

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING – NWSW Regions

Location: ONLINE Meeting

Date: 12 January 2021

Time: 10:00am – 11:50am

PARTICIPANTS

41 individuals from 22 Organizations in attendance;

ORGANIZATIONS		
AFRINET	CRS	WARDA
AHA	DEMTOU	WFP NWSW & Yaounde
AIRD Buea	DRC	
Belinda Babila Foundation	FAO	
Caritas Bamenda	FEWSNET NWSW & Yaounde	
Caritas Kumba	Hope for a Better Future	
CEFORA	ICRC	
CHAMEG	INTERSOS	
Change Care Foundation	NRC	
COMINSUD	SHUMAS	

AGENDA

1. Introductions (5mins)
2. Review of action points and approval of previous minutes (5mins)
3. Market Study (Lessons learned, Challenges...) – IRC (15mins)
4. Food Security Update – FEWSNET (20mins)
5. Partners Updates (20mins)
6. Cluster Updates(HRP 2021, FSC Strategy 2021, IM, SAG, Mini Coordination....) (20mins)
7. AOB (5mins)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FSC Coordinator to follow up with WFP on related action points that are pending.
2. WFP to do presentation on market monitoring in next meeting.
3. FSC to share a document on the methodology for the market monitoring.
4. FEWSNET to share its products with FSC to for onward dissemination to cluster members.
5. TOR for mini-coordination group is being drafted and will be discussed at the SAG and MCG meetings then seek relevant partner inputs before validation in February.

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The FSC Coordinator chaired the meeting, which started at 10:08am; He welcomed all the partners, apologized by a long time without meetings held then presented the meeting agenda, which was adopted.</p>	

2	<p>Review of action points and approval of previous minutes</p> <p>The FSC co-coordinator presented previous meeting action points and pending points were carried over after which the meeting minutes was approved.</p>	<p>FSC Coordinator to follow up with WFP on related action points that are pending.</p> <p>WFP to do presentation on market monitoring in next meeting</p> <p>FSC to share a document on the methodology for the market monitoring</p>
3	<p>Market Study by IRC</p> <p>IRC was not present at the meeting so presentation was not given.</p>	
4	<p>Food Security Updates by FEWSNET</p> <p>A presentation was made by FEWSNET on the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief presentation of FEWS NET • FEWS NET Analytical Approach • Focus on the North West and South West regions: Livelihood zone CM09 • FEWS NET’S activities in the NWSW • Key Message and current Food Security outcome for NWSW • Key assumptions and projected food security outcomes • Other areas of concern and FEWS NET upcoming activities <p>You may also refer to the full presentation on the FSC website.</p>	<p>FEWSNET to share its products with FSC to for onward dissemination to cluster members</p>
5	<p>Partner Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FAO</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO continues to engage in monitoring of its 824 poultry units in the NWSW and home gardening beneficiaries in 6 division across the NWSW regions where 325 home gardening units and 300 poultry units are in NW while 524 poultry units and 625 home gardening units are in the SW. • Daily harvest of about 200,000 eggs in December by the beneficiaries. • FAO with MINADER are currently planning a value chain study for Tomatoes and Chili pepper in Littoral regions respectively. • <u>DRC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will commence its first transfer to beneficiaries this January. • <u>SHUMAS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided microcredits to 30 women’s groups at 300 000frs/group with a minimal interest to be repaid in 6 months 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CRS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov, Dec in 3,916 HH in Bamenda I, Bamenda II, Bamenda III, & Santa subdivisions • Did On site monitoring after every distribution and some prominent results show that 95% of the respondents reported that vendors had all what they needed to buy • A PDM was conducted in December and 73% of the respondents reported that they prefer E-voucher to other forms cash modalities .93.7%,93.4%&92% of beneficiaries were buying Rice,beans and vegetable oil respectively indicating the nutritional preferences • 73.2% of complains were received through phone calls showing the preferred channel of feed back to complain committees ,help desk ,sms and whatsapp • In perspectives, the 6th and last distribution will be made this January given that the project has to end in March 2021. • <u>WFP NW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP continues to support its beneficiaries through the food assistance programme with COMINSUD, Caritas-Bamenda and LUKMEF. • Renewed contracts with LUKMEF, Intersos, COMINSUD and CARITAS Bamenda • <u>WFP SW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to carry out targeting in 2021 .Reviewing proposals for 2021 and selecting partners for 2021 on going • Assisting people affected by COVID since August. Value 5000/individual • Planning distribution for Jan 	
6	Cluster Updates (HRP 2021, FSC Strategy, 2021, IM Updates, SAG, Mini-Coordination, Cadre Harmonise)	TOR for mini-coordination group is being drafted and will be discussed at the SAG and MCG meetings then seek partner inputs before validation in February.

FSC Strategy 2021

FSC NWSW Objective:

- To ensure a more coherent and effective humanitarian response by mobilizing groups of agencies, organizations and NGOs to respond in a strategic manner across the Food Security sector;

Key fact and Figures NWSW including (Center, Littoral and West Regions):

- 24 Partners in HRP 2021
- 419,000 – Target
- \$60.8M Required

Cluster Objectives:

- **SO1** - Provide unconditional food, cash transfers to IDPs and local vulnerable population.
- **SO2** - provide assistance to IDPs and host population to improve their food and nutrition security through agricultural livestock and fishery support (small ruminant, local poultry, table birds, piggery, fishery and agriculture).
- **SO3** - Conduct food security assessments (CH, mVAM, FSMS, JAM, Multisector, ENSAN) to support and reinforce humanitarian planning the Nexus Humanitarian-Development and Peace.

- **HRP Updates**

- 24partners presented projects
- 416 000 people targeted
- \$60.8M required

- **Food security strategy for 2021**

- Coordination -OCHA ICC platform ,FSC monthly meetings, technical working groups.
- Inter-cluster coordination with Nutrition cluster, discussions are ongoing to develop a joint action plan.

- **Information management**

- Monthly development of information products, you can always find these products and other relevant documents [here](#).
- Planning a 5Ws training in March 2021.
- A web-based dynamic information product is planned for and will be shared after discussions are finalized with support from the gFSC.

- **Advocacy and Relations**

- FSC is working on developing advocacy materials that to further improve the communication strategy and hopefully capture the attention of donors in 2021.

- **Standardization**

- To ensure harmonization across the FSC response in NWSW, the FSC continues to coordinate the FATWG, ALTWG to support in the development of harmonization documents to better inform partners in the field.
- In order to also keep in check potential duplication, the FSC will establish the first mini-coordination group in Mezam division as it has a high concentration of partner presence, the aim of the group will be to

	<p>share vital information and identify target areas of each other to avoid duplication of efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The FSC will continue to support related assessments with information gathering and sharing with technical contributions and training of enumerators where required. • Cadre Harmonise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are usually 2 cycles of the CH analysis and the next one is planned for in March 2021. Further details will be shared with the FSC members. • Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SAG will continue to hold its regular monthly meetings and on ad-hoc basis as needed. ○ The TOR for this group is being finalized and will be validated at the next SAG meeting. ○ FEWSNET has also agreed to be an observer in the group. • Mini coordination Group(MCG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will be set up with the aim of providing more focused coordination platform for certain areas to reduce existing and potential duplication ○ The group will be established in hotspot areas first (Mezam and Fako divisions) ○ TOR of the MCG will be discussed in SAG meeting this month and the MCG meeting in Bamenda, the FSC aims to finalize the TOR in February and share with partners in relevant Divisions. 	
7	<p>AOB Closing & adjournment; The meeting ended by 11:50am and the meeting was adjourned to 16th February 2021, which will be duly communicated. Partners were also reminded on the FATWG and ALTWG meetings, which are scheduled in a few days. The FSC coordinator suggested that meetings duration is reviewed back to 2hrs to allow time for detailed discussions.</p>	