

SAFE North-East Nigeria

Working Group Meeting 14 February 2018: Minutes

Presentation Baseline Survey ICEED

Update SAFE assessment: presentation preliminary results

Discussion SAFE WG Workplan 2018: comments included in updated version of the workplan

Topics of discussion:

- Set-up task force on briquetting: several organizations expressed interest in briquetting or have been involved in pilot activities. A task force will bring together the interested organizations to coordinate activities and avoid duplication of efforts.
 - o MSF Spain did a pilot on briquetting in Gwoza
 - o CRS is partnering with private company to make briquettes from rice husks and to build a business model for this
 - o WFP are planning to do an assessment on (potential for) briquetting
 - o Important to do an assessment, to look at availability of biomass for briquetting, at existing practices of briquetting, at possible competition over resources (e.g. for animal feed)
- Need for information sharing on possible interventions for stove distribution: what type of stoves, which models, etc?
 - o Oxfam is looking into stove distribution
 - o ACF provided stoves to 4000HH in Monguno. Acceptability is key. Need to look at design, if pots/utensils are appropriate for a certain type of stove. This will increase adoption rates. Also need to do post-distribution monitoring.
 - o FAO is in process of field testing sample stoves. Essential to find a stove type/design which people want to use. Several methods/guidelines are available on this.
 - o Sample stoves can be displayed during next SAFE WG Meeting
- Protection concerns and advocacy, through sector/inter-sector forums, at a higher level with government officials and security forces: people are restricted in movement, where they can go or not go. Also for some affected populations, there are unclear rules/procedures related to military escort when going out to collect firewood. This has an impact on the ability to go collect firewood, negatively influencing food security. In each LGA, there are different practices going on.
 - o Propcom: Looking into the ways in which the WG can support such advocacy message to security forces in order to address this issue
 - o WFP brings up this issue whenever they have the opportunity. For example to increase the number of patrols to go out and collect firewood in Bama, Pulka, etc.
 - o Food Security Sector: Evidence-based advocacy with support from SAFE WG to raise this issue at inter-sector level and/or with the government officials/security forces.
- Use of technology: how can satellite imagery play a role? People don't know where to go to collect firewood, this can be more directed with advantages of technology. Also to look into areas where to get involved in natural resources management (communal woodlots, reforestation activities).

- FAO is conducting analysis of satellite images to assess biomass availability in certain areas in Borno State. Also change over time is part of the analysis.