quick intervention
- Improve on coordination far deep to sharing upcoming survey visits, survey summary reports. improve on coordinating registration of new members on SSHF as well as timely information and responses to inquiries on HRP among others
- Time management and consistency of the meeting
- We hope cluster will consider to work closely with Local NNGO this year to improve the fsl and make the local communities to be self reliant.
- I still recommend the hard-work be maintained and co-operation plus the immediate communication as usual.
- Reduce the number of agendas and increase the time for effective communication
- Coordination role in Wau has room for improvement. Rest are good.
- 1.Cluster meetings must be well coordinated. 2. FSL-C coordinators should coordinate all what they are to perform rightly.
- The cluster needs to extend coordination at county level in order to serve humanitarian agencies at the grassroots. The training should be extended more at the level and county level to have a sustainable impact in terms building capacity of community based organizations to deliver.
- We could improve on training support to partners especially at state level
- Encourage partner participation in the cluster especially for the CBOs Strengthen cluster coordination at state level to inform national cluster
- It would be good to strengthen the technical working groups and have them fully functional.
- For Yei, no support from the cluster. When we want to conduct FSL assessment out of Yei. We have to use the IRNA template

which is useless for FSL: there is NO question for the FS indicators as CSI, FCS (minimum) and impossible to analyse the data. (and the cluster leader does not do it by the way). FSL assessment out of Yei totally useless. Improve the IRNA and the cluster lead MUST analyse the data and all the actors should discuss during cluster meeting the strategy based on that data.

2. Needs assessment

- Capacity building on FSL needs assessment and leading FSL needs assessment.
- Lobby for IPC training to be done with in South Sudan

3. Information management

- Sharing of some documents (e.g. IPC reports) a bit earlier. Discussion took place in September, report was shared in late November, after the SSHF call. Partners who do not have access to preliminary data would be penalized.
- Increase training and response analysis,
- I would recommend the cluster to improve on information sharing with the implementing partners
- All sub cluster co-ordination should be linked by sharing all information
- Information availability and sharing should be enhanced particularly in light of strengthening of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). FSL partners need to regularly present results of assessments they carried out in their respective areas of operation. More support is required for joint activities such as the FSNMS. Current FSL structure and function have to be replicated in states to encourage information sharing and minimize duplication of efforts

4. Strategy, planning & appeals

- Private sector engagement and tech information in the context of South Sudan
- Improve on timing.
- The cluster team should read all HRP Proposals submitted to them on time. Our organization missed out in 2018 HRP most likely because the cluster team didn't read our email (concept) until several days after the deadline, and after making several attempts to communicate with them. If the number of partners is overwhelming for the cluster team, they should recruit more members to support the existing ones.
- In future during SSHF,HRP,/HNO/TWG meeting cluster should give enough time not in rush every cluster at one time
- The Cluster to fast tract partnership between International



organization and National especially when HRP or Non HRP

- Some organization miss out some importance communication about SSHF, HNO, HRP TWG during 2017
- Revive State FSL at State
- to establish FSL Cluster calendar for all partners in National and states level.
- Continue doing the great work in coordination and sharing information as we did in 2017. I strongly liked the idea of inclusiveness regardless of size of the organizations.
- Cluster meetings should be rotational in all the partners offices so that members know who is operating in which area within Juba unless the partner decline to host the meeting

5. Quality, standards & capacity building

- I appreciate the cluster's work and perhaps recommend the cluster to increase the number of training in a year and also organize for some special training sessions to those NGOs which joined the cluster newly
- Put more emphasis on capacity building, specially for national partners. A stronger monitoring on program beyond the partners' monthly 5Ws. A staff sitting at the cluster office wholly dedicated to "Localization" should be identified who will offer the needed support to the local actors and help them provide quality response.
- FSL should upgrade the capacity of the National NGOs
- Involvement and capacity building of NNGOs in all aspects.
- The FSL Cluster need not to compromise with time, quality and resources. So that there is value addition for money spent.
- We could improve on training support to partners especially at state level
- Enhance capacity building for national NGOs Encourage participation of new partners in FSL project implementation in gap areas
- I have encouraged the cluster to continue building the capacity of the members to deliver more as usual. It is a great Thanks to the FSL coordinators and members for nurturing the cluster.
- More training for partners

6. Advocacy

- Advocate for Livestock in humanitarian response
- Advocacy to lessen inflexible selection criteria during HRP/CHF rounds.
- In-cooperate much advocacy work and coordinated support for local and International NGO's.
- to work closely especially with the developing national NGOs
- More advocacy for NNGOs funding especially from WFP and FAO
- Involvement of More local partners
- Competent local Non-Governmental organizations should be given projects to implement.
- Provide potential funding opportunities



Do you have suggestions for improving cluster meeting? (especially timing, space, agenda, practical arrangements or presenters)

- It improved a lot compared to 2016. I would just suggest to keep the pace. Good also the mix of presentation of partners and UN agencies.
- The space now is too limited.
- There is little time for discussions, meetings are like a one way flow of information
- Space needs to improve
- The cluster needs to do more in regards to the sitting arrangements during FSL cluster meetings i.e. more seats need to be brought to the hall to make participants sit comfortably and if possible one or two projectors should be displayed to enable those sitting behind view the presentations
- Less presentation more time to discuss
- Should experience sharing sessions with focus on field and actual grass root needs rather than policy and institutions especially at this moment in time
- The cluster is doing fairly well, the inclusive decision making is superb! The cluster has so far done pretty well in "Localization" but more is needed to ensure check and balance.
- My recommendation is to maintain the schedule for the meeting
- Only few things should be added like time is short for presentations,
- The Cluster should continue reminding the participants to send only one person from each organization but if the meeting hall of UNOCHA continues to be full then an alternative hall may be required. It is not recommended for the participants to stand during the meetings regardless of their coming late.
- Agenda should be shared much earlier than it was in 2017
- Yes, the space is small at the OCHA hall, presenters should confirm they will present instead of excusing themselves on later times, there should be information on any related cluster surveys in any part of the country to be conducted by any of the partner organizations so as other partners join and move as team to curve limitations and other un-predictable challenges on ground ...
- An institution, we are fine with the schedules of the FSL cluster meetings and I will only say the time is little. If the usual 2hrs can be increase by an our to allow room for more discussion on the presentation.
- I hope the cluster will improve on conference room this year because it is quite small for all partners
- Since FSL cluster members are many there is need for time extension to allow more presentation and discussion.
- Cluster could play the role of need assessments.
- Balance between Programme activities and information sharing to enhance analysis.
- Perhaps the introduction of active county based /regional meetings for faster information sharing and dissemination.
- For me, I am okay with what is in place
- More accommodating space during the meeting should be provide due to high number of attendees.
- Yes, Cluster's should needs to add more time for cluster meeting.
- I would recommend that agendas to be reduced in order to discuss the few agendas effectively. Instead of a huge presentation being given 10 or 15 minutes
- Early meeting communication schedules at least next meeting day be communicated during every end of meeting
- Conducive environment have been offered enough by the FSL Team.
- Allow ONE brief agenda (discussion question) for feedback/ discussion per meeting - to allow participants to reflect on the question you post VERY briefly
- Yes. Meetings times were not all that consistence. The one and half hour has not been followed. If this could be put rightly next year, it be the best.
- Our recommendation is that usually cluster meeting takes place in Juba, while other organizations' representatives are not able to attend a meeting in Juba. we need national NNGO who are operating in the states to given consideration and facilitation to their arrival to Juba
- So far the secretariat has done a great job under the leadership of Alistair and Ntando
- The cluster should enhance participation of national NGOs in field assessments as to boost efforts of building their capacity.
- Improvement in practical application of innovative ideas and agenda to include brain storming session for what has worked or how to improve it better for application in other areas
- The current status quo is very good and excellent
- It's seem all is going well
- The potential of FSL is so good and the expert are working hard to ensure FSL is improving. they are time conscious and encourage the team to continues with the spirits and add or shoulder more as before. it is a good Team building.
- Though the cluster has tried it best to do what it could in this demanding situation, I would suggest the need to look into organizing training such IPC within the Country to better helps the partners to provide feedbacks which are inform.
- The notification should be sent before 5:00 Pm there where some cases invitation was sent after 5:00 pm when most people are already at home and night an issue
- I think all is fine at the moment.
- Keep on sharing the presentation and updates on the website.
- Agenda and Presenters to a lot more discussion
- The cluster needs to establish and strengthen more technical working groups fully functional.
- To date it has been well organized and agenda well articulated. The presentations have been elaborate and to the point. improvement on time allocation for the cluster meetings and consistency will greatly improve the outcomes.



Key Achievements

FSLC in 2017

Total Number of FSL Coordination Meetings in 2017: 48

Coordination

Number of meeting conducted in 2017 by FSL cluster & TWGs

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
FSL meetings	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	20
Cash WG		1			1	1	1			2	2	1	9
Agriculture WG						1		1	1		1		4
Livestock WG					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
FAW									2	2	2	1	7
Total	1	2	1	1	4	6	4	4	6	7	8	3	48

Subnational level Coordination

FSL focal person from WFP Sub Offices: 13

FSL focal person from FAO Sub Offices: 7

Focal person from OCHA at State: 8



State Level Subnational Cluster: 8

WFP led: 4

FAO led: 4

County Level Subnational Cluster: 18

WFP led: 1

UNHCR led: 1

NGO led: 16

Information Management /Advocacy Materials

Total number website updates: 290

Total Number of Information Management Products produced in 2017: 95

5W compilation

Total Number of Dashboard: 8 (April to November)

Total Number of Gap Analysis at state level: 16 (April to November)

Total Number of Gap Analysis at County Level - 15 (April to November)

Partner Presence Maps at State Level: 24 (April to November)

County Level Presence Maps: 12 (July, September, November)

Monthly Bulletin: 9 (April to December)

Funding snapshots: 4

HRP/HNO info-graphics: 3

Donors Presence Map: 3

Data collection tool for a Donor 1



Needs assessment

Total number of assessments collected: 452

Total number of IRNA/FSNMS missions by FSL colleagues: 6





FSLC in 2017



4. Strategy, planning & appeals

1st & 2nd allocation SSHF Recipients:
 17 Organizations including 14 NNGOs
 Reserve Allocation: FAO
 Mid year HRP 2017
 HRP & HNO 2018

5. Quality, standards & capacity building

1061 humanitarian workers trained by FSL cluster in 2017

CBT training:

Three x 3 day programmes – Total 105 persons;

FSNMS:

Round 20 – Total 456 persons across 13 sites across the country

Round 21 – Total 450 persons person across the country

Food Security analysis training

For M&E and FS specialists - Total 50 persons



6. Advocacy

2 Donor Missions

Donors Meeting

Representing Monthly Donors meeting

Total Field Support Missions: 17

2 Cash program support visits

2 donor missions

2 RRM missions

6 IRNA/FSNMS/Assessments

5 Sub cluster support missions



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