

## MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT THE OLD CBN BUILDING, GARKI 2 ABUJA ON 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

NO	PROCEEDINGS	Action
1.0	WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS	
	The chairman Mr. Kevin Tekpat welcome all partner to the meeting and requested partners to make positive contributions in order to achieve our goals.	
2.0	REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, ISSUES AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS	
	The chairman gave the house 5 minutes to read through the minutes stating that the corrections and matters arising will be taken simultaneously.	
	On page 2 the issue of obtaining food security & nutrition policy document was raised, the chairman reported that he found one policy document on food security in the ministry's archives which he said will be shared with partners.	The Chairman
	The FSSC advised that the document be revisited to produce a comprehensive policy document and that the ministry should still liaise with FAO and WFP to see how they can assist in the production of a valid policy document.	
	Malick from WFP added that government has come up with a zero hunger strategy and recommended that this document be reviewed as well to see if any information can be harmonized with the food security policy document.	
	The chairman requested Mr. Okonjo to share the document with the food security sector secretariat for onward circulation to partners.	Mr. Okonjo
	OCHA rep requested an update from WFP on the harmonization of market price from their presentation in the last meeting.	WFP Malick Ndiaye
	Malick promised that the update will be given in the next meeting.	
	On page 3 the figure 5.1 was corrected to read 5.1 million IDPs.	

	Malick from WFP gave a Presentation on the overall food security situation in North-Eastern Nigeria with focus on food insecurity alerts, actions reached, rapid assessments/response and recommendations. The presentation indicated that in December 2016, WFP carried out a rapid assessment in 58 IDPs settlement. The assessment piloted to all settlements with irregular or no assistance to be targeted and to received food assistance in January 2017 The FSSC added that this briefing will be made a regular part of the meeting so as to identify where the hotspots are and which actions have been taken till date as well as where we are in terms of the gaps. The following were key recommendations obtained from the presentation:	WFP
4.0	UPDATES ON THE OVERALL FOOD SECURITY SITUATION IN NORTH- EASTERN NIGERIA- WFP	
3.0	<ul> <li>BRIEF UPDATES FROM PARTNERS (WITH FOCUS ON KEY ACTIVITIES, RESULTS ACHIEVED AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</li> <li>Based on the suggestion in the last meeting that partner's update consumed a lot of time and that partners should henceforth send in their detailed intervention reports before the meeting which will now be summarized into one presentation in the minutes to save time.</li> </ul>	Partners
	Adoption of the minutes was by Malick from WFP.	
	It was agreed that the minutes was too bulky and should be summarised to save time.	
	<ul><li>that they are yet to get samples for inspection. He added that from the brochure it stated that it generates more heat and consumes less firewood as well as produces less smoke which he said were good features.</li><li>He informed partners that the progress on the cooking stove will be reported in the meeting.</li></ul>	ACF – Jose Estuar
	On Cooking Stove: Caritas Nigeria rep inquired of the cooking stove for IDPs in Muna garage and the model selected. Jose from ACF responded that the cooking stove is been considered besides	
	On page 4 based on the report from Fewsnet, OCHA rep remarked that they should be informed of any restricted areas in order for OCHA to liaise with the military to ease accessibility, since they have a civil military coordinator in Abuja who handles the issues of access in restricted areas especially access to markets.	

	• That food assistance (particularly in-kind and cash-based transfers)	
	be scaled-up to target more people in need especially in hard-to- reach areas	
	<ul> <li>That there is need to expand outreach through the current Rapid Response Mechanism;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>That there is need for greater operational flexibility to respond quickly to changing and evolving needs</li> </ul>	
	That there is need for timely provision of agriculture production	
	<ul><li>inputs to support dry and rain-fed agriculture production activities</li><li>That there is need for continued food security assessment to inform</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>planning, programming and decision making processes</li><li>That regular</li></ul>	
	COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:	
	a. The FAOR a.i on behalf of the cluster lead agency informed partners that based on the agreement between FAO and WFP, Malick will be a strategic adviser to the cluster based at Abuja to support Mr. Abibu both at Abuja and at state level.	
	The FAOR a.i also recommended as follows:	
	b. On partners update he suggested we have one combined short presentation instead of a round table individual presentation which is time consuming.	
	c. On the food security overview, suggested that food security overview presentation should be a convergence of evidence of all food security activities by other partners instead of having one partner presentation.	
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5.0	STRATEGIC PLAN TO RESPOND TO SEEDS NEEDS FOR THE NEXT RAINY SEASON-FAO	
	<ul> <li>FAO-Emergency Programme Officer presented seed needs strategy for the next rainy season. The following were key issues and action points reached</li> <li>To form a Task Force on Seeds Distribution Strategy</li> <li>Timely provision of seeds to meet the planting season</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>That the Task Force should consist of all partners that are working in the area of livelihood support that involves agricultural inputs.</li> <li>That TOR of the Task Force be drafted and shared also that meetings be organized in Abuja and Maiduguri respectively.</li> </ul>	FAO/FS-Sector
	<ul> <li>That all effort be made in ensuring that the required funding/partnership are structured to ensure timely delivery and distribution of seeds to farmers.</li> </ul>	
	COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:	
	a. A partner inquired how 238 beneficiaries were arrived at and for how long will they be targeted also if there will be a scale up	
	Response:	

	FAO Emergency officer responded that the criteria was based on the	
	beneficiaries classified under Phases 3-5 and that FAO will partner with	
	ICRC who are targeting 400 beneficiaries and other partners.	
	b. PCNI inquired if the states are carried along in the livelihood planning	
	Response:	
	c. OCHA rep remarked that the LGAs targeted should be listed.	
	d. Isa from Fewsnet express concern on the timing of the process noting that the seeds are yet to be procured, germination test yet to be carried out and the issue of seed protection.	
	Response:	
	On seed protection, Mr. Marco responded that FAO in collaboration with WFP planned to distribute at the right planting season that the LGAs has been identified and that the next assessment will be to fine tune the	
	beneficiaries.	
	On procurement he affirmed that the seed varieties has already been	
	identified under the FAO condition that a mission in Rome are doing the	
	pre-qualification of dealers. He projected that by the end of May or the	
	beginning of June 2017 the distribution of seeds would have commenced.	
	The FAOR a.i added that FAO will coordinate with the Ministry of	
	Agriculture to inform them of the plan in place and what we intend to do	
	and he suggested the presentation be done at Maiduguri level also.	
6.0	PRESENTATION 4WS AND GAP ANALYSIS	
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