Unprecedented Needs Call For Immediate Attention

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AGENDA

14:00 – 14:05  OPENING REMARKS
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14:05 – 14:25  GLOBAL OVERVIEW
The food security response and activities to address the alarming levels of food insecurity and overwhelming challenges, focusing particularly in countries facing IPC4+ conditions.

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14:25 – 14:45  COUNTRY SITUATION KEY HIGHLIGHTS
Addressing alarming food security levels under a highly constraint environment: immediate action, gaps and financial.

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14:45 – 14:55  Q&A SESSION

14:55 – 15:00  CLOSING REMARKS
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Immediate attention required on countries of highest concern:

- Population already facing famine/catastrophic conditions IPC5 or equivalent.
- And/or sharp deterioration of food insecurity.

Additional countries of concern based on severity of food security situation—such as Syria—to be included in the next phase.

- AFGHANISTAN
- ETHIOPIA
- SAHEL
- SOMALIA
- SOUTH SUDAN
- YEMEN
COORDINATED EFFORTS REQUIRED MORE THAN EVER

Needs have increased alarmingly after the HRP 2022 was designed.

Country-level clusters have identified the most urgent activities based on needs and considering the most appropriate, complementary, and efficient set/sequence of interventions required for the next 6 months.

More focus on optimizing resources and response by increasing synergies and partnerships across actors and sectors are expected given the various challenges.

Currently, food security funding remains limited to address the extent and severity of the needs. Lack of funding is resulting in limited, inadequate assistance, or even worse, no assistance.
NEXT STEPS

Advocacy

Synergies with other sectors will be explored

Regular updates will be provided as appropriate
Food Security Clusters Country-Level Response
AFGHANISTAN

BACKGROUND
- Nearly 20M people experiencing high and acute food insecurity.
- IPC5 Catastrophe conditions for the first time in Afghanistan history.
- Ripple effects from the crisis in Ukraine threaten to deepen the food security crisis and exacerbate the existing humanitarian situation as the prices of basic food commodities, fuel, and agricultural inputs surge. In a country where 85% of household income is spent on food these developments will have a devastating impact.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES
- Food assistance.
- Agriculture inputs: September/November, wheat and fertilizers.
- Livestock support in the peak of the winter season.

ON THE ALERT
- Rations cuts: IPC5 will receive full basket, IPC4 75%, IPC3 50%.
- With no immediate action and adequate resources, vulnerable households potentially at risk of adopting extreme negative actions like missing cropping season and distress sales of productive assets.

RESPONSE REQUIRED TO AVOID FURTHER DEEPENING OF THE FOOD CRISIS

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.
ETHIOPIA

STEP-UP AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO MOST IN NEED IN DROUGHT AND CONFLICT AFFECTED AREAS

BACKGROUND

- Both conflict and extreme drought are driving factors for the alarming deterioration of food security and critical livelihoods asset depletion.
- Over 20M people experiencing high and acute food insecurity.
- 4,5M reportedly displaced (February 2022).

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Food assistance.
- Agriculture inputs: September/November, wheat and fertilizers.
- Cash+ Approach.
- Livestock support.
- Lean season: June to September.

ON THE ALERT

- Rations cuts in drought-affected areas.
- Access challenges in conflict-affected areas, hindering the delivery of food and livelihoods assistance.
- Assets depletion and/or irreversible copying strategy.

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.
SAHEL

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE DURING THE LEAN SEASON TO ADDRESS THE ALARMING DETERIORATION OF FOOD SECURITY

BACKGROUND

- In West Africa, the food security outlook is sharply deteriorating.
- Estimates indicate a 42% increase of food insecure people, compared to the same period last year (from 30M to 41M during the lean season).
- Burkina Faso latest CH estimation indicates 630,000 at the brink of famine during the upcoming lean season (87% of CH4 population increase in a year), which is the highest CH figures since CH started in 2013.
- Mali: 14% of population in Emergency Phase (587,956 people).

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Food assistance.
- Agriculture inputs for the rainy season from May to early October (peak in July/August).
- Livestock support.
- Lean season is about to start (June-September).

ON THE ALERT

- Rations cuts: due to funding constraints, in certain regions with only 50% to 75% rations available.
- Funding cut on the livelihood activities will worsen the food security status of the population in the coming months and increase negative coping mechanisms.

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.
SOMALIA

624,4M
Have been asked to cover the HRP: 5,4M

800M
Has recently been estimated to cover the needs until end of 2022

146 PARTNERS
Active on the field

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED TO PREVENT MASSIVE DISPLACEMENT, COLLAPSED LIVELIHOODS & EXCESS MORTALITY FOR 6 M PEOPLE AT RISK OF FAMINE

BACKGROUND

- As the region enters the 4th consecutive drought, recent food security analysis indicated near doubling amount of people in need with identified populations facing IPC5 catastrophe conditions.
- 900,000 people living in non accessible areas.
- Massive population displacements: 771,000 people since January 22.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Addressing immediate food needs and livelihood assistance.
- Cash+ approach.
- No regret approach: 3-month assistance to all beneficiaries, 6-month assistance to refugees.

ON THE ALERT

- Resource constraints leading to response gaps in locations with high needs, leaving entire families in acute food insecurity levels, facing destitution, displacement, and hunger.

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.
SOUTH SUDAN

650M
Have been asked to cover the HRP 6M
The FSLC is aiming at covering 4,48M in priority

78 PARTNERS
Active on the field

THE FSLC IS AIMING AT PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE & LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT TO THE MOST VULNERABLE

BACKGROUND

- 4,48M people concentrated in 38 counties, among which 8 have identified parts of population facing IPC5 populations.
- The risk of floods due to above average rains is expected again in 2022, potentially leading a record 7.7M people (or 63% of the population) into hunger.
- Close to 90,000 people are projected to be in famine like conditions by July.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Emergency food and livelihood assistance.
- Emergency food production: complementary crop and livestock support.
- Lean season: July-September.
- Inter-cluster: minimum packages for integration.

ON THE ALERT

- Rations cuts: only few counties will receive 70% rations, other extreme and severe counties will at best receive 50%.
- Access challenges: due to flooding, severe localized conflict events & youth agitation disrupting delivery of humanitarian assistance.

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.
YEMEN

2.1 BILLION
Have been asked to cover the HRP: 17.3M

The FSLC is aiming at covering 16.7M in priority

75 PARTNERS
Active on the field

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE PARTNERS HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO URGENTLY STEP-UP TO AVOID FOOD SECURITY CATASTROPHE

BACKGROUND
- 16.7M people in IPC3 and above conditions.
- Districts prioritization according to the Integrated programming for famine reduction framework.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES
- Emergency food and livelihood assistance.
- Livelihood support.
- Lean Season: July-August.

ON THE ALERT
- There may be a need to cut rations by 75% in certain areas,
- Estimates indicates that this would leave approx. 7M people one step away from famine and 161,000 facing IPC 5 catastrophe.

Timely Assistance & Support Required, to protect productive livestock & avoid missing crop cycle.