

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING – NWSW Regions

Location: ONLINE Meeting

Date: 10 August 2021

Time: 10:00am – 11:40am

PARTICIPANTS

42 individuals from 26 organizations in attendance.

ORGANIZATIONS		
AFRINET	GACARO	SHARON JONES FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION
CAFEDO	H4BF	SHUMAS
COMINSUD	INTERSOS	SUDAHSER
CRS	IRC	WARDA
CUAPWD	LIGHT BEARER FOUNDATION	WESAD INTERNATIONAL
DEMTOU HUMANITARIAN	NASCENT SOLUTIONS	WFP
DRC	NRC	
EPDA	PLAN INTERNATIONAL	
FAO	RADA	
FEWS NET	REACH OUT	

AGENDA

1. Introduction (5mins)
2. Review of action points and approval of previous minutes (5mins)
3. An Integrated Food Security Approach – NRC (15mins)
4. Improving Livelihoods through Cash Grant Programming – REO (15mins)
5. Cluster Updates (IM, 5Ws Training, Access and Challenges, HNO/HRP 2022 update....) (10mins)
6. Partner Updates (20mins)
7. AOB (5mins)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FSC to share the presentation on the integrated food security approach
2. FSC to share the presentation on Cash Grant Programming
3. FSC to share information management products for July 2021

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>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.</p>	
2	<p>Review of action points and approval of previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to share Protection assessment tool upon finalization with the Protection Cluster – Not Done, Awaiting final tool from protection cluster • FSC to share recent information management products for June 2021 – Done and available on the FSC website 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSC to compile food basket from partners and discuss at the next FATWG for a harmonized food basket by scenarios – Had the FATWG meeting, draft document presented, and partner inputs were compiled then shared for final inputs before adoption. Document has been shared. FSC to share the food basket guide once finalized – Done <p>The meeting minutes was then approved and adopted.</p>	
3	<p>An Integrated Food Security Approach – NRC</p> <p>NRC did a presentation on Integrated Food Security Approach, explaining the strategy currently used by them to reach and provide sufficient, appropriate and holistic food and livelihood assistance to people affected by displacement. Discussions focused on the content of their agriculture and livestock aid kit by beneficiary and on lessons learned by NRC as an organization during the implementation of this kind of approach.</p> <p>The full presentation can be found here.</p>	FSC to share the presentation on the integrated food security approach
4	<p>Improving Livelihoods through Cash Grant Programming – Reach Out</p> <p>The Head of the wealth creation department of Reach Out presented on the theme : Cash Grand Programming. She shared the experience gained by Reach out in implementing this type of program over the past 10 years in the region. Discussions were around challenges they face as an organization operating in NWSW, strategies they use to overcome these challenges, lessons learned and some of their success stories.</p> <p>The full presentation can be found here.</p>	FSC to share the presentation on Cash Grand Programming
5	<p>Cluster Updates (IM, 5Ws Training, Access and Challenges, HNO/HRP 2022 update....)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Management Update (as of June 2021): The FSC dashboard overview was presented showing the key summary of activities in June 2021. As a monthly deliverable, you can find all the 3 products (Dashboard, Partner Presence and Gap Analysis) on the FSC website 5Ws Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSC is considering providing bilateral/group 5Ws training to partners who may require this; Delivery modality is yet to be decided (online or physical), this will be determined by number of interest participants; An email will be sent to show interest Humanitarian Access and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposed lockdowns have continued to hinder the humanitarian access and reach for assistance delivery; Situation remains fragile with continued threats/abduction of aid workers; Attack on UN convoy; Increased use of IEDs; Heavy rains underway and need for close consultation with weather guidance for planning; Need for increased negotiation skills amongst organizations; In case of access challenges, do not hesitate to contact OCHA. 	FSC to share recent information management products for July 2021

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNO/HRP 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HNO/HRP season is fast approaching, timetable for the different stages is not available yet; ▪ Discussions at HCT to consider a revision to the HRP rather than a new planning; ▪ Date/timelines will be communicated once available from OCHA. 	
<p>Partners Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WFP NW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vulnerability targeting exercise in 03 subdivisions completed ▪ Plan to start food distribution in Bafut ▪ Unable to deliver the July distribution cycle to beneficiaries in Mezam (Bali, Batibo and Wedicum) because of lockdowns ▪ The situation in some areas could worsen due to new declared lockdowns in other divisions (Boyo and Kumbo) ▪ (suggestion) Negotiate a way of access as humanitarian organizations • <u>IRC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activities in Meme Division on hold because of security reasons ▪ With the first round of Voucher distribution, 150 HH (772 beneficiaries) assisted in Bekora and Kombe Balondo communities • <u>WFP SW</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Targeting exercise completed ▪ No distributions actions in the month of July due to commodity shortfall and logistics constraints. ▪ Currently providing double rations to cover the months of August and September 2021 • <u>SHUMAS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges with lockdowns in Kumbo ▪ Food Distribution in Kun (subdivision in Bui) and bot (Donga Mentung Division) ▪ Carrying out an assessment in Bui Division to support 100 vulnerable youth in integrated livestock and gardening • <u>FAO</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project support intensification in market gardening running in Douala and Buea ▪ Trained 60 facilitators in farm field school and agricultural best practices ▪ Food distribution to 48 farm fields schools in Littoral and 24 in the south west ▪ Updating partners list in Both North West and South West regions • <u>NRC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food distribution to 310 HH in NW (Bamenda 2 and Bamenda 3) ▪ Beneficiaries targeting for 375 HH in the SW 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>EPDA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50 beneficiaries of Vocational training in North West to start in October ▪ Training of potential beneficiaries in Agriculture and Livelihood activities in Penja, Bonaberie and P14 in Douala • <u>CRS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (From June to July), Food assistance to 10139 participants in Mezam and Momo division, using eVoucher • <u>Gracaro</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of 20 bags of rice to 50 households in Benakuma. ▪ Selection of 20 vulnerables women in Benakuma, trainings on the use of mobile money transactions and then distribution to those beneficiaries of corn seeds, beans send seeds and cassava stems. ▪ Selected 80 households that will receive agricultural kits at the end of the training. ▪ In Noni, rent of farms to some beneficiaries and work to facilitate the transfer of farm produces to the market • <u>H4BF</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing tools and knowledge to women in Donga Mantung to produce seasonal vegetables and crops during the year that are implemented in their homes and community parcels. • <u>DRC Buea</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the process of community engagement/needs assessment with a plan to start registration by the end of the month. • <u>Plan international</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food assistance will be provided to 25 foster parents in subsequent months 	
6	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WFP</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Cash Working Group representative encouraged partners to share CBT related activities through the 5Ws for the Q2 of 2021. <p>Closing & adjournment. The meeting ended by 11:40 am and the meeting was adjourned to 7th September 2021.</p>	