

MINUTES OF THE ABUJA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING (Teleconference)

Location: Teleconference

Date: 15 September 2020

Time: 10:05am – 11:20am

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions (5 min)
2. Essential Needs Assessment (ENA), Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) and Crop Type Mapping in BAY States By WFP (15 min)
3. Sector updates (15 min)
 - Updates from the four active FSS COVID-19 related taskforces (Food Assistance, Agricultural Livelihoods, CH, Hard To Reach Areas)
 - Other Sector Updates
4. Partner updates (10 min)
 - Government stakeholders (MoA, NEDC, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, NCFRMI, etc.)
 - Others
5. AOB (5 min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. WFP to share the Essential Needs Assessment (ENA) and Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) when complete.

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions The meeting was opened by the Chair and followed by self-introductions By WFP (15 min)	
2	Essential Needs Assessment (ENA), Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) and Crop Type Mapping in BAY States Background & Justification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assessments will be done while taking into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions; • Face to Face assessments still necessary despite opportunities of remote data collection (mobile-based surveys – scale/depth/breadth difficult with remote approaches); • Exploration of innovative approaches to complement ongoing efforts to generate data from inaccessible areas; • This is part of the criticality of information required in Q4 of the year to feed into the Cadre Harmonize analysis and ultimately the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)/Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for 2021 • Total sample size: 14,048 • States to be covered by the assessments: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states • Timeline of assessment: Between 17th September to 25th October COVID-19 Mitigation and some of the control measures to be followed in doing the assessments	WFP to share assessment report, when done.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training arrangements: Temperature screening, well-spaced sitting, modified catering arrangements (takeaway packs) & dedicated COVID sensitization and orientation; • Personal Protective Equipment/Office Hygiene Items: Provision of PPE/OHIs (nose masks, sanitizers, thermometer) to enumerators & supervisors; • Vulnerable Groups: Enumerators must not have underlying health issues & recommended to be 40 years and below, disclosure form to signed in effect; • Field Transportation Arrangements & Data Collection: Increased transport allowance to promote COVID compliant travelling arrangements, well-spaced outdoor interviewing, detailed documentation of interviewee for ease of contact tracing etc.; • Coordination with Health Authorities: Engagement with state level NCDC to enhance referral pathway for symptoms or ill health during training & data collection. 	
3	<p>Sector updates (15 min)</p> <p><u>FSS Food Assistance Taskforce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSS meetings including the four COVID taskforces for FSS will continue through teleconference. • Can urban food insecure HHs still cover the 30% of their own food needs? HEA report in progress • Protection Sector reviewing the Per Capita And Household Approaches to map the risks and respective prevention/mitigation actions and referral pathway at the different program cycle stages – Ongoing <p><u>FSS Food Assistance Taskforce - Advocacy Note: Change of Transfer Values for Food Assistance – September 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria's annual inflation rate surged for an eleventh straight month to 12.82% in July of 2020 from 12.56% in the prior month. • Several partners indicated significant price increases. In Maiduguri for instance, the Save The Children monthly monitoring indicated that the cost of MEB increased by about 47% between March and August 2020 (Pre and Post COVID). <p><u>Recommendation by the Food Assistance Taskforce</u></p> <p>The increase in Transfer Value is recommended by the Food Security Sector Food Assistance Taskforce (COVID-19) for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To guarantee beneficiary access to the necessary daily food requirements 2. This will also allow partners to calmly monitor the prices without the panic. 3. Despite harvests expected to start around October, it is less likely the cost of food prices will immediately significantly drop (macro economic issues, floods, earlier challenges posed by COVID-19 such as late planting, etc) All this will be confirmed by the final post-harvest reports that will be released by partners. 4. Other key input prices for crop production such as fuel and fertilizer costs have been on the increase as well affecting up coming seasons. <p><u>Going Forward</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Security Sector Food Assistance Taskforce (COVID-19) through monitoring of prices recommended to update the transfer values of respective partners in Maiduguri Metropolitan 	

Council (MMC) to 5,310 Naira and 3,717 Naira as the 100% and 70% per capita values respectively.

2. For LGAs around Maiduguri and the deep field LGAs where food assistance is provided through Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA), and market price monitoring indicates that the Per Capita values are lower than MMC above, the transfer values in those respective LGAs will be brought up to the same level as MMC (5,310 Naira and 3,717 Naira as the 100% and 70% per capita value).
3. For areas where partners monitor and notice a higher MEB than MMC, then the higher MEB will be reviewed and maintained at that value higher than MMC to ensure access to food by the vulnerable households.
4. Partners are encouraged to ensure sensitization with all beneficiaries about the increase in Transfer Value. Price monitoring will continue by partners and if there is any significant change drop or increase in prices, again partners will review and make the change transfer values accordingly.
5. Partners will include fuel for cooking either in-kind or 2,000 Naira per month in addition to the food basket above.

Change of Calculation of Per Capita Transfer Value of Household (HH) sizes 1 -3 (Per Capita) ONLY

Going forward, the Food Security Sector confirms that from 03 September 2020, the calculation of the Transfer Value for the Per Capita Approach will be as below:

1. Households of 1-3 members; Transfer Value to be calculated based on a Cap (Ceiling) of HH 3 as the Per Capita Transfer Value for HH sizes 1,2 & 3.
2. Households of 4-8 members; Transfer Value to be calculated based on actual number of Households members
3. Households of 8+; Transfer Value to be calculated based on a Households of 8 members.

FSS Remote Price Monitoring Taskforce (Taskforce Meeting on Tuesday 11 August)

- Change in Transfer Value already captured above under Food Assistance Taskforce
- Partners to continue food price monitoring in respective LGAs.

Operational updates

- Federal Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Hon Hajjia Sadiya Umar Farouq visited the North East to assess the situation
- FSS NGO Co-Lead Partner Organization Northeast Nigeria -> Final ToR for advert for the position reviewed
- NHF SRC: One partner contract signed and second yet to be signed next week.
- Desert Locust situation update: The situation is calm and risk still very low for North East Nigeria.
- Food gaps in informal settlements in MMC/Jere: About 40,000 individuals are in documented informal settlements and another unconfirmed number in undocumented settlements – Share list of camps.
- Inaccessible Taskforce: Data Collection Ongoing – Thank you to the 11 Volunteer partners supporting the whole process of data collection.

Detailed breakdown for understanding of Gap Analysis as at July 2020 products

About 4.3 million are in need of food assistance in accessible areas + Hard to Reach areas (inaccessible), of which only 3.6 million are targeted also for Agricultural Livelihoods due to limited land access.

	<p>There is an estimated 1.2 million in hard to reach areas.</p> <p>The <u>total 3.1 million who were assisted</u> as reported in July 2020 is a total of <u>Emergency Food Assistance (1.4 million) + Agricultural Livelihoods Support (1.7 million)</u>. The Agricultural Livelihoods figure is cumulative since January 2020, with the highest numbers coming in from the rain season crop support that partners provided).</p> <p>Therefore, this implies that the specific gaps are as follows:</p> <p>a) Emergency Food Assistance: The gap is 4.3m (target) – 1.4m provided Food Assistance in July = 2.9 million gap in the <u>accessible areas + Hard to Reach areas</u>. There is an estimated 1.2 million in hard to reach areas, hence gap for Emergency Food Assistance in accessible areas is about 1.7 million people in the BAY states.</p> <p>b) Agricultural Livelihoods: The gap is 3.6m (target) – 1.7m provided Agricultural Livelihoods (since January) = 1.9 million gap in <u>accessible areas + Hard to Reach areas</u>. There is an estimated 1.2 million in hard to reach areas, hence gap for Agricultural Livelihoods in accessible areas is about 0.7 million people in the BAY states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSS and WASH/CCCM/Protection partner coordination: Continue to ensure complementary delivery of hygiene services and messaging at FSS activities especially distributions. Crowd Control, General Protection issues, Child Protection, GBV, Feedback Mechanism, Vulnerable groups, etc • HPC 2021 process ongoing with targets of HNO – October and HRP - November • Returns Taskforce: 16 locations have been preliminarily identified for returns by the state government of Borno. We are waiting for more feedback on this. OCHA and the rest of stakeholders to follow up with the state authorities and share feedback. • REACH finalizing the SAFE severity scores for the MSNA: Data collection due this September to feed into October CH. • Food gaps in some areas locations. However, this is being coordinated – Access (Road and Security) plus pipeline breaks. 	
6	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting will be Borno FSS Meeting • Date To be Communicated 	
7	<p>CLOSING:</p>	

IN ATTENDANCE: 28 partners were in attendance - 46 individuals (09 Females & 37 Males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NNGOs
1. WFP	2. REACH	3. FINDEF
4. FAO	5. IRC	6. PALRI
7. Agric Council of Nigeria	8. SCI	9. IDS
10. WFP	11. MC	12. CBM
13. UNFPA	14. CRS	15. SALIENT
16. UNDP	17. NRC	18. HERWA
19. NPFS	20. DRC	21. HOPE 360
22. UNBS	23. IDEA	
24. FEWSNET		

25. USAID		
26. Belgian Embassy		
27. State CH Focal Points (Government)		
28. ICRC		