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## MINUTES OF NATIONAL FSAC COORDINATION MEETING

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
**Venue:** NRC Offices, Sana'a  
**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance:** WFP, WHO, NRC, TYF, RDP, FAO, UNICEF, GC, MOPIC, CARE, SCI, HAI, ACD, BFF, DA, IYCY, OXFAM, NFDHR, RRD, FHD, ICAN, ADRA, LMMPO, War Child, SYDF, Handicap International, YWT, ADO, VHI, IRY, IRC, ACTED, YLDF, PU-AMI, NAMCHA, FSTS, YFVW,

### Agenda:

1. Review of action points from the last meeting
2. Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)/ Chronic Diseases conditions, referral mechanisms and criteria for health support (presentation by WHO Colleagues)
3. Detailed discussions on the proposed revisions to the FSAC minimum food basket (Presentation by the Minimum Food Basket TWiG)
4. AOB

### 1. Review of Action Points from Last Meeting

- Livelihoods Working Group
  - Dates for the first meeting
    - The working Group will get back to partners with the dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The livelihoods working group is to be coordinated by FAO, NRC, CARE, YFCA, and NFDHR.
- Response to newly Displaced IDPs
  - A kind and gentle reminder to partners with resources to scale-up response to newly displaced IDPs within the shortest time possible (maximum of 96 hrs.)
  - There is a remarkable increase in the number of newly displaced IDPs across the country. Partners are kindly encouraged to share with the cluster any new information related to IDPs within their implementation areas.
- Circulation of the FSAC Preparedness Plan



- Done (After receipt of comments/inputs)
- The final version consolidating all clusters' plans into one document will be shared by OCHA in due course
- Circulating the revised 2018 Partners Emergency Food Assistance district level targets (based on concerns raised by the authorities)
  - This serious issue has been discussed at length in all Sub-National Clusters last week and this week. The updated plan will be circulated over the weekend after receipt of final inputs from partners.
  - This updates will enable FSAC to identify potential gaps in assistance in certain districts and flag this up with concerned NGOs, OCHA, the HC, and authorities.
  - Partners with available resources will be taking over from those whose programs will be ending
  - The revised version will be shared with local authorities for their information and further follow-up
- WFP and NRC to coordinate the food basket Technical Working Group (TWiG) and present the proposed revisions to the minimum food basket in the next cluster meeting
  - The TWiG met last week and the draft food basket was shared with all working group partners for their review
  - It will be tabled in today's cluster meeting for detailed discussions and inputs

## **2. Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)/ Chronic Diseases conditions, referral mechanisms and criteria for health support**

- WHO made a presentation to FSAC partners covering what NCDs are, status in Yemen, challenges of addressing the NCDs in current context and WHO/MoPHP programming in support to NCDs
- It was highlighted that emergency food assistance support should continue to target vulnerable and deserving households affected by NCDs (as part of FSAC's household vulnerability and targeting criteria)
- There is need for a cross-referral mechanism:
  - The health cluster to refer vulnerable households with chronically ill members (NCDs) to FSAC for inclusion in their emergency food assistance programs
  - FSAC to refer any chronically ill member (NCDs) within their target households to the health cluster for further specialized support

### **Action point:**



❖ *FSAC to circulate the WHO PowerPoint presentation on NCDs*

### 3. Detailed discussions on the proposed revisions to the FSAC minimum food basket

- Presentation done by NRC (on behalf of TWiG members) to cluster partners highlighting the process of how the proposed revised food basket was arrived at
- The proposed revised Food Basket to cost YER 37,000 per household of 7 members per month
- The food basket to remain the same regardless of modality (in-kind, cash transfers, and voucher transfers)
- The composition of the food basket to remain as follows:
  - Wheat flour (from whole grain) - 75 kg
  - Beans - 10 kg dry beans (or 36 cans of canned beans)
  - Vegetable Oil - 8 litres
  - Sugar - 2.5kg
  - Iodized Salt - 1 kg
- Emergency food assistance to continue being provided to same household for a minimum of 6 consecutive months/rounds (as per new FSAC standards)
- The new endorsed basket to be effective as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 **(The changes will only affect new projects or yet to be approved projects. Ongoing projects or already signed grants to be unaffected and will continue with the existing food basket of YER 29,500/HH/month)**
- **The prices of commodities in the food basket to continue being in YER;** partners to reach out to more beneficiaries in case of a favourable exchange rate of USD to YER
- Concerns raised by partners:
  - Effective date for adoption of new food basket
  - Significant increase compared to previous food basket (29,500 YER to 37,000 YER)
  - Discrepancies in data collection tools and approaches amongst different agencies/organizations
    - WFP and FAO data more reliable



- Lack of harmonized market/price data collection tools by FSAC partners
- Need for harmonized market data collection tools
- Price variations across different locations/ governorates ( urban versus rural)
- Implication of revisions on current project budgets
- Roll-out strategy of the new revised food basket (communication & sensitization strategy with partners, communities, donors, authorities)

**Action points:**

- ❖ *Partners to continue sending inputs/comments to the TWiG leads (Phinias-NRC and Endalkachew -WFP)*
- ❖ *The Food basket TWiG to meet and review basket based on feedback from the partners and come up with a final version to be presented in the next FSAC meeting*
- ❖ *Revised Food basket to be endorsed in the next FSAC meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018*
- ❖ *The Proposed minimum food basket to be shared with cluster partners for inputs/comments (after further revisions by the TWiG)*

#### **4. AOB**

- There was no AOB for this meeting