

MEETING MINUTES



LOCATION: Kramatorsk, 4 Sakhalinska street, UN compound office

DATE: September 14th, 2021

CHAIR: Charles Hopkins, FSL Cluster Coordinator

- AGENDA:**
1. Self-introduction
 2. Discussion of FSLC HRP priorities for 2022
 3. Discussion of the scope of humanitarian needs and FSLC preliminary number of people in need in 2022
 4. Consulting on reactivation of sub-national FSLC cluster
 5. AOB

1. Self-introduction

12 participants representing 7 institutions attended the FSLC meeting Kramatorsk. The institutions include NGOs, government, international organizations including UN agencies.

2. Discussion of FSLC HRP priorities for 2022

- The Cluster Coordinator summarized the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) process for 2022.
- As a priority for response in 2022, partners agreed on the necessity to increase livelihood support—both agricultural and non-agricultural.
- Partners confirmed that providing agricultural inputs, including crops, livestock, and poultry, improves the food consumption status of beneficiaries in a more sustainable way. In addition, it makes the affected population less dependent on food kits or cash for food distribution.
- For local communities' development, it is essential to provide training for farmers, advisory, and extension services to acquire competitive skills.
- The participants agreed on the need to strengthen coordination in the field and encouraged a more comprehensive approach and joint efforts, especially regarding livelihoods programming.

Action points:

- FSLC team – reflect the need to increasing livelihood assistance in formulating the FSL section in 2022 HRP.

3. Discussion of the scope of humanitarian needs and FSLC preliminary number of people in need in 2022

- In 2021, the FSLC estimated the number of people in need for all Eastern conflict areas (Donetska and Luhanska, GCA and NGCA) of 1.5 million people. A preliminary estimation for 2022 based on the recent REACH and FAO assessments shows some decrease in the number of people in need of food assistance for 2022 due to improved food consumption scores.

- The partners confirmed a positive trend in the food security situation even though there has been little change for the most acute need within the 0-5 km. Some chronically vulnerable people still need food support, but they have observed improvement.
- The shift towards recovery to development would support household reliant on own production. Access to income-generating opportunities and diversification of livelihoods were recommended.
- Limited access to markets in isolated settlements remains a humanitarian need. The distortion in the market affects households' ability to sell their food surplus and purchase their basic needs through the market. Farmers in the past sold their surpluses not under the government. This market's blockage is causing severe problems for the affected population to participate in the local economy. The lack of market also has a direct impact on production
- Urgent needs related to access to food remain in settlements along the contact line. Needs in further emergency support would depend on the development of security situations and hostilities.
- Due to quarantine restrictions, the need for food assistance remains for people under observation in the sanatorium in Hostre, who cannot install the "Diya" application. The projected number of people who would require assistance is 15 per week, five days per stay. Currently, one partner (Proliska) covers a month of food beginning from August 17th. However, the long-term solution was not developed. It is difficult for partners to move their funds for unplanned emergency responses. This assistance does not fall into the HRP.

Action points:

- **FSLC team:** The cluster will establish the number of people (PIN) for the HRP in consultation with the Cluster Strategic Advisory Committee. The cluster promised that establishing the PIN would be transparent and would involve the partners.

4. Consulting on reactivation of sub-national FSLC cluster

- FSL Cluster Coordinator announced that the FSLC is considering activating the subnational clusters. The partners overwhelm accepted the reactivation of the subnational clusters as it will strengthen coordination and allow the partners at the local level to participate.
- The sub-national cluster will be established in Donetska and Luhanska GCA (tentatively—in Mariupol, Kramatorsk, Sievierodonetsk). We will conduct the meeting in Ukrainian/Russian.
- The partners reiterated the need for continuity in the cluster's leadership coordination at the subnational level rather than rotational staff.

Action points:

- FSLC team – to develop the Terms of Reference for the sub-national cluster coordination group in Kramatorsk.

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