

## MEETING MINUTES



UKRAINE  
**FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER**  
*Strengthening Humanitarian Response*

- LOCATION:** Kyiv (via Microsoft Teams)  
**DATE:** October 29, 2020  
**CHAIR:** Charles Hopkins, FSL Cluster Coordinator  
**AGENDA:**
1. Self-introduction and review of the previous meeting minutes
  2. FSLC Monthly Update, FSLC quarterly dashboard and Partners' Operational Presence Map.
  3. Update on the ongoing HNO/HRP process
  4. Other updates / AOBs

### 1. Self-introduction and review of the previous meeting minutes

- Action points of previous cluster meetings were reviewed.
- Partners forwarded their quarterly reports (4W matrix) to the FSLC team.
- IOM & FSLC conducted the first LTWG meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- FSLC finalized a draft revision of the food basket and submitted it to the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) for their comments.
- Indicators to Joint-Intersectoral Analysis Framework (JIAF) finalized the estimated number of people in need (PiN) for 2021.
- FSLC revised cluster objectives, activities and indicators, and aligned them to the HRP intersectoral strategic objectives.

#### Action points:

- FSLC SAG – to share with FSLC team comments on food basket. FSLC team – to finalize updates on food basket content and Cash-Based Transfer value, considering the comments from SAG and global FSC.

### 2. FSLC Monthly Update, FSLC quarterly dashboard and Partners' Operation Presence

FSL Cluster Coordinator updates:

- Attended regular meetings (ICCG, GCM, etc.); revised the intersectoral indicators and strategic objectives, worked closely with OCHA and other clusters on the HNO & HRP
- HRP workshop (October 6<sup>th</sup>). The FSLC convened with few partners to develop the list of criteria for prioritizing the response in 2021.
- Documents containing the revised cluster's objectives, activities, and indicators for 2021 shared with partners.
- The Livelihood Technical Working Group (LTWG) met on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen partners participated. IOM presented their preliminary findings and guidance for future IOM interventions in Donbas (ECA/LoC). Future LTWG meetings will be announced.
- The draft revised food and cash-based transfer value and the food basket calculation have been shared with the SAG.

The quarterly dashboard reflecting achievements of FSLC response was presented.

- **CO1. Ensure immediate access to food.** The partners collectively reached 19,209 (or 18%) people in July - September out of 109,721 people targeted. The FLSC changed its target based on the revised 2020 HRP, which includes the COVID-19 target. The third quarter achievement is 26% lower than the previous quarter when 25,959 were assisted. The organisations that contributed to the response are: Proliska (23%),

HelpAge (14%), ASB (13%), IOM (13%), Emmanuel (11%), Caritas (7%), ACTED (3%), NRC (2%), PAH (1%), DRC (1%), Dorcas (less than 1%). Partners operating in NGCA contributed 9% of the food assistance in the third quarter. In-kind assistance accounts for 64%, followed by cash modality (30%) and vouchers for food (6%). Despite the number of people reached in July – September, the response gap is still significant. The lack of access to NGCA, funding, and quarantine restriction is the partners' primary challenges in the third quarter of 2020.

- **CO3. Improve access to employment and income generating opportunities.** During July – September, FSLC partners assisted **2,890** people (or 31%) out of the revised target of 9,213 people. Despite an increase in 2 times compared with achievement in January – June, the response was still below the targeted for Eastern Ukraine. Cumulatively, **3,789** beneficiaries were assisted throughout January – September 2020, or 41% of the total people targeted. FAO contributed 52% of the total number of people targeted in the third quarter of 2020, UNDP 38%, IOM 9%, and DRC 1%. Under the COVID-19 development and quarantine measures, the need to scale up activities under this response objective remains, including support to small and micro-enterprise, job creation, and life scale training to reduce the threat to vulnerable households' food security.
- No activities under CO2 -Agricultural assistance – reported in the third quarter of 2020 from the partners.

FSLC partners' operational presence map covering the period from July till September 2020 was presented:

- **CO1. Ensure immediate access to food.** 13 FSLC partners have been providing food assistance, including partners in NGCA. The concentrated most of the response in the raions close to the contact line.
- **CO3. Improve access to employment and income generating opportunities.** 4 FSLC partners have been providing livelihood support in almost all raions on GCA of Eastern Conflict Area; and IDPs in some other regions of Ukraine.

### Action points:

- FSLC partners – in case of missing data on the cluster informational products, inform the cluster team by sharing the 4W matrix at [info.ukraine@fscluster.org](mailto:info.ukraine@fscluster.org)
- FSLC team – to publish dashboard and partner presence map on the webpage.
- The next regular 4W data collection from the partners covering Q4 2020 will be submitted in early January 2021.

## 3. Update on the ongoing HNO/HRP process

HNO process update:

- The estimated number of people in need for 2021 HNO is 1.5 million people, of which 6% are IDPs, 21% reside in Donetska GCA, 8% - in Luhanska GCA, 43% - in Donetska

NGCA, 22% - in Luhanska NGCA. The most severe needs were identified in Donetska NGCA, Luhanska NGCA, and the 5 km zone along the contact line.

- The key humanitarian needs remain similar as in 2020, however with consideration of COVID-19 consequences:
  - Ensure immediate access to food for the most vulnerable people affected by conflict or COVID-19.
  - Improve food security through the provision of emergency and time-critical agriculture assistance.
- Enhance the resilience of vulnerable people affected by conflict or COVID-19 by restoring non-agriculture livelihood and promoting resilience to shocks (including wildfire, unemployment, higher prices, and other hazards).
- The preliminary FSLC numbers of people targeted with humanitarian assistance are access to food - 210,700 people (most of the need for CO1 is in NGCA), agricultural assistance - 90,500, livelihood support - 157,900 people.

### Action points:

- FSL Cluster partners—to submit online 2021 HRP projects by Nov. 3rd, consult with the cluster if you need clarification and advice to review the draft.
- FSLC team—to hold Cluster Review Committee involving some partners to project revision process.

## 4. Updates from partners / AOBs

### Updates from partners

- **NRC.** is implementing a project, and it will extend the coverage next year, including training on modalities, consultancy, and community-based projects to restore livelihood infrastructure.
- **FAO.** Livestock fodder distribution along the 'contact line.' The overall target is 1,800 rural households.
- **ACTED.** Beneficiary selection completed. The assistance distribution will cover five months with the amount of UAH 825.
- **OCHA** (Kramatorsk). Update on the situation in the observation facility in Hostre (Donetska GCA). The number of people being under observation considerably reduced (about 3 persons on average on Monday and Friday). Unfortunately, the time of staying under observation extended from 8 to 10 days on average. Food assistance provided by FSLC partners would be sufficient until the end of November, and other partners will reprogrammed funds to cover the needs until December.

### Other update

- **ICRC.**
  - *GCA Luhansk and Donetsk region.* Ongoing implementation of Livelihood Projects, including micro-economic initiatives at HH level in Novoaidar district, Popasna district, Stanitsa Luhanska district, Mariinskiy district, Volnovakskiy district, Yasunyvatkiy district, Toretskiy district, Bakhmutskiy district, and Avdiivka city.
  - *GCA Luhansk regions.* Households victims of fire are being assisted. Distribution of polycarbonate greenhouses in Popasna, Zolote 3,4, Orikhove, Katerynivka villages.
  - *NGCA, Donetsk region*-distribution of FP, broilers & layers, animal feed, grinders, drip irrigation systems, and greenhouses. Started implementing livelihood income-generating project in in-kind modality.
  - *NGCA, Luhansk region.* Distribution of polycarbonate greenhouses, fertilizers, seeds, irrigation systems, water tanks, greenhouse tools.

### Action points:

- The next Cluster meeting is tentatively scheduled for **November 26, 2020** beginning at **15:00**.

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### PARTICIPANT LIST:

21 participants represented 17 institutions attended the FSLC monthly meeting. The institutions include NGOs, government and international organizations, including UN agencies.

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