



BANGLADESH
FOOD SECURITY SECTOR
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

Livelihoods Meeting

DATE **Tuesday, 26th December 2017**
TIME **09.30 am – 10:30 am**
VENUE **WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh**

AGENDA

1. SEG Livelihoods and Self-Reliance findings
2. Government standing - RRRC Circular
3. Review of LHS Macro Areas
4. Prioritization of LHS – review of shelter needs
5. CFW and Livelihoods
6. HRP Livelihoods Contribution by agencies
7. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- **FSS to circulate memo on receipt of memo from ISCG.**
- **FAO to organize a special meeting on land stabilization for EE and LWG in early Jan.**
- **FAO to contact CFW to attend next LWG meeting**
- **FAO to contact Shelter Sector to attend next LWG meeting and provide update on Site planning opportunities for CFW.**
- **FAO to organize an Agriculture Task Force along with the Department of Agricultural Extension to coordinate activities.**
- **FSS to circulate 4W's to FAO for circulation.**
- **WFP to follow up with its Site Engineers the status of Humanitarian Engineer Platform establishment**

DISCUSSION

WFP opened the meeting with a welcome to all, followed by a round of introductions. The agenda was presented it was highlighted how important that it is to start to focus on what is required. The group were asked if they wished to add anything to the meeting under AOB and no additional items were suggested.

Strategic Executive Group (SEG) Livelihoods and Self-Reliance findings

FAO gave a short introduction on the makeup of the SEG. Heads of all UN agencies, 2 Donors at each meeting (on a rotating system) and IFRC also sit on the group. FAO explained at last meeting of the SEG, they reviewed the objectives for the new Joint Response Plan (JRP), replacement of HRP, and defined three new strategic objectives:

1. Ensure protection, dignity and safety.
2. Provide efficient and timely life-saving assistance and contribute to improving living conditions.
3. Support social cohesion and increase capacity to cope with future shocks.

Review of Livelihoods(LHS) Macro Areas

WFP presented the LHS as agreed from previous Livelihoods Workgroup Meeting. A discussion on what might be quick wins followed, with FAO highlighting that Christian Aid and ACF are doing some work in this area now. WFP presented the Government Memo # 03.07.2666.661.62.045.17 dated 15/Nov/2017 from NGO Affairs Bureau, the Prime Minister's Office. It outlines the necessary emergency relief (commodity/service) activities (FD-7) for forced displacement shelter less Myanmar citizens: This can be seen in the attached powerpoint deck. ISCG are looking to get a copy of this letter which can then be circulated at a later stage.

- **FSS to circulate memo on receipt of memo from ISCG.**

Prioritization of LHS – review of shelter needs

FAO presented what were the key areas that shelter sector would like to focus on for livelihoods. It was explained if any partners would like to do some of the activities listed, Shelter was happy to work with them as soon as possible. (See attached Slide desk with details)

For livelihoods activities related to Energy and Environment, (forestry is part of this) they fall under the Shelter Sector for reporting in the 4W's. All other Livelihood activities will fall under Food Security Sector for reporting in the 4W's. It was noted that Save the Children are doing some work on Bamboo treatment.

There was a recommendation that a special meeting be set up for land stabilisation in early January as part of the Energy and Environmental (EE) Technical Working Group and the Livelihood Working Group would also take part. FAO will organise this meeting.

There was a discussion on Precast concrete where WFP explained they are looking at this with their engineering team and will link this work with the Humanitarian Emergency Platform (HEP) which is under development.

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Cash for Work (CFW) and Livelihoods

ECHO provided an update from the CFW working group last meeting, which outlined that banking was problematic at the moment for people who are paid in cash as the refugees do not have a national ID, and so cannot open bank accounts. See [meeting notes from CFW](#)

Agencies are still waiting on final agreement on the costing for the MEB, currently at 250 BDT but is under review. It was suggested that the CFW come along to the next LWG meeting and provide an update. FAO will contact the CFW working group to invite them.

The Site Planning Sector has a lot of work planned around road networks, solid waste and micro grids. This would be excellent opportunities for CFW. As this falls under Shelter Sector, FAO will invite Shelter to attend next LWG meeting and provide update on current plans. WFP are happy to help support quick wins in this area through Cash for work.

BRAC noted that they are meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 27th December to focus on all livelihood activities across their organisation and look to compile a complete list of actives and provide this feedback via the 4w templates to either or both food security sector and shelter sector depending on livelihood activities planned to be undertaken.

Save the Children suggested working with WASH to help review issues over access to water for irrigation issues for local farmers in Teknaf. Concern could lead to reduced crop of vegetables to the market and so could push up prices slightly. FAO and Save the Children will follow up with local government office to address this.

- **FAO to contact CFW to attend next LWG meeting**
- **FAO to contact Shelter Sector to attend next LWG meeting and provide update on Site planning opportunities for CFW.**
- **FAO to include irrigation issues in Agriculture Task Force meeting discussion.**

AOB

FSS will circulate the 4W template to FAO who will follow up with all LWG members to encourage them to submit their ongoing and planned livelihood activities to FSS. This is so all the information can be captured in the 4W's and will help with planning for the HRP and 2018 activities. **All agencies must return 4W's by Thursday 28th 1 pm.**

- **FSS to circulate 4W's to FAO for circulation.**

Meeting was closed and all wished a happy new year.