



MINUTES OF NATIONAL FSAC COORDINATION MEETING

Date: 26th December 2017

Venue: FAO Offices, Sana'a

Time: 11:00 AM

Attendance: FAO, WFP, RRD, IRY, KFD, CARE, YWU, EDCF, ICAN, FHD, ADRA, DA, ICRC, ITDC, NRC, SFD, FEWSNET, YFCA, IYCY, CSSW, Executive Unit, NFDHR, VHI, BFF, FSTS, ACTED, TYF, YDN, CHR-T

Agenda:

1. Review of action points from last meeting
2. 2018 FSAC YHRP
 - Strategic Objectives
 - District Level Prioritization and targets
 - Response Modalities
 - Main Activities and Indicators
 - Financial Requirements
 - Reporting
 - Sharing 3 months partners' plans at Sub-Cluster Level
 - Cluster Activity Aggregation rules
3. Discussions on the current situation and preparedness actions needed from FSAC Partners
4. AOB
 - Clarifications on the revised FSAC minimum food basket

1. Review of Action Points from last Meeting

- There was a follow-up of main action points emanating from the last cluster meeting, followed with an endorsement of the meeting minutes.
- The main action points were as below:
 - Circulation of the final 2018 HNO



- The final HNO document was circulated to all partners after its official launch by OCHA/HC
- The FSAC SAG to discuss the current blockade and its implications on the minimum food basket
 - The SAG met and mandated the Minimum Food Basket Technical Working Group to review the current prices of the key items in the food basket and recommend any revisions
 - Any revisions were based on price data collected by partners (UN, INGOs, NNGOs) across key governorates
 - The Minimum Food Basket Technical Working Group completed the process within two working days and recommended revisions from the current YER 24,500 to YER 29,500 to cater for the increased prices due to the recent blockade
 - A draft was shared with all cluster members for endorsement and ratification
- Follow-up on IDPs plight in Raedah and Huth districts of Amran governorate
 - WFP technical teams currently conducting district level food security assessments (using the famine risk monitoring tools) in Amran governorate to determine the vulnerability levels, the most needy locations, and the most vulnerable segments of the population
 - The assessments includes Raedah and Huth districts
 - The requisite assistance will be provided once this process is completed

2. 2018 FSAC YHRP

➤ Strategic Objectives

- There will be 4 FSAC strategic Objectives in 2018 as follows:
 - Improve immediate household availability of and access to food for the most vulnerable
 - Ensure equitable access to assistance and protection for the most vulnerable
 - Improve household food security for at risk groups by supporting agricultural, livestock and fishery systems and assets
 - Strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacity of partners, communities and authorities

➤ Response modalities



- FSAC will continue with its twin track approach of provision of emergency food assistance together with livelihoods assistance for increased impact and enhanced food security outcomes at household level
- In 2018 there will be a prominent focus on integrated (multi-sectoral) programming with the WASH, Nutrition, and Health clusters. This will be a follow-up on the recent strides made towards this paradigm shift
- Currently there are 107 districts at risk of famine and thus in need of multi-cluster integrated famine prevention programming. The 107 districts are however beyond the current in-country capacity and based on extensive discussions, the integrated programming approach in 2018 will be piloted in 27 districts drawn from the following governorates:
 - Abyan, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Hajjah, Lahj, and Taizz
- It is noteworthy though that full integration will be contingent on receipt of appropriate and timely funding. Heightened advocacy to all stakeholders (especially donors) will be crucial for success
- The response modalities for emergency food assistance will continue being:
 - Relief Food/ GFA (targeting 5.4 million beneficiaries)
 - Cash Transfers (targeting 1.5 million beneficiaries)
 - Voucher Transfers (targeting 1.5 million beneficiaries)
- The cluster plans to have at least 36% of all its 2018 programming through Cash and Market based programming (equal split of 18% respectively between cash and voucher modalities). This will however be based on a thorough market and contextual analysis as per FSAC's "do no harm approach" and minimum standards of assistance
- In terms of Livelihoods Assistance, the main focus will be on:
 - Emergency Livelihoods assistance - focusing on the provision of access to emergency agricultural, livestock or fisheries assistance with short-term gains and turnaround times (e.g. provision of micro-nutrient rich vegetable seeds and tools for harvests within 3 months)
 - Livelihoods restoration - Livelihoods Restoration - # of Individuals provided with access to income generating activities, livelihood skills development and longer term asset support. These activities will be linked with the Humanitarian Plus initiatives for enhanced community and household resilience
- Main Activities and Indicators
 - The FSAC activities and corresponding indicators will be as per the below table:



Activity		Indicator
Emergency Food Assistance		# of Individuals receiving regular emergency food assistance (General Food Assistance)
		# of Individuals receiving regular emergency food assistance (Cash Transfers)
		# of Individuals receiving regular emergency food assistance (Voucher Transfers)
Livelihoods Assistance		
	Emergency livelihoods	# of Individuals provided with access to emergency agricultural, livestock or fisheries assistance
	Livelihoods Restoration	# of Individuals provided with access to income generating activities, livelihood skills development and longer term asset support

➤ Caseloads & Financial Requirements

- The FSAC 2018 caseloads and financial requirements will be as follows:

Activity		Beneficiary Caseloads	Financial Requirements (US \$)
Emergency Food Assistance		8.4 million (Monthly target)	1,198,457,705
Livelihoods Assistance	Emergency Livelihoods	5.7 million (Cumulative)	31,292,000
	Livelihoods Restoration	400,000 (Cumulative)	39,766,082
TOTAL			1,270,715,787

➤ Cluster Lead Agencies (WFP and FAO) Caseloads

- Emergency Food Assistance
 - The WFP caseload will be 7.4 million beneficiaries per month - 5.4 million assisted through relief food/ general food assistance; 1 million assisted through the Commodity Voucher through Traders' Network (CV-TN) approach; and 1 million targeted with Cash transfers



- Other cluster partners' caseload will be 1 million beneficiaries per month split equally between cash transfers (500,000) and voucher transfers (500,000)
- Livelihoods Assistance
 - Emergency Livelihoods Assistance
 - The FAO caseload will be a cumulative total of 5,432,000 beneficiaries
 - Other clusters partners' caseload will be 268,000 beneficiaries cumulatively
 - Livelihoods Restoration
 - The FAO caseload will be 299,250 beneficiaries cumulatively
 - Other FSAC partners' caseload will be 100,750 beneficiaries
- District Level Prioritization and targets
 - In 2018 all FSAC targets will be disaggregated at district level for the two main activities i.e. emergency food assistance and livelihoods assistance (emergency livelihoods + livelihoods restoration)
 - Partners to share their response plans in advance with the relevant sub-cluster coordinators to ensure that the district level targets are adhered to and met
 - Three tiers of prioritization based on percentage of Severely Food Insecure (SFI) populations:
 - High Priority - 121 districts (this includes the 107 districts at risk of famine)
 - Medium Priority - 150 districts
 - Low Priority - 62 districts
 - All severely food insecure populations (8.4 million) in need of emergency food and livelihoods assistance in all districts to be targeted by cluster partners in 2018 (except Al Mahra and Soqatra)
 - The assistance though will be based on resource availability in which case high priority districts will be prioritized
- 2018 Reporting
 - Partners' Response Plans
 - All partners to share quarterly plans (3 months) at the sub-cluster level for enhanced coordination and avoidance of duplication/ overlaps, due to the huge needs on the ground which has translated to increase in the number of partners
 - Partners' Achievements



- Reporting to be maintained by the 8th of every month (for the previous month's activities)
- Only partners reporting their achievements within the stipulated reporting period will be included in cluster products (including the 4W and response maps)
- FSAC Aggregation rules
 - Total target of 8.8 million (8.4 million targeted with emergency food assistance + 400,000 targeted by livelihoods restoration activities).
 - Integrated Emergency Food and Livelihoods assistance to target the same households (to the fullest extent possible) for increased impact and enhanced food security outcomes at household level

Action points:

- ❖ *Circulation of the 2018 FSAC YHRP PowerPoint presentation*
- ❖ *Circulation of the 2018 FSAC district level targets for emergency food assistance and livelihoods assistance*
- ❖ *Partners to share their 2018 1st quarter plans (January - March) with the relevant sub-cluster coordinators*

3. Discussions on the Current Situation and Preparedness Actions needed from FSAC Partners

- This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting due to its immense importance and enough time allocated for an exhaustive discussion

Action point:

- ❖ *This priority item to be included in the next national cluster coordination meeting agenda*

4. AOB

- Clarifications on the revised FSAC minimum food basket
 - Partners indicated that they had endorsed the revised minimum food basket via email
 - The minimum food basket remains the same regardless of assistance modality (relief food, cash or vouchers)
 - All partners reinforced their commitment and adherence to the FSAC minimum food basket

Action point:

- ❖ *The FINAL revised FSAC minimum food basket with relevant explanatory footnotes to be circulated*