



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE Wednesday, 18 November 2020
TIME 03:30pm – 05:00pm
VENUE Online through ZOOM

AGENDA

1. Round of Introduction
2. Review of the last Cluster Meeting Minutes
3. FSC Member's Presentation (Uttaran)
4. Discussion on activation of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)
5. Food Security Assessment update FAO/WFP
6. Update from RCO lead Cyclone Amphan Response Lessons Learned
7. Update from Sphere Community Bangladesh (SCB) review
8. Draft FSC Cyclone Amphan dashboard
9. AOB
 - IPC Update
 - DFP continuation for Cyclone Amphan and Flood
 - Agriculture in Emergency (AiE)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- FSC will share the ToR of FSC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) with the FSC members.
- FSC will share a Google form with the FSC members to create a poll for nominating of the two NGOs and two INGOs as representative of SAG.
- FSC will send formal letters to the GoB for the approval to activate the SAG.
- FSC will share the draft version of the FSC Cyclone Amphan Dashboard.
- FSC members have been requested to give their updates for FSC Cyclone Amphan Dashboard.
- FSC will call an AiE first team meeting after monsoon flood response.

DISCUSSION

1. ROUND OF INTRODUCTION

FSC Cluster Coordinator a.i, Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction. FSC CC has also introduced Ms. Ajmerry Hossain, joined recently as working partner for FSC as well as FSS - Cox's Bazar.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (31.08.2020)

After reviewing the last meeting action points, the **previous meeting minutes was endorsed by all.**

Action points	Focal point/agency	Status
FSC will share the HCTT Monsoon Flood Response Plan with the FS members	FSC Team	Done

FSC Members to update 4W matrix every Thursday	FSC members	Done
FSC will follow up the responses through direct communication with the agencies	FSC Team	Done
FSC CC Mr. Rony, Dr. Ikram and Mr. Iqbal will support the district level coordination	FSC Team	On going
FSC will work on making a bulletin/dashboard for monsoon flood and Cyclone response	FSC Team	On going
FSC will initiate the Food Security Cluster Analysis for COVID-19 from November	FSC Team	Pending
FSC will call an AiE first team meeting after monsoon flood	FSC Team	Pending

3. FSC MEMBER'S PRESENTATION (UTTARAN)

In the process of emphasizing on localization, FSC has decided to have inputs from the local NGOs in every monthly meeting.

In this FSC meeting, Uttaran has been given the opportunity and so Mr. Jahin Shams from Uttaran has presented about Uttaran in front of FSC members. Mr. Shams have introduced Uttaran and shared their vision, mission and working areas. He also shared their previous and current programs, humanitarian responses especially Cyclone Amphan and post-cyclone flood response and the lessons learned for future responses. Besides, a documentary video on Cyclone Amphan and post-cyclone flood made by Uttaran has been showed after the presentation.

Peter Agnew from FAO has praised this segment by FSC as localization component and thanked Mr. Shams for this excellent presentation. He also said that this could be a great leaning for everyone and expressed his interest to have this kind of participation from other NGOs in future.

4. DISCUSSION ON ACTIVATION OF THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)

FSC CC has said that the ToR for FSC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) was shared and approved in the last meeting. He made a brief on Strategic Advisory Group and necessity of this platform. And as per agreement there will be representatives from several ministries of GoB and one representative from RCRC movement with two representatives from NGOs and two representatives from INGOs for the SAG. This platform will support the FSC, which is co-lead by FAO and WFP. FSC CC said that the formal letters will be sent to GoB for the approval to activate the SAG.

FSC CC has informed that a Google Form has been created to nominate the representatives from NGOs and INGOs for SAG which will be shared with the FSC members. The poll will be open till 19 November 2020. FSC CC has requested the FSC members to nominate one NGO and INGO based in Northern Bangladesh and one NGO and INGO based in Southern Bangladesh. He added that there is no need of nominate an agency multiple times if they have presence in both Northern and Southern part rather they can nominate them under any one of the dedicated sections.

FSC CC has said that any agency can show their interest to be in the SAG but have to abide by the ToR of SAG completely.

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5. FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE FAO/WFP

FSC CC has asked to FAO and WFP for the updates on Food Security Assessment.

Peter from FAO has shared a brief update on the Rapid Assessment on Food Security by FAO and WFP. He said that this assessment will be done to assess the food security status and impacts on natural disasters and COVID-19 on households. He also shared the modules and methodology of this assessment. He added that data will be KOBO based and collected over phone calls considering COVID-19 risk by around 37 people from FAO, WFP and partners of WFP. He expected that the preliminary result of this assessment will be come out within three weeks.

Ms. Din Ara Wahid from WFP has presented the sample design and sampling technique of the assessment. She also said that they will collect division level data instead of district level data in this assessment as most of the numbers collected from the district level are found unreachable and switched off.

6. UPDATE FROM RCO LEAD CYCLONE AMPHAN RESPONSE LESSONS LEARNED

FSC CC has requested Mr. Kazi Shahidur Rahman from UNRCO to have a brief update on recently done RCO lead Cyclone Amphan Response Lessons Learned.

Mr. Kazi has shared the overall objectives, lesson learned framework for Cyclone Amphan, SPEED approach and expected outcomes of this event with the FSC members. He said that this was a joint mission organized by UNRCO with the Cluster Working Group Coordinator and Localization Working Group where Uttaran and Shushilan have organized the field visit. He added that a workshop was also organized in Khulna level where 40 NGOs and women led CSOs has participated.

Mr. Bijoy from Concern Worldwide has requested Mr. Kazi to share the draft of lesson learned with the FSC members. Mr. Kazi said that the draft of this report has been sent to the Cluster Coordinators for their approval and after that it will be shared with the other agencies for their comments before finalization.

7. UPDATE FROM SPHERE COMMUNITY BANGLADESH (SCB) REVIEW

FSC CC has informed the FSC members that the Sphere Community Bangladesh (SCB) has done reviews on Cyclone Amphan and Monsoon Flood response. As Islamic Relief Bangladesh (IRB) is currently managing the secretariat of SCB and FSC has supported in this review, FSC CC requested Mr. Moyen Uddin Ahmed from IRB and Dr. Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan from FSC to have a brief update on the SCB review.

Mr. Moyen has said that SCB has reviewed four Cyclone Amphan response projects and three Monsoon Flood response projects funded by Start Fund. He added that this was the very first time for SCB to review such humanitarian projects and there are lots of findings which will be shared with the FSC members after the publication of final report. He shared one of the most crucial findings that the data collection and beneficiary selection over phone call found invalid most of time during this review. He also added that the information taken through phone calls have more chance of being wrong than the physical collection of information for beneficiary selection and data collection for assessments.

Mr. Moyen informed the FSC members that SCB is working on making a review framework in line with the Sphere guideline which will help agencies to review any of their projects. Mr. Moyen thanked Mr. Kazi from UNRCO for their support to SCB on establishing the review framework.

Dr. Ikram from FSC who is also a member of Sphere Review team and the lead for the three Monsoon Flood response project review, has shared experience of his recent field visit. He shared the current situations of flood affected people and their sufferings on food security, livelihood, nutrition and health. He added that knowledge of staffs regarding Sphere Standards found very poor in this overall review. He also shared some findings from these reviews and some lessons learned for future prospects.

8. DRAFT FSC CYCLONE AMPHAN DASHBOARD

FSC CC has presented the very draft version of the FSC Cyclone Amphan Dashboard. He informed that 80% fund of the HRP budget has been mobilized already where 66% has been contributed by I/NGOs and only 34% has been mobilized by UN agencies.

He requested the FSC members to give their regular updates to have their response recognized in this dashboard.

Dr. Rafiq from DLS and Dr. Alim from DF have given updates on Cyclone Amphan and their responses from the government side.

Mr. Sharif from IFRC has given some updates on Cyclone Amphan response of BDRCS. He said that BDRCS has plan to support 250 HH in Cyclone Amphan affected area, especially in Dacop of Khulna district as recovery support under Food Security and Livelihood.

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9. AOB

▪ **IPC Update**

Mr. Mohaimin, IPC focal from FAO has informed that the IPC activity is currently funded by MUCH project which will be closed on 31 December 2020. After that IPC activities will be handed over to FAO country office or Food Security Cluster. More specific updates will be given in the next monthly meeting.

▪ **DFP continuation for Cyclone and Flood**

FSC CC has shared the updates from DFP. Although the Cyclone Amphan was happened almost six months back, humanitarian need is still there for the people. For this reason, DFP will remain activated for both Cyclone and Flood affected areas. DFPs especially colleagues from WFP, World Vision International and BRAC will be reached out in Khulna and Rangpur for their support. Cluster coordination team will support and be connected with DFPs more frequently. As DFP orientation has not been done in 2019 due to frequent alarming situations, and this year there is COVID-19, it will be done through online.

FSC CC has said that currently focus is given to the Cyclone Amphan affected Khulna and Satkhira with the Monsoon Flood affected Kurigram, Gaibandha, Jamalpur and Sirajganj where DFPs will be reached out for now.

▪ **Agricultural in Emergency**

FSC has already arranged an AiE working group meeting. FSC is focused on the theme **Agriculture in Emergency** to address Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience building through appropriate and timely preparedness actions which is also in line with the new SOD. FSC team will work with FAO & WFP to get

adequate guideline and standards. Agriculture in Emergency will be the third component of FSC Bangladesh. FSC will work on the first meeting for AiE after the Monsoon flood response.

→ **FSC will call an AiE first team meeting after monsoon flood response.**

By thanking everyone FSC CC concluded the meeting.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

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1	Md. Moniruzzaman	Deputy Director, Dept. of Disaster Management
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5	Bijoy Nath	Concern Worldwide
6	Nur Khondaker	FAO
7	Kazi Shahidur Rahman	UN-RCO
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