

Note for the Record: Sector Meeting



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Venue: Conference Room, Borno State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR)
 Chaired by: Mr. Yohanna Y. Balami, Representative of the Permanent Secretary, Borno State (MANR)
 Start time: 11:00am
 End time: 1:15pm

(A full list of attendees can be found at the end of this document)

Summary of Action Points

- 1. Share the minicoordination hubs and invite partners to meeting
- 2. Share WFP Prioritisation plan with partners
- 3. Make and distribute sensitisation flyers of WFP prioritisation Amadou of WFP
- 4. FAO and ICRC will meet to discuss bilaterally on how to reach the difficult to access LGAs.
- 5. Share presentation on Lean season Plan
- 6. Share Food Security and Nutrition Joint action plan

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks
- 2. Presentation of Mini coordination hubs
- 3. Lean Season
 - a) Food Security Response Plan
 - b) Presentation of WFP Prioritization Plan
- 4. Updates/Info
 - a) Briefing on the meeting for the 4 famine countries in Rome
 - b) Inter Agency Contingency Plan for the North East
 - c) Feedback on Sector meetings (USAID, ISWG, PCNI)
- 5. A.O.B



NIGERIA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR Strengthening Humanitarian Response

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Agenda Item	Discussions	Actions
Introduction	In his opening remarks, the chairman Mr Balami welcomed all the partners to the meeting. He expressed the sector's apologies for the scheduling of the adhoc meeting.	
Introduction of Guests from Abuja	The Sector Coordinator a.i. Lucy Ndione introduced the team from Abuja who came for the meeting including the WFP Deputy Country Director Mr Douglas Mercado noting that Mr Mercado would make a presentation on WFP's lean season prioritisation plan. She also introduced Mr Malick Ndiaye a member of the sector coordinating team based in Abuja, and Mr Marco Falcone, FAO operations officer in charge of its rainy season agric inputs campaign.	
Presentation of Mini coordination hubs	The sector has identified at least 6 additional mini-coordination hubs that it would like to activate with the full involvement and partnership of partners active in this locations. The minicoordination hubs will be mainly in Maiduguri as a result of the large number of humanitarian actors in this LGA and the need to avoid duplication and optimise the utilisation of available resources. Bolori 1 Ward (MMC), Maisandar i Ward(MMC), Dusuman Ward(Jere), Bale Galtimari Ward (Jere), Dala Lawanti (Jere) and Michika and Madagali LGAs in Adamawa states. Mini coordination hubs are also active in Kaga (IMC, WFP) in Gubio LGA, and in Dikwa (NRC and Mercy corps) The proposed minicoordination hubs can be found here weblink: The ToR of the Minicoordination can be found here weblink:	Share the minicoordination hubs and invite partners to meeting
Lean Season Food Security Response Plan	To better prepare of the lean season that is projected to be a critical period, with approximately 5.2 million persons vulnerable and in need of Humanitarian assistance (as per the last Cadre Harmonise results), the Food Security sector has developed a response plan, to coordinate the partners planning during this period, and to identify the gaps and prioritize interventions to the most vulnerable, based on available funds. The Food Security lean season response plan, shows a total targeted beneficiaries of 2.8 millions, of which, 1.9 million people are targeted to receive Food assistance and 1.4 million Agriculture and livelihood (around 0.5 million will receive both Food assistance and agriculture inputs, in order to secure the livelihoods activity and help them to transit to the recovery phase). This lean season response plan, once implemented, will reduce the gap of food insecured persons, however the number of persons in need unmeet will be still high, mainly for Agriculture at 62% in different area despite the big rainy season campaign. The needs of Food assistance remain crucial in the hard to reach areas (Abadam, Guzamala, Nganzai, Marte), as there are no presence of Food Security partners currently, nor planning to operate there in the coming 4 months. The Food Security 2017 Lean Season Response Plan can be found here weblink:	Share the FSS Lean Season response Plan



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Presentation of WFP Prioritization Plan	fThe current challenge facing the food security sector is insufficient resources that has forced some partners to proceed to review targeting of beneficiairies, prioritazing the assistance to the most vulnerable, during the critical Lean season period. WFP has adopted a prioritization plan to leverage interventions based on existing funds, while ensuring that the most vulnerable are targeted and assisted.S P plThe Presentation of the WFP prioritization plan was done by by Malick Ndiaye. The foreword for the presentation was made by Douglas Mercado.Mercado.					
	According to Douglas, WFP had a target to reach 1.8m people during the lean season of 2017, but as a result of a shortfal in available funds, the numbers of people to be reached has been reviewed downwards to 1.36m. As of present WFP has received not yet received the expected funds to implement the intial planning for 2017, and this is impacting its ability to reach people in need with food. WFP is presently reaching out to non-traditional donors including the Word Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the AFDB etc to secure pledges and funds for its food operations	Share WFP prioritisation presentation with partners				
	Pledges have been received from many donors but these pledges have not been reviewed, WFP could get some funds from its internal sources to back the pledges until the donors redeem their pledges but this could take some time. Other non traditional donors like China recently donated 5m USD to WFP FOR its Nigeria operations.	WFP to make				
	There is currently a large scale global response to emergencies in NE Nigeria, Syria, Yemen and South Sudan, and available resources have to be prioritised among these countries that have been noted to be in danger of experiencng famine. As a result the need to ensure that available resources are optimised, WFP came up with the lean season prioritisation plan to reach to most food insecure people during the lean season. The scale down will begin in June 2017	and distribute sensitisation flyers				
	The prioritisation plan can be found here weblink:					



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	Discussions In response to inquiries on what the Govt. Plans to do in response to the expected gaps PCNI noted that it would be interested to know where the gaps are in order to have them covered.	FSC to share the Gaps analysis with PCN identify LGAs to be covered			
	Partners suggeseted that in order to further stretch and optimise available resources, cheaper, more readily available and locally acceptable food stuff can be substituted for the people for example rice which is costlier can be replaced with millet which is readily availy and much prefered by the people.	FAO and ICRC will nmeet to discuss			
	Update on FAO Rainy Season campaign by Marco Falcone FAO has secured additional funding which will enable it to reach more farming households for the rainy season with seeds and other agriculture inputs. As a result of this FAO is scaling up its seeds delivery in Adamawa Borno and Yobe states, as more HHs would be reached.	bilaterally on how to reache the difficult to access LGAs.			
	FAO has also developed a joint proposal with WFP so for a seeds protection strategy so that HHs who receive food from WFP also receive seeds from FAO to ensure that the seeds are not consumed but planted. Already, farmers have started receiving seeds and fertilizer in Yobe and Adamawa states. The distributions are commencing in the souther				
Updates/Info	parts of the states where the rains commence earlier, and prioirty are given to states with diffcult acess. Cluster Lead Agencies for Food Security and Nutrition, FAO, WFP and UNICEF and their NGO partners met at a high level meeting in Rome				
Briefing on the meeting for the 4 famine countries in Rome	on the 4 famine prone countries (NE Nigeria, Yemen, South Sudan and Somalia) in order to streamline their activities for a joint targeting and programming. The two Clusters' Lead Agencies and partners had reviewed current collective responses with a joint understanding of the food insecurity situation in the four countries, with a consensus on the remaining critical gaps and Identified opportunities for scaling up integrated response in the 4 countries.				
	The two Clusters developed a joint actions plan in order to work together towards scaling up an integrated response. The Global clusters Health and WASH were invited as observer as this joint approach is expected to be extended to these two clusters as well. The FSN sectors' Joint actions plan can be found here weblink:				



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Updates/Info Inter Agency Contingency Plan for the North East	An Inter sector Contingency plan has be developped following the workchop organised by OCHA (Faccilitators from OCHA Geneva, and ROWCA and WFP Regiona Bureau Dakar), with the main senario of Floods during the rainy season. In fact all previsions received so far are showing rainfall above the normal rate, this year. The Food security and Nutrition sectors have jointly prepared a response plan (in line with the joint approach advocated during the famine meeting in Rome). The Food Security situation is projected to worsen with the onset of rainy season, many access roads are anticipated to be cut off due to flooding affecting additional persons. The following areas are anticipated to be affected: Abadam, Kukawa, Mongunu, Mafa, Bama, Kala/Balge, Dikwa, Ngala, Jere Konduga, Damboa, Gowza, Ngaze, Magumeri.	The final version will be shared as soon as available
Updates/Info Feedback on Sector meetings (USAID, CERF, PCNI)	 USAID: The sector met with USAID on Tuesday 2nd May 2017. USAID was interested in the gaps, the funding level, the sector activities, mainly the secto's Lean season response plan and overal coordination with a view to understanding the challenges and peculiarites of the situation and thus helping to provide support and assistance to overcome these challenges. CERF proposal is being prepared but the Food Security sector has not been prioritzed for this allocation. PCNI: The Presidential Committe on the North East Initiative PCNI launched its Dashboard on the 1st May 2017. The Dashboard will help to show where partners are active and what they are doing in their locations. it is a web based dashboard. The first step to uploading on the dashboard is to register, when registration is completed, a link will be sent to the registering partner and this link will be used to complete the registration process. The Dashboard website is weblink wwwcom 	
AOB	A reputable Haulage company has presented its credentials to the sector via the chairman Mr Yohana Balami. Partners who have logistical challenges and are interested in the services of this organisation should please inform the sector	

NEXT MEETING

In the absence of any other business, the meeting was adjourned to **30th May 2017**, Conference Room, Borno State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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