

FOOD SECURITY SECTOR RAINY SEASON TASKFORCE MEETING

Location: Borno State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR), Conference Room

Date: June 13th 2018.

Time: 2:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome, opening remarks and round of introductions (5 min)
2. Review of action points and approval of minutes of the previous meeting (5 min)
3. Partners' updates on LGA/ward level coordination and synchronization of seed/food distribution (25 min)
4. Presentation and discussion on the seed fair in Nangere LGA, Yobe, led by FAO (20 min)
5. Presentation and discussion on post-harvest activities, led by CRS (20 min)
6. AOB (5 min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FAO to meet with OXFAM, NRC, ADRA, IMC to coordinate on Damboa seed distribution.
2. Sector to share the presentation on the seed fair by FAO.
3. Sector to share the presentation on post-harvest activities by CRS.
4. Sector to follow up with partners involved in (planned) fertilizer distribution.
5. Sector to facilitate the communication between partners and military on the process of fertilizer movement
6. FSS and UNDP to invite SEMA and Ministry of 3R to participate in the Task Force meeting.
7. WFP to provide updates on their post-harvest loss reduction initiative when more information is available.

NO	PROCEEDINGS	ACTION
1.	<p align="center">WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting commenced at 2:10 pm and followed by self-introductions. - 21 partners were in attendance, 35 individuals (8 Females & 27 Males) - Chairing the meeting: Representative of the Permanent Secretary, (M.O.A) - Co-Chairing: the Sector Coordinator. 	
2.	<p>Review of the proposed Agenda, Action points and Approval of minutes of the previous meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FSS to follow up with partners (ex. CRS) that are engaged in improving/supporting post-harvest storage facilities and other activities to share experience and lessons learned – DONE 2. Partners to provide more detailed geographic locations of their seed distribution locations (ward level) to assist in proper planning – DONE 3. FSS to follow up with VSF on their planned distribution and share the ward-level details with partners – DONE 4. Partners that have not provided technical information (targeting criteria and kit composition/value) of their interventions to FSS for consolidation should do so - DONE 5. FAO to share updates on its seed fair in Yobe State – DONE 6. FSS and UNDP to invite SEMA and Ministry of 3R to participate in the Task Force meeting. – Ongoing 7. FSS to share Fall Armyworm (FAW) related presentation/training materials/app from FAO with partners. – DONE 8. WFP to provide updates on their post-harvest loss reduction initiative in the next rainy season taskforce meeting. - Pending 	<p>All pending items will form part of the action point for next meeting.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>After the review, the minutes of the meeting for the 17th of April was approved.</p> <p>Partners' updates on LGA/ward level coordination and synchronization of seed/food distribution</p> <p>FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO and WFP are collaborating to target WFP beneficiaries who are receiving food or CBT, with seeds. The food given by WFP will be used to protect the seeds from being sold, bartered or consumed. • The collaboration is taking place in 6 LGAs in Borno state namely: Gwoza, Konduga, Bama, Damboa, Mafa, and Jere. • Already, seeds and food have been dispatched to Damboa, and Gwoza LGAs and the Implementing partners have begun to distribute them simultaneously. • In Adamawa state, FAO and WFP are collaborating in Michika and Madagali LGAs. There have been 100% deliveries for both seed and food, and distributions have commenced immediately. • In Yobe state distributions going on smoothly, 100% deliveries for both seed and food, and distributions are going on simultaneously in Gujba, Gulani, and Geidam LGAs • In Rann, FAO, WFP (with seeds donated by ICRC to WFP) are collaborating in the distribution of seeds along with food distribution. <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearances for fertilizer have not been released by the military, so presently, fertilizer is not yet being distributed. Though challenging, FAO has received assurances from the military authorities that the clearances will be released in about a week's time. • The issues of close coordination was raised by other partners and FAO will be leading the discussion with partner and FAO IPs based on the ward analysis of partner presence. <p>CRS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS has complete distribution in the following LGAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gubio Town (1&2) 985 beneficiaries ○ Jere (El-Miskin) 1434 beneficiaries ○ Kaga (Misheri) 106 beneficiaries ○ Gulani (Buma) 530 beneficiaries ○ Gujba (Bun-yardi) 622 beneficiaries ○ Busari (various wards) 2082 beneficiaries ○ Karasawa 934 beneficiaries <p>UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution of seed will commence by the last week in June 2018 as all necessary coordinating plans are being finalized while awaiting approval for the distribution and dispatch of fertilizers. <p>AAH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution to 1500 beneficiaries will commence during the week of 19th – 22nd June 2018. 	<p>FAO to meet with OXFAM, NRC, ADRA, WFP, IMC on seed distribution coordination in Damboa.</p>
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	<p>NRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC has completed the distribution of rain-fed agriculture kits in the following LGAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 517 HouseHolds in Kwajaffa ○ 483 HouseHolds in Kwaya-Buora ○ 500 HouseHolds in Mibringa ○ 500 Households in Zarawuya ○ 990 Households in Khaddamri ○ 200 Households in Dusuman • About to commence distribution of the kits in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Damboa (Nzuda) - 520 Households ○ Damasak - 600 Households ○ Kukawa - 400 Households ○ Jere (Gonguiong) - 480 Households <p>ICRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICRC has completed distribution in Kukawa and Damasak and will complete in Monguno by next week (week of 18th June 2018). 	
4	<p>Presentation and discussion on the seed fair in Nangere LGA, Yobe, led by FAO</p> <p>Reason for the fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional delayed deliveries, substandard quality, AAP related cases. • The recent reports still indicates limited access to improved seeds and high us of landraces by farming household. • This challenge mentioned above highlights needs for new initiative such as the Community Based Seed Production (CBSP) - an initiative which involves the multiplication of adaptive and better yielding seed varieties of preferred crop at the community level. <p>Aim: To promote adoption of improved varieties and create a market for the producers Location: Nangere in Yobe State Targeting: 630 beneficiaries (farmers)</p> <p>Seed Fair timeline and next steps: FAO has planned for the expansion of CBSP across the North-East States, more seed fairs for future seasonal interventions. FAO is planning to do this expansion with farmer groups and working closely with ICRISAT and IITA to identify groups in the south, and empower them to produce seeds at community level. There are plans for seeds fair during post-harvest season.</p> <p>Highlight of the seed fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 out-growers and 2 seed vendor participated • 630 beneficiaries used color-coded paper vouchers to buy seeds as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 400 (8kg of millet/ Sorghum and 10kg of Cowpeas seeds)) – 130 (10kg of Groundnuts Seeds)) – 100 (180g of assorted vegetable seeds) – Beneficiaries also received 25kg bag of NPK fertilizers. • The seed quality were closely monitored and tested by a team of technical/seed experts and were cleared as good for planting. 	Presentation to be shared by the Sector

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Farmers field school approach by FAO is expected to propel the CBSP initiative • The farmers were happy with the fair, quality of the seeds and they could also identify that the yield of the seeds were better than what they are used too. • People who were not FAO beneficiaries were also free to join the fair and buy the seeds after the target beneficiaries finished their selection. <p>Challenge: The major challenge during the seed fair was crowd control and ensuring supply of quality local seeds. There was intention to also organize the fair in Borno state, though it did not take place this season due to security concerns, limited supply of quality local seeds, and potentially limited access to the seed fair faced by some farmers.</p> <p>Full presentation can be accessed at the link below: http://fscluster.org/nigeria/document/fao-presentation-seed-multiplication-and</p>	
5	<p>Presentation and discussion on post-harvest activities, led by CRS</p> <p>Issues/Question and discuss point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICs bags can be used to store seeds, in general, and it is particularly effective for cowpea storage as originally designed for. • The CRS post-distribution survey to measure the impact of PICs will be shared with the sector as soon as it done. • The question of supply chain and disposal strategy – there is only one producer of genuine PICs bag in Kano and in respect to the disposal, beneficiaries can use the bag for other purposes such as cover their roofs, store crops, etc. • The question of how beneficiaries identify counterfeit PICs Bag – training of the beneficiaries to help them familiarize the original PICS bag (its dimensions and the thickness). • In summary, the distribution needs to come along with continuous training and sensitization on how to identify ripening indices for their crops, harvesting, threshing DRYING and use of PICS bags <p>Full presentation can be accessed at the link below: http://fscluster.org/nigeria/document/post-harvest-handling-activities-pics</p>	Presentation to be shared by the Sector
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Update from SEMA (by its Director of Relief and Disaster Management)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The govt. is planning for relocation of displaced individuals from camps back to locations such as Bama, Kukawa, Ngala, Marte, Guzamala, and Abadam. • SEMA calls for Sector and its partners to consider to increase seed distribution in these areas to support relocated farmers. – More details is needed to determine the approach. Sector will follow up with SEMA and update partners on the relocation situation. • SEMA advises partners to inform SEMA officials in the field before commencing distribution to beneficiaries so that SEMA can assist with organization and ensure safety of all parties involved. – Sector emphasized that most partners are in communication with SEMA colleagues in their project locations, and for those who need assistance on this, the Sector can help bridging this communication if requested. 	

	<p>Discussion on the meeting frequency and the way forwards for the Rainy Season Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants were consulted and it was agreed that the fortnightly frequency will continue until at least mid-July (as implementation is still ongoing) to improve level of coordination/experience sharing among partners. The ad-hoc Task Force can transition into an Agriculture and Livelihoods Task Force to support increased number of partners involved in this area. PCNI suggested that there could be a communication platform for faster and easier updates among partners, ex: creating a whatsapp group for information sharing. Sector will look into the possible options and seek partners' feedback. <p>Fertilizer distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxfam shared their experience in respect to conducting fertilizer market assessment in order to have alternative options of getting fertilizers to the beneficiaries. PCNI gave the advice of having constant communication with the military even if partners have obtained a formal approval. Starting from the Theater Commander, through a top-down approach, keep in good communication with various heads of command before commencing the fertilizer dispatch. It was shared that the military informed some partners that Damboa is no longer under Div. 7 but now under Div 3. In addition to standard cargo movement clearance, partners should seek separate clearance for fertilizer movement. It was also suggested that the sector can invite the military to speak to sector members and educate partners on the process of fertilizer movement. The sector will be following up with partners who plan to distribute fertilizers so as to find a way for joint advocacy and facilitate the process of military approvals. 	<p>Sector to follow up with partners involved in (planned) fertilizer distribution.</p> <p>Sector to facilitate the communication between partners and military on the process of fertilizer movement</p>
8	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of any other business, the meeting was adjourned and the meeting ended at 3:45 pm. The next meeting will take place on 27th June 2018. 	

PARTNERS IN ATTENDANCE: 21 partners were in attendance -35 individuals (8 Females & 27 Males)

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