

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING – NWSW Regions

Location: ONLINE Meeting

Date: 06 July 2021

Time: 10:00am – 11:40am

PARTICIPANTS

37 individuals from 26 organizations in attendance.

ORGANIZATIONS		
AFRINET	FAO	SasDev
AMEF	FEWS NET	Sharon Jone Foundation
CAFEDO	FGI	SHUMAS
Caritas Kumba	ICRC	SUDAHSER
CEFORA	IRC	WARDA
COHESODEC	MINADER	WFP
CRS	Nascents Solution	
DEMTOU	NRC	
DRC	Plan International	
EPDA	RADA	

AGENDA

1. Introductions (5mins)
2. Review of action points and approval of previous minutes (5mins)
3. Protection mainstreaming (way forward...) Diana/IRC (10mins)
4. Cash Based Intervention NWSW – Dillan/WFP (10 mins)
5. Cluster Updates (IM, Food Package guidance, CBT Update...) (10mins)
6. Partner Updates (20mins)
7. AOB (5mins)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FSC to share Protection assessment tool upon finalization with the Protection Cluster
2. FSC to share recent information management products for June 2021.
3. FSC to compile food basket from partners and discuss at the next FATWG for a harmonized food basket by scenarios.
4. FSC to share the food basket guide once finalized.

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	Introduction The FSC Coordinator chaired the meeting, which started at 10:07am; He welcomed all the partners, and then presented the meeting agenda, which was adopted.	
2	Review of action points and approval of previous minutes The FSC coordinator introduced Evaristus who represents the NRC, the new NGO Co-chair for the Food Security Cluster. Evaristus presented previous actions points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to share World Food Safety Day presentation: DONE. • FSC to share meeting plan for July-December 2021: DONE. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSC to share MCG TOR with partners in Fako: It was found that there are now only 4 partners operating in Fako Division and thus, because the partners are very few, the need for activating the MCG is on hold. <p>The FSC coordinator explained the purpose of MCG in areas where we have a high number of operational partners. Some of those objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ease the sharing of sensitive information Much better collaboration at field level Coordinate at a very low level to see who is where and to avoid duplication of activities. <p>The meeting minutes was then approved and adopted.</p>	
3	<p>Protection mainstreaming (way forward...)</p> <p>The FSC Coordinator introduced Diana from IRC representing the protection cluster. A protection mainstreaming training was organized by IRC in collaboration with UNHCR through the protection cluster. It consisted of 01 theoretical part and 02 practical parts. One of the outcomes of the practical part of the training is the design of a Score Card, for the purpose of measuring the safety and inclusion of a program that is executed. This tool is based on score that are either 0 (not implemented), 0.5 (partially implemented) or 1 (totally implemented). It is constituted of 03 pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety DNH Inclusive Access Accountability and Participation <p>The FCS Coordinator also mention the Assessment Tool which is in the form of a questionnaire to measure how well the process of implementing protection activities is done in the organizations.</p>	<p>FSC to share Protection assessment tool upon finalization with the Protection Cluster</p>
4	<p>Cash Based Intervention NWSW – WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBT Activities challenges and recommendations in the NWSW 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coverage: The CBT is conducted simultaneously both in Northwest (Mezam, Momo, Ngo-ketunjia, and Bui Division) and in Southwest (Fako and Meme Division). This program, that is still ongoing, started in September 2020 and has a target of 9,900 household affected by Covid-19. Its case load is 49,326 individuals, 33,294 women and 16,032 men, the transfer value is 5,000 XAF / pers / month – max of 05 persons per HH and the transfer mechanism is direct cash through Western Union. Achievements: 97-98% of its total case load is reached monthly in NWSW cumulatively. Challenges: Funding constraint, increasing number of persons affected by Covid, regular lockdowns and ghost towns (especially in Ngo-ketunjia and Ndonga Mentum) and some beneficiaries has damaged identification documents. Way forward: Reduced transfer value so all beneficiaries can be paid and return to normal ration once funds are available, consensus of FSC to harmonize protocols in the face of insufficient funding requested from donors. <p>The full presentation can be found here.</p>	<p>FSC to share the Presentation</p>

5 Cluster Updates (IM, Food Package guidance, CBT Update...)

- **Information Management Update (as of May 2021):** 20 partners collectively provided both food, agriculture and livelihoods assistance to 323,034 people which represent 80% of the people targeted.
 - **North West:** 237,690 people were assisted by 13 partners with both food, agriculture and livelihoods. We have 204,318 people (86%) receiving food assistance through In Kind Food distribution, 22,853 people (10%) receiving food items through cash and voucher, 9,770 people (4%) receiving in-kind assistance through home gardening or grants and 749 people (0.3%) receiving assistance through cash/voucher. For Food Assistance, 124,924 beneficiaries (53%) where IDPs and 102,247 (43%) where non IDPs while for Agriculture and livelihood, 8,159 beneficiaries (3%) where IDPs and 2,360 beneficiaries (1%) where non IDPs.
 - **South West:** 85,844 people were assisted by 8 partners with both food, agriculture and livelihoods. We had here 55,000 people (64%) receiving food assistance through In Kind Food distribution, 29,400 people (35%) receiving food items through cash and voucher, 560 people (0.7%) receiving in-kind assistance through home gardening or grants and 384 people (0.4%) receiving assistance through cash/voucher. For Food Assistance, 55,000 beneficiaries (64%) where IDPs and 29,400 (35%) where non IDPs while for Agriculture and livelihood, all the 944 beneficiaries (1%) where IDPs.

- **Food package guidance**

Because of funding shortages among organizations, the FSC proposed to the partners need for an agreeable food basket composition based on the different scenarios (ideal situation, funding shortage, commodity unavailability etc...) as this will allow for a unified approach in dealing with such issues. Therefore, a draft sample of what is required of partners to share was presented.

- Scenarios for the composition of the food basket, for the distribution of in-Kind food assistance, in the event of an unforeseen shortage.

The agreeable transfer amount / quantity of food item that should be giving to maintain the same number of beneficiaries.

Individual Daily Rations in Kilograms = 30 Days						
Scenarios	%	Rice	Pulses	Vegetable Oil	Salt	Total
Scenario 1 - Ideal	100%	10.5	4.5	1.05	0.15	16.2
Scenario 2 – Pipeline shortage	70%???	7.35	3.15	0.735	0.105	11.34

- **Suggestion:** A Scenario 03 with a target of 1250 Kcal (50% ratio) was proposed and the addition of a new column displaying Kilo Calories indicators so that recipients receive what is available instead of delaying the assistance due to lack of a food commodity.

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- **CBT Update**

Following an ad-hoc meeting by the CWG, the FSC coordinator presented to partners the recommendations by the members of the CWG;

- MEB is produced to serve as reference document to guide all actors when implementing cash or voucher related activities.
- Humanitarian actors should provide transfers values that covers the whole food gap (100%)
- The food gap identified through MEB exercise of September 2020 is 9,300 XAF per person per month for IDPs and 7,900 XAF per person per month for host families. A household is considered here with 06 members.
- The transfer values should be harmonized amongst the partners to avoid the double treatment of beneficiaries which could result in tensions and potential risks.
- **Suggestion:** Organizations should make sure beneficiaries understand why they are receiving a particular assistance and how this assistance will be given. This shows the need of AAP in the implementation to avoid any tensions by the beneficiaries.

Partners Updates

- WFP NW

- Ongoing vulnerability targeting exercise in the North West in 03 subdivisions
- This started the 05th of July and will end the 27th of July.
- The purpose of this targeting is to resolve the issue of beneficiary selection and update the last targeting report (done in 2019) where some of the beneficiaries who had moved were no longer been included in the assistance.

- WFP SW

- WFP is conducting some targeting exercises in Limbe and is made aware of some cash-based assistance ongoing in the location so will like to notify the FSC for possible collaboration with the organizations to avoid duplication.

- SHUMAS

- Completed the food distribution (carried with WFP) in Mbui division, Donga-Mantung.
- Food distribution in Bamenda 3, one off distribution, targeted 60 females headed household.
- Training women on basic numeracy and literacy in Massa
- Training 43 youths on vegetable farming in Menchum
- Training 40 youths on integrated livestock farming in Bamenda 3.
- **Challenge:** Issue of both existing beneficiaries and those profiled comes to the distribution point despite of the sensitization.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NRC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For 1 month, 523 of beneficiaries of food assistance through e-Voucher were trained in Bamenda 3. ▪ For 1 month, 348 beneficiaries of income generating activities were trained on business skills in Bamenda 3. ▪ Trained 207 persons in Bamenda 3 on agricultural techniques. ▪ Trained 60 persons in 02 communities in Bamenda 3 on livestock techniques. They received agricultural support and livestock support respectively. ▪ In July, Plan to do profiling in targeted communities in Tuba for 375 household for food support and a profiling in Fako for food assistance for 300 household. • <u>IRC:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of beneficiaries on voucher programing in Meme division ▪ Distributed voucher to 150 households from kombone town, giving a total of 498 individuals reached with food assistance in Meme. ▪ Training of 150 household in Ndian (from the community of Bekora) and Ekondo Titi, voucher distributed, retention monitoring was done in vendors shop and a total of 792 individuals that were assisted. ▪ Total assistance of 300 household with food voucher and 1,290 individuals for the month of June for Meme and early July for Ndian. • <u>FAO :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project on peri urban market gardening covering the South West and a part of Littoral. ▪ 05 days training of 24 facilitators in the South West on agricultural practices. The same training is conducted in littoral for 24 others facilitors who will help to implement the project in both regions. • <u>CRS :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food distribution through e-Voucher to partipants in Santa, Bamenda 1,2,3, Batibo and Bafut • <u>MINADER-SW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of 1million improved cocoa seedlings in the whole of south west region ▪ Reduced prices for planting materials and small farm tools at AIVDP, for farmers in the Region. • <u>AFRINET</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End of the 06-month micro project on building livelihood skills for income generating through training a total of 71 IDPs on poultry farming and empowerment. ▪ Donation of 15 chicks and feeding materials to 71 IDPs in the target communities in Bangem ▪ Monitoring the development of beneficiary’s home poultry farms 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identified 50 women/potential beneficiaries in Bangem who suffered of post-harvest lost. They will receive 5Kg of maize seeds each, in August 2021 for planting as assistance. The same activity was done in Kupe-Manenguba Division. 	
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>The FSC Coordinator reminded the partners of the next meetings to be held in the coming weeks/month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FATWG – Tuesday 15th July 2021 • ALTWG – Friday 16th July 2021 • Next FSCC – Tuesday 10th August 2021 <p>Closing & adjournment.</p> <p>The meeting ended by 11:40 am and the meeting was adjourned to 10th August 2021.</p>	