COVID-19: CH FOOD SECURITY MONITORING TASKFORCE

MINUTES OF 4th PLENARY MEETING

Date: 04 July 2020
Time: 10:00 pm to

Attendance

1. Rumbi, Precious – FAO
2. Olatunji, Ifeoma, Adeyinka – WFP
3. Jessica – REACH
4. Leslie – FSS
5. Bishop – NBS
6. Chinedu Anayaegbu - FEWSNET
7. CH State Coordinators (Borno – Samuel, Adamawa – Bayaso, Yobe – Mayintab,
8. Anthony Amu, Okorie Agwu, Nkechinyere Ike, Bulama Dauda– NPFS/FMARD
10. Rakiya Idris
11. Suleikha
12. Naindouba
13. Isa FEWSNET
14. Traore Sy Martial
15. Princess Nwaneke
16. Esther Ladan - NAERLS, ZARIA

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Round of introduction
3. Updates on progress
4. AOB

Remarks from the Chair

- Welcome remarks from the chair
- This round of March 2020 CH update has not been easy with the virtual process,
  hence taking more time than usual
- Thanks to all the partners for their patience and understanding during this process
The Chair Mr. Amu Anthony then handed over meeting to the regional partners for their leadership in meeting and technical guidance led by Dr. Baoua

**Progress as reported by participants**

**Dr Boua**

- Received inputs from Borno and Yobe analysis outcomes. Mr. Okorie also confirmed that they have submitted Adamawa inputs this early morning.

**Kano**

- There is a drastic change in the situation
- They used the Mvam data to arrive to the current projections.
- Kano Central most affected
- Kano team to review the figures together.

**Discussions.**

Participants mentioned that the 3 million people increased in need in Kano may not be realistic against the data available. Therefore, the Kano team was asked to go back and review the data before coming back to fix it.

Meeting was adjourned to 5 pm same day for Kano team to review their data.

**Second round of review by Kano team from 5 pm**

- No LGA categorized in Phase 5 or 4.
- Kano Central is the most affected since the lockdown hindered their livelihoods and food access
- Overall, the current updated people in need figure is about 1.858 million from 662,698 from the March 2020 CH projections. This indicates an increase of about 1.195 million.
- A Kano team member mentioned that members should also consider that the population in Kano is about 15 million.
- Kano team has also been asked to be sure that they are not using COVID-19 cases as a reason to increase numbers and ensure that the they are updating the numbers based on the effects of the lockdown on food security and livelihoods related issues. On this note, partners mentioned that Kano is a food basket and having Kano Central in Phase 3 seems too high.

**Yobe**

- 17 LGAs in Yobe state analyzed
- 5 LGAs have been categorized as Phase 2 and 12 in Phase 3. This is the same as March 2020 Projections. A lot of people using coping strategies though.
- The Updated version of the July has increased to about 1.2 million with an increase of about 140,000 people from March analysis as a result of COVID-19

Discussions

- Nguru should be increased because it faced a lot of impact of COVID-19
- A participant asked if Yobe team had considered the impact of COVID-19 in urban areas. Based on this, Yobe team was recommended to review the Damaturu figures because food prices increased significantly as a result of the lockdown.
- Since contributing factors are showing more towards negative, Damaturu and Nguru should be in the next phase and not as currently indicated.
- Yobe team was advised that during the review, they may not necessarily change the phases of the LGAs but at least adjust population.

Borno (By Bulama)

- Thanked all partners who took part in the process.
- Out of 27 LGAs, 25 analyzed in this round of update of the March 2020 CH analysis, except Abadam and Marte due to no new absence of indicators and the contributing factors available to not justify an update. Hence, March 2020 results will be maintained.
- No LGA recorded in phase 1, 9 LGAs in phase 2, 11 LGAs in phase 3, 7 LGAs in phase 4 and none in Phase 5 – No change in phase levels.
- Population in phase 3 to 5 increased from 1.843 million to 2.062 million from march Update to July Update

Discussions

- Participants mentioned that there should be a little more shift of more people from phase 3 to 4 especially given that the urban areas were significantly affected
- Participants also recommended that Kukawa should have been in phase 4
- Participants also mentioned that the data on some of the partially inaccessible populations seem not to have been considered significantly. A Borno team member mentioned that the impact of some of the issues such as insecurity in Kukawa have previously been there, hence the change in situation is not as a result of COVID-19. However, plenary session will be recalled for Borno team to review the inputs. The impact of COVID-19 seems strong in MMC, Jere, Biu among some of the few areas. Farming is reportedly to have gone back to almost normal. In Northern Borno the insecurity situation has remained the same, hence no big change as a result of COVID-19. However, all these to be reviewed by the team
- Borno team to make final adjustments and reshare.

Adamawa
Increase of about 15.5% percent from March 2020 CH results showing an increase from about 680,347.

Discussions

Partners wanted to understand why LGAs such as Gombe, Yola North and South appear to be doing better now than before March 2020 CH Analysis, yet some of these are urban areas which are affected more by COVID-19. The Adamawa team mentioned that some of these parts such as Gombe got assistance from the NEDC. However, it was mentioned that the assistance should be confirmed whether this is a one-off or will be continuous. If it is a one-off, then it may not be significantly included because in the medium term, the gap would still come back.

Additionally, the Adamawa team was also advised to take into consideration how many people are covered by the assistance in relation to the general population. However, the inputs will be discussed with the rest of the team.

Mubi North and South were affected by lockdown and markets up to now have not recovered from closure.

Action Points

- Kano to significantly review data, phase classification and population estimates. Other states to make reviews as well and submit before Monday.

Adjournment

- Meeting temporarily adjourned to 5pm Nigeria time today to review Kano data.
- Meeting adjourned to Monday 06 July 2020 at 2pm