

## **Press statement on the training on “Energy, environment and people-centered approaches orientation”, Maiduguri, Borno State**

A one-day training on “Energy, environment and people-centered<sup>1</sup> approaches orientation” was organized in Maiduguri, Borno State, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in partnership with the Food Security Sector Nigeria and its Safe Access and Fuel Energy Working Group (SAFE WG).

This activity was carried out within the framework of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO) funded Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security initiative (SET4Food)<sup>2</sup>. This initiative contributes to address the energy-related needs of the 1.78 million IDPs due to the ongoing conflict in Northeast Nigeria, 54% of which are women.

30 key partners from national bodies, UN agencies, international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and local organizations, including women and youth organizations were introduced to energy technologies, Food Security and Nutrition, accountability to affected populations (AAP), protection in SAFE programming, including from gender-based violence (GBV).

Key challenges and issues relating to energy access and use in displacement settings and implications on gender roles and GBV were discussed extensively, including the exposure of women and girls to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) while collecting fuel wood outside the living place.

Participants expressed great interest in the nexus between food security, energy access, GBV, gender roles, government engagement and community participation. Moreover, they have urged the SAFE WG to explore and test approaches most effective in reducing risks associated with a lack of access to energy for cooking in the Northeast Nigeria.

The training was successful in stimulating rich discussions, exchanges of good practices and generated a series of recommendations and next steps.

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<sup>1</sup> Core people-related issues refer to gender, age, diversity and disability, along with two key related response frameworks; protection and communicating with communities. Cfr.

[http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/revised\\_15153\\_v04\\_mainstreamingguidance\\_web.pdf](http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/revised_15153_v04_mainstreamingguidance_web.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security (SET4food) initiative aims to ensure collaboration and synergies among humanitarian actors in the energy sector, improve access to energy of people in humanitarian contexts, especially for food security. The initiative is implemented by the Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) in partnership with the Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI) and three co-chairs of the Safe Access to Fuel and Energy Working Group (SAFE WG): Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

**Pictures:**



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View of participants during the training ©FAO/Anne-Judith Ndombasi