



## MINUTES OF FSAC NATIONAL CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
**Venue:** CARE International Offices, Sana'a  
**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance:** NFDHR, ACF, OXFAM, WFP, SCI, FAO, EU Delegation, CSSW, FSTS, CARE, YDN, Sawaed, DRC, ADO, YLDF, NFRD, SYDF, IRY, ITDC, MC, HFY, NRC, QC, ACTED, IYCY, YFCA, DRC, , CHR-T, Al Ekram, ADRA, Direct Aid, SFD, ADO, RI, RDP, FHD, ICAN, YWT, LMMPO, SCI, RRD, HAY, YFVW,

### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review of action points from the last meeting
3. FSAC allocation strategy for the upcoming Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (YHPF) 1st standard allocation
  - FSAC Priority activities based on the allocation strategy:-
    - Addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition
    - Integrated response to the most vulnerable IDPs and host communities.
  - FSAC and Nutrition Cluster Joint Priority Districts
4. Monitoring of key food security and nutrition indicators in the priority districts
5. AOB

#### 1. Introductions

- All FSAC partners present did a round of introduction

#### 2. Review of last meeting minutes and action points

- There was a follow-up of main action points emanating from the last meeting, followed with an endorsement of the meeting minutes.

#### 3. FSAC allocation strategy for the upcoming Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (YHPF) 1st standard allocation



- The allocation has two main objectives:-
- A. Envelope 1: Addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition through an integrated approach by the Food Security, Nutrition, WASH and Health Clusters.**
- This 1<sup>st</sup> envelope aims to prevent the increase of food insecurity and malnutrition levels through an integrated approach with life-saving assistance of food and livelihoods, nutrition, health and water, sanitation and hygiene given priority.
  - The geographic priorities identified within this Envelope are based on the IPC data as well as the vulnerability criteria initially developed by the Food Security and Nutrition Clusters which will lead to the development of a list of priority districts at potential risk of deteriorating food and nutrition situation. The list of districts will be further refined in consultation with Sub-cluster coordinators, Hubs and AHCTs.
  - The integrated interventions under this Envelope will aim to:
    - Scale up food aid and livelihoods assistance to the most affected vulnerable families supporting the general food distribution through complementarity activities;
    - Screen for and treat acute and severe malnourished children and lactating women through the activation of Therapeutic Feeding Centres and referral systems;
    - Ensure primary health assistance to the affected population through support to health facilities at the district level, and enhancing the emergency system in remote areas;
    - Ensure access to clean water and provision of sanitation and hygiene in connection with health and nutrition interventions.
- B. Envelope 2: Integrated Response for the most vulnerable IDP families and host communities through integrated interventions - All Clusters**
- This Envelope aims to support the most vulnerable displaced families living in camp like settlements and collective centres as well as the newly conflict induced IDPs
  - The geographic priorities identified under this Envelope are based on recent ES-NFI-CCCM Cluster data which informs the prioritization matrix used to identify the most vulnerable sites across Governorates based on the specific clusters' need assessments' findings. Additional humanitarian needs assessments shall be used for the integrated response to the basic needs of newly IDPs.
  - Interventions under this Envelope will aim to:
    - Ensure the most vulnerable conflict affected IDPs and host communities meet their basic needs through scaling up the provision of clean water, food, shelter and NFIs, and protection related

response. This includes the recent IDPs and conflict displaced families.

### ➤ Principles of the Allocation

At the center of an integrated response are protection, gender equality and accountability to the affected population as outlined in the Yemen HRP 2017 Strategic Objective 2 “**Ensure that all assistance promotes the protection, safety and dignity of affected people and is provided equitably to men, women, boys and girls**”.

**Protection mainstreaming and gender equality will be promoted in each phase of the program cycle.**

The implementing partners submitting proposals under the two envelopes of this Allocation are required to:

1. Conduct needs assessment through focus group discussions with the affected communities, to support dialogue with the community’s leaders regularly in order to understand their prospective on needs and priorities, to collect information and develop messages to improve communication with the communities;
2. Establish mechanisms to keep the affected population well informed on the humanitarian principle, international humanitarian law and human rights and to tailor and disseminate messages in a culturally sensitive approach;
3. Demonstrate the interventions and the humanitarian assistance provided is tailored in coordination with the communities, the leaders and all stakeholders on the ground.
4. Establish complaints mechanisms and activate feedback systems during all stage of the program cycle;
5. Compile the findings on the communication with the affected population in monthly reports to be shared with HCT, ICCM, and the Humanitarian Communication network (HCN).

### ➤ Relevant FSAC Objectives for the Allocation

FSAC Objective 1: Improve availability of food and access to food for the most vulnerable.

FSAC Objective 3: Improve food security by supporting agricultural, livestock and fishery systems and assets.



➤ **FSAC and Nutrition Cluster Joint Priority Districts**

The priority locations will be based on the joint prioritized districts list developed by FSAC and NUT clusters, based on food insecurity and malnutrition rates. **Sub-cluster partners will give feedback on either adding some districts, removing some or leaving as it is. Nonetheless, any changes have to be evidence based.**

➤ **FSAC Priority activities**

The priority activities are based on the two cluster objectives eligible for this allocation:-

- a. FSAC Objective 1: Improve availability of food and access to food for the most vulnerable.
  - Highest priority districts
    - Unconditional in kind food assistance (relief food, GFA).
    - Unconditional Cash transfers
    - Unconditional Voucher transfers
  - High priority districts
    - Conditional and Unconditional in kind food assistance (relief food, GFA)
    - Conditional and Unconditional Cash transfers
    - Conditional and Unconditional Voucher transfers
    - Conditionality on the above activities based on context, target location, target group, and vulnerability).
    - The following groups will be excluded from conditionality:-
      - All vulnerable groups e.g. Households headed by elderly, physically challenged, chronically ill, no source of income, Households with PLWs, Households with U5s admitted in CMAM programs, without able bodied person or access to productive assets
    - Provision of emergency and nutritious short cycle seeds (vegetable seeds) which take between 3- 4 months to mature. This will be coupled with elements of nutrition education. The target groups will be hosts hosting IDPs and vulnerable hosts communities with able bodied members, access to land, and access to productive assets
- b. FSAC Objective 3: Improve food security by supporting agricultural, livestock and fishery systems and assets.

Activities undertaken in high priority districts.

The proposed activities will be:-



- Cash for Work/assets - work related to food security projects and outcomes e.g. repair and rehabilitation of terraces, irrigation canals, water tanks, reservoirs etc.
- Provision of animal feed to small ruminants (shoats) - concentrate, dry fodder
- Provision of agricultural inputs (depending on target location)
  - Seeds suitable for rain fed irrigation with short production cycles e.g. sorghum, millet, barley, and maize etc.
  - Farming hand tools e.g. pick axes, rakes, shovel etc.
- Vaccination of shoats from transboundary diseases i.e. Sheep Pox, PPR, Rift Valley Fever
- Provision of fishing gears e.g. nets, hooks, repair of boat engines etc. (depending on target location)

*Action point: The FSAC Coordinator to share the list of FINAL priority districts.*

#### **4. Monitoring of key food security and nutrition indicators in the priority districts**

- It was unanimously agreed that this agenda would be discussed at the next upcoming meetings
- The FSAC coordinator would also share a proposed monitoring framework with partners (based on discussions with the Nutrition Cluster) for comments.

*Action point: FSAC to share the proposed monitoring indicators once agreed with the Nutrition Cluster.*

#### **5. AOB**

- There was no AOB for this meeting