



**MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT FEWSNET
OFFICE: NO. 15 THOMAS SANKARA STREET ASOKORO, ABUJA ON 4TH JULY 2017**

NO	PROCEEDINGS	Action
1.0	<p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all partners to the meeting, commended FEWSNET for obliging their conference room for the FSSWG meeting. He then called for participant’s self-introduction.</p>	
2.0	<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FOOD SECURITY SECTOR COORDINATOR (MS. SARA NETZA)</p> <p>The WFP Deputy Representative formally introduced Ms Sara Netzer, the new Food Security Sector Coordinator to the meeting. In her opening remarks said she was happy to be in a familiar environment since she had worked with Save the Children as well as on cash transfers amongst others and that looked forward to learning more from the sector on what needs to be improved and adopted in the sector as well as do technical work and coordinate between Maiduguri and Abuja</p>	
3.0	<p style="text-align: center;">REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a. Harmonization Process</p> <p style="text-align: center;">b. Abuja Food Security Sector Working Group TOR discussion</p> <p>❖ ACF Rep reported that they received two (2) fuel stoves designed by International Centre for Energy, Environment and Development (ICEED) at a unit price of N1,500 (one thousand five hundred naira).</p> <p>The stoves were tested and found to have the following satisfactory features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stove was found to be efficient in terms of fuel consumption when compared to the rudimentary method employed by the beneficiaries. • It emits less carbon • Lesser cooking time was recorded • Flame is contained thus having less probability of accidentals fires. <p>❖ FAO reported that they have distributed all the agricultural inputs to beneficiaries except for few cowpea seeds which has quality issues and it’s been resolved.</p>	

- ❖ NBS informed the meeting that WFP has accepted to fund 3 states (Adamawa, Borno & Yobe) and that the CH Coordinator has requested him to prepare a budget for the remaining 14 states.

a. Harmonization Process

The Food Security Sector Coordinator gave an update on the harmonization of the food basket draft document put together by Save the Children International, WFP and other collaborating agencies.

In her update she stated that what was being developed in this document includes:

- ❖ Final draft has been circulated for comment
- ❖ Excel Calculator for determining cash/voucher transfer value based on a defined basket and local market prices
- ❖ In-kind basket contents and quantities
- ❖ Household Size
- ❖

Recommendations:

- ❖ for Per Capita transfer with max of 10 members per household
- ❖ In Urban Maiduguri, the HEA found the average household size to be 5, and should not exceed seven
- ❖ No comprehensive assessment of rural areas to determine household size
- ❖ Targeting based on vulnerability, not status
- ❖ If price monitoring indicates that the transfer value (or kcal coverage) varies by +/- 15% from current market prices, partners should consider revising the transfer value
- ❖ 70% of basket for urban areas
- ❖ 100% of basket for rural areas

She urged partners to provide their feed backs in order to improve and validate the document.

There were reactions from partners on the issue of 70% basket for the urban areas and 100% for the rural areas. ACF expressed concern on giving 70% to the urban areas beneficiaries stating that in the past it was noted that the beneficiaries were not able to cope on their own to meet up the 30% food basket.

In response to the concerns raised, the FS Coordinator held that the issue will be revisited in September after the harvest.

She concluded by informing partners that Save the Children was still testing the draft result.

a. Abuja Food Security Sector Working Group TOR discussion

In an effort to define the TOR, the FS Coordinator requested partners to reflect on their mission and reason for attending the Abuja FSSWG meeting.

	<p>In reaction to the above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS stated that it is critical for them in the NE where they are providing food interventions and that it aids coordination in order to avoid overlapping. Also that they will be recognised both at federal and local levels for what they do and contribute in terms of humanitarian assistances. • FMARD/NPFS mentioned they attend to gather information from partners, donor agencies and collaborate with FAO with the drive to ensure adequate food security in the areas we have challenges at various IDP camps. Based on the information gathered, they advise government to produce policies that will improve food security. • FEWSNET in their response said it helps in getting information from all partners to analyse gaps, reaching out to the vulnerable population and meeting the needs of the IDP beneficiaries. • From the donor’s perspective, they attend in order to give coordination guidelines since there are different methodologies of collecting information from partner and • To bring information together to know where the gaps are in the field. <p>After due reactions, partners were charged to be committed and match actions objectively towards achieving targeted goals.</p> <p>CRS appealed that his request to get the list of IDP camps in Abuja and Nasarawa has not been met stating that an organization has contacted them expressing interested in providing support to them.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STRATEGIC UPDATE FROM THE NORTHEAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Adamawa and Yobe Coordination • Nigeria Humanitarian Fund • Mini Coordination <p>The FSSC gave an overview of the May 2017 dashboard activities in the NE stating the key facts and figures on cash based transfers responses, number of beneficiaries reached and number of organizations/partners in the each location of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe.</p> <p>The presentations will be circulated to partners for more details.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN THE NORTHEAST</p> <p>PCNI was not present at the meeting to give the update</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>UPCOMING ELECTION FOR THE NGO CO-LEAD</p> <p>The FS Coordinator gave the house the highlights on the discussion on the upcoming election for the NGO-Leads which include the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain appropriate links and dialogue with other national and local authorities, State institutions, local civil society and other relevant actors – ensuring that the FS Sector is informed by the NGO perspective 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the NGO members of the sector are kept fully informed of the meetings and decisions that take place outside of regular FS Sector meetings • Participate actively in sector/inter-agency contingency planning and preparedness, ensuring that the NGO community is also contributing to and sharing FS Sector responsibilities • Ensure that NGOs participate in and assume their responsibilities as part of any emergency response work, including planning, assessments, analysis and response; • Ensure that each Sector working group has active NGO participation to help ensure that NGOs support and participate in the clusters work; • Ensure the accountability and transparency of the sector’s decisions and work. The NGO Co-Chair should act as a focal point for receiving NGO concerns in order to raise these with the other co- chairs and the lead agencies. • Promote/support training of staff and capacity building of humanitarian partners and national authorities. Taking reasonable measures to proactively engage with and support local NGOs to participate in sector coordination and the Consolidated Appeal; • Represent the interests of the sector in discussions with stakeholders on priorities, resource mobilization and advocacy. Taking additional steps to ensure that the resource mobilization and advocacy efforts, particularly the funds mobilization, fairly represents and benefits NGOs as well as the UN agencies 	
7.0	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)</p> <p>The CH Coordinator gave an overview on the ongoing plan to produce Food Security/Crop & Market Advisory bulletin as requested by ECHO. He has circulated the draft data collection template among partners in the 16 states and FCT for their inputs which will be used at the training workshop and consultation for the October, 2017 CH analysis scheduled for 20th July, 2017.</p>	
8.0	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>In the absence of any other business the Chairman concluded the meeting by appreciating all partners for their useful contributions.</p> <p>The next FSSWG meeting will be held on the 8th August 2017</p>	

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