



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE **Thursday, 31 December 2020**
TIME **03:00 pm – 04:00 pm**
VENUE **Online through ZOOM**

AGENDA

1. Round of Introduction
2. Review of the last Cluster Meeting Minutes
3. Assessment updates
4. Discussion on the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) nominations
5. Post Cyclone Amphan way-forward
6. Update from Cash Working Group CWG lessons Learnt Workshop
7. NGO presentation
8. AOB
 - Integrated Food Security Cluster Phase Classification (IPC) Update
 - Agriculture in Emergency (AiE)
 - Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) 2020 & Work plan 2021
 - Farewell of Dr. Ikram

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- A reporting template will be made for assessment and FSC will share it with the FSC members.
- FSC members will give updates of their assessments using the template to Ms. Ajmerry.
- The GoB approval to activate the SAG will go out in mid-January.
- FSC will coordinate with RCO and HCTT regarding the post Cyclone Amphan way forward.
- FSC will share the CCPM link and conduct the CCPM workshop
- 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.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (18.11.2020)

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 ToR of FSC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) with the FSC members	FSC Team	Done
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 Team	Done
FSC will send formal letters to the GoB for the approval to activate the SAG	FSC Team	In Progress
FSC will share the draft version of the FSC Cyclone Amphan Dashboard	FSC Team	Pending
FSC members have been requested to give their updates for FSC Cyclone Amphan Dashboard	FSC members	No response
FSC will call an AiE first team meeting after monsoon flood response	FSC members	In Progress

3. ASSESSMENT UPDATES

FSC CC has asked for updates from the members on assessments if they are conducting any during or post COVID-19, Cyclone Amphan or Monsoon flood.

FSC CC has proposed that a template can be made for a uniform reporting of assessment to keep a track on these. Here, the member agencies will give update of their assessments and FSC will compile it in a monthly basis.

FSC CC asked about inclusion of JNA in this tracking system. Mr. Iqbal from WFP and other members have agreed to do so.

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4. DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) NOMINATIONS

FSC CC has announced the result of polling for the nominations of Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). The elected INGO representative agencies are IRB, SCI & WVI and NGO representative agencies are RDRS, Shushilan & Uttaran. Among them IRB, SCI and RDRS have confirmed their participation with proposing their representative for SAG. The GoB approval to activate the SAG will go out in mid-January.

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5. POST CYCLONE AMPHAN- WAY FORWARD

FSC CC has informed the members that DFID has mobilized 0.5 million GBP through START network in late November and December. He added that RCO is producing a report on the lessons learned from the field visit of cluster coordinators in the Cyclone Amphan affected areas. Also IOM as the co-lead of Displacement

Management Cluster is conducting an assessment in Khulna and Satkhira region to identify the needs of the displaced people with the level of displacement.

FSC CC has asked the cluster members about the way forward and the expectations the member agencies have from the cluster for Cyclone Amphan.

As Peter Agnew from FAO asked about the GoB's plan for these displaced people, FSC CC has said that information on that issue will be collected and disseminated.

Mr. Iqbal from WFP has said that though the Cyclone Amphan was one of the most devastating and damaging disaster, the fund to response to this was below adequate. He added that the people are still in need of recovery support, so the FS cluster with the other clusters and RCO can do the necessary responses.

Piet from WFP has proposed to response with HCTT as there is multiple needs along with food.

→ **FSC will coordinate with RCO and HCTT regarding the post Cyclone Amphan way forward.**

6. UPDATE FROM CASH WORKING GROUP (CWG) LESSONS LEARNT WORKSHOP

Lesson learnt in Covid-19 Urban cash response held on 29th December, 2020. FSC CC has requested to Ana from German Red Cross to present a presentation of the lesson learnt, recommendation and good practices from Cash Working Group CWG lessons Learned Workshop.

Mr. Piet Vochten was one of the key presenter on that workshop. He shared the process of cash transfer through bKash to the beneficiaries for buying healthy food. Mr. Rony also described the Monitoring and Evaluation part which highlighted the following things:

- Accountability for the affected population
- How much consultation done
- Complain mechanism

7. NGO REPRESENTATION

FSC CC has asked the Sr. Coordinator of Food Security and Environment, Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid from RDRS to present on his organization and its responses.

Mr. Mamun has briefly shared about different responses by RDRS.

8. AOB

▪ Integrated Food Security Cluster Phase Classification (IPC) Update

Mr. Mohaimin, IPC focal from FAO has informed that the IPC reports has already been submitted and IEC materials were handed over to FPMU. He also said that they are waiting for the GoB approval for the reports.

▪ Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) 2020 & Work Plan 2021

CCPM will be launched in the January 2021 by the Global Food Security Cluster. The feedbacks are usually stored in the HQ and country team has no access on that. HQ will compile the feedback and share the draft report. CCPM workshop will be launched to validate on Cluster Coordination and the report will be analyzed and will be shared with the global team. The cluster work-plan 2021 will incorporate the feedback of the CCPM workshop.

→ **FSC will share the CCPM link and conduct the CCPM workshop**

- **Agricultural in Emergency (AiE)**

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.**

- **Farewell of Dr. Ikram**

Dr. Ikram was volunteering FSC since January 2020. He supported various assessment, review process, and facilitated various workshop and trainings like Ebola response. Today was his last working day and he will join at IRB from 3rd January, 2021. FSC Co-leads thanked for his support. WFP, DCD remarked that his support was very timely and wished him every success.

FSC CC thanks Dr. Ikram for his tremendous support to FSC.

By thanking everyone FSC CC concluded the meeting.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Sl.	Name	Organization
1	Din Ara Wahid	WFP
2	Peter Agnew	FAO
3	Md. Bayezid Bostami	BRAC
4	Rahat Ara Sirajum Monir	WVI
5	Ajmerry Hossain	FSS
6	Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony	FSC
7	Dr. Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan	FSC
8	Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam	DLS
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10	Abdul Wadud	Shushilan
11	Piet Vochten	WFP
12	Shikha	Uttaran
13	Samiul	EPRC
14	Md. Mohaiminur Rahman	Food Security Office (IPC), FAO
15	Tanvir Elahi	
16	Morshed Bilal Khan	Child Protection Cluster
17	Md. Mamunur Rashid	RDRS
18	Akira Kaneko	FSS, Cox's Bazar
19	Charles Kumar	
20	Iqbal Hossain	WFP