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LOCATION: Kyiv, Esplanadna str. 20 & MS Teams

DATE: October 28th, 2021

CHAIR: Charles Hopkins, FSL Cluster Coordinator

- AGENDA:**
1. Self-introduction
 2. Monthly partners' update
 3. Presentation. "DRC Livelihoods Programming - Systemic Interventions"
 4. Presentation of FSLC Q3 2021 dashboard
 5. Presentation of FSLC 2022 number of people in need caseload and target
 6. AOB

1. Self-introduction

33 participants representing 20 institutions attended the FSLC monthly meeting. The institutions include government, NGOs, international organizations, including UN agencies.

2. Monthly partners' update

- **IOM** continues livelihoods assistance in Donetska GCA (Kutakhove and Cherkaske) in forms of educational and start up grants, as well as repair for communal facilities.
- **PiN** is going to cover over 2,000 beneficiaries with food and hygiene vouchers in the coming months in Luhanska NGCA. The new approach will be used: PiN is going to cover not only people residing along the contact line, but also other territories. In November, PiN registers the pilot project for agricultural assistance in Luhanska NGCA to cover 100 households with drip irrigation system and waiting for approval of this project. In GCA side, PiN continues their research and monitoring on small-holder farmers producing vegetables and whose households depend on selling of vegetables. This research is aimed at value chains development and creating trading links with the start of the next agricultural season.
- **PAH** faced some issues while registering one of their projects. PAH will discuss bilaterally with the cluster team. In GCA side, the assessment is ongoing, IMPACT is finalizing the assessment to measure coping mechanisms of the vulnerable population living along the contact line. By the end of November, the results of the assessment are expected to be issues. PAH also initiated distribution of hygiene kits in 5 hromadas in GCA side as a response to increasing COVID-19 cases in the conflict-affected communities.
- **ACTED**- Within the project "Securing Women's Economic Empowerment in Donbass" several activities were undertaken:
 - Grants for 320 grants were provided for people residing in GCA side along the contact line for microbusinesses and self-employment, mainly in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
 - 4 business advisory centers are operating created based on women organization in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts. The centers provide trainings, informational support for businesses development etc.
 - Centers for mothers with limited access to kindergarten facilities. The center is aimed at increasing women's opportunities and their access to jobs and education.
 - ACTED is working in the direction to create loan association in some communities to promote financial support.
 - IT scholarships and trainings for women and men – trainings and financial assistance for trainings.

- **DAI** briefed on their Inclusion component that is focused to support vulnerable population of in Donetsk and Luhanska GCA, and also in Azov area (south of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts). The project provides training support to vulnerable people, self-employment opportunities, micro-business support, study tours, mentorship programs.

3. Presentation. “DRC Livelihoods Programming - Systemic Interventions

- DRC presented their livelihoods programme. The target groups of the programme are: IDPs and conflict-affected population residing in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts - GCA.
- The programme includes the following components: Market Systems Development/value chains, support to self-employment/micro-grants, support to vocational skills, development, community infrastructure rehabilitation, support to Employment Centres and Business advisory services, advocacy and legal counseling, capacity building of LSGs, demining linked with social-economic recovery.

Action points:

- FSLC team and DRC – to share the presentation with partners.

4. Presentation of FSLC Q3 2021 dashboard

Based on partners’ 5W data, the FSLC updated the partner operational presence maps and dashboards against each of the cluster objectives. In July – September 2021, the FSLC partners provided assistance within Cluster objective 1 and 2. No emergency agricultural supported was reported in the Q3 2021.

- **Cluster objective 1. Ensure immediate access to food.** The partners collectively reached 6,348 (or 12%) people in July - September out of 53,074 people targeted in 2021 HRP. In addition, 69% of the total people assisted with food are women. The achievement of the second quarter is 25% lower than the second quarter of 2021, when 8,419 people were assisted. 4 organisations contributed to the response objective in GCA: Emmanuel (71%), ACTED (12%), Caritas (9%), Proliska (4%). Other partners operating in NGCA contributed 5% of the food assistance in the third quarter. Cash for food accounts for 12% of food assistance while 88% was delivered in-kind. Despite the number of people reached in July - September, the response gap remains significantly low partly because of the restricted humanitarian access in NGCA (300 people received food ration or 2% of the cluster’s target) and limited funding — 21% of FSLC’s financial requirement has been met. In addition, partners targeted most beneficiaries during the winter months (December - February) with three months’ food ration. Therefore, the FSLC recommends that partners extend food support to the most vulnerable for over three months.
- **Cluster objective 3. Restoring livelihoods.** During July – September, FSLC partners assisted 5,918 people (or 59%) out of 10,014 people targeted in 2021 HRP. It is 81% higher than the second quarter of 2021 achievement – 3,270 people assisted. Cumulatively, 15,239 beneficiaries were assisted throughout January – September 2021, that exceeds the number of total people targeted by 52%. The contributors for the third quarter report in GCA locations are NRC (77% of all people assisted in Q3), followed by URCS (7.4%), FAO (3% of people and 23 institutions assisted), IOM (2%) and DRC (1.4%). Other partners operating in NGCA contributed 9% providing livelihood agricultural grants and assets. The need to

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protect and scale up livelihood activities remains high, including promoting community-level resilience to shocks.

Action point:

- FSLC – to disseminate the dashboard among partners.

5. Presentation of FSLC 2022 number of people in need caseload and target

- The FSLC – has been working closely with the lead agency, SAG, ATWG and partners to estimate the number of people in need (PiN), number of people targeted and financial requirements for 2022.
- The estimated number of PiN in 2022 is 1.1 mln that is 26% lower compared with the previous year. Out of total number of PiN, the majority (74%) are estimated to be in NGCA, 25% - residents in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA, 1% - IDPs in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA.
- Out of 1.1 mln people in need, the FSLC targets 202 thousand people in 2022 (or 18%), of which 108 thousand are targeted with food assistance and 98 thousand (or about 46,000 households) with agricultural and non-agricultural livelihoods.

Action point:

- FSLC – to disseminate call for 2022 HRP proposals among partners.

6. AOB

ICRC. In Luhansk NGCA in the villages that are close to the line of contact, ICRC distributes greenhouses, greenhouse kits, and coal.

In Donetsk NGCA, ICRC distributes food, animal fodder, irrigation system, winterization support, including coal.

In GCA side, winterization assistance is being distributed, and cash are distributed in multiple villages.

Action point:

- The next cluster meeting is tentatively scheduled for **November 25th, 2021**, beginning at 15:00.

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