Food Security and Agriculture Working Group  
FSA WG Monthly Meeting Minutes

18 January 2018

Chaired by: WFP and FAO  
Hosted by: UNHCR  
Attending agencies: WFP, FAO, UNDP, WHH, TRC, Al-Resala, Syria Relief, IOM, Shafak, Masrrat, UNHCR

Agenda:

1. Welcome and review of action points from previous meeting
2. Partner updates
3. Partner reporting and review of 2017 ActivityInfo database for FSA Sector
4. ActivityInfo FSA sectoral indicators in 2018
5. Presentation on Tools for Agricultural Livelihoods and Labour Market Assessment
6. AOB (Nomination of Technical Advisor; Coordination Performance Survey; Plans on Nutrition and FS workshops)

Summary of Action Points

✓ SWG Coordinators to circulate the last version of sectoral work-plan for 2018. **Deadline: 25 January 2018.**
✓ Al-Resala to briefly present their on-going projects in Turkey in the next FSA WG meeting. **Deadline: 22 February 2018.**
✓ Partners to inform chairs and sector IM about their assessment plans in 2018 and/or recently conducted assessments. **Deadline: 25 January.**
✓ Each partner to appoint contact person/focal point for ActivityInfo reports in 2018 and share his/her contacts with Sector IM. **Deadline: 15 February.**
✓ Sector IM to arrange training on ActivityInfo for FSA WG members. **Deadline: TBC.**
✓ Sector IM to prepare a short guidance for partners describing sectoral activities and output indicators in 2018 to report through ActivityInfo. **Deadline: TBC.**
✓ FSA WG co-chairs to circulate call for nomination for sector Technical Advisor in 2018. **Deadline: 26 January 2018.**
✓ Members to provide feedback on the Coordination Performance Survey. **Deadline: 26 January 2018.**
✓ WFP to keep FSA WG members updated regarding up-coming workshop on Introduction to Nutrition Concepts and Food Security Indicators. **Deadline: January-February, 2018.**

1. Welcome and review of the action points from the previous meeting

- Chairs welcomed participants and introduced Apolonia Morhaim who joined the WFP Turkey CO from the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (RBP) located in Panama where she works as Programme and Policy Officer, mainly in charge of the coordination of regional operations (PRRO) for Central America and supporting emergency response actions. She will be supporting WFP coordination team in SET.
• Chairs also introduced Isaac Macha who joined WFP from Amman, Jordan, where he was the Senior IMO for the Whole of Syria response. He has worked within the FS Cluster for Whole of Syria, Philippines and Somalia with both FAO and WFP and now is appointed as FSA sectoral IM in Turkey.

• The action points from the last meeting were reviewed as follows:
  ✓ SWG Coordinators to circulate the draft of sectoral work-plan for 2018. Status: Completed.
  ✓ Partners to provide their feedback in regards to 2018 work-plan. Status: No feedback.
  ✓ WHH to share the link of news about Governmental program in Siirt. Status: Pending.
  ✓ SWG Coordinators to share the latest version of inter-sectoral log-frame (FSA-LHD-PRT). Status: Completed.
  ✓ Partners to provide their feedback and inputs on inter-sectoral joint log-frame (especially in regards to proposed activities). Status: No feedback.
  ✓ TRC to share the template of matrix for cross-checking with ESSN beneficiaries. Status: Pending.

• As no further comments/feedback was provided on the sectoral 2018 work-plan it is now considered as endorsed by SWG partners and will be reviewed periodically throughout the year.

  **Action point:**
  o SWG Coordinators to circulate the last version of sectoral work-plan for 2018. **Deadline: 25 January 2018.**

2. **Partner updates**

• Partners shortly provided an update on their activities as follows:

  **Al-Resala:** 150 food baskets were distributed among 150 refugee households, mainly women headed. Al-Resala also recently have completed its project on supporting value chain for olive oil.

  **WHH:** Registration of beneficiaries is underway for a big scale open field project launched in Hatay. In addition, an agreement with local authorities in Midyat/Mardin is achieved to start a pilot project to support refugees and host community members in farms with agricultural inputs.

  **IOM:** Initiated an income-generating pilot project supporting 14 beneficiaries (both refugees and members of host community) through agri-business activities (selling of olives in natural markets) in Kilis. The project is run in cooperation with The Southeastern Anatolia Project (with its Turkish acronym GAP) until 31 March.

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3. **Partner reporting and review of 2017 ActivityInfo database for FSA Sector**

• Sector IM delivered the presentation on Partner reporting and review of 2017 ActivityInfo database for FSA Sector. The presentation was started with the review of FSA sector beneficiaries in 2017 to highlight the importance of timely and accurate data entries. This was followed by the open discussion on partner reporting and its advantages (such as avoiding of duplications, advocacy, better planning and reporting), challenges (e.g. lack of capacity) and recommendations for further improvements. It was pointed out
that data related to beneficiaries in agriculture projects may have a specific nature and partners need to avoid double reporting of beneficiaries involved in different stages of the same project.

- In 2018, a number of trainings and capacity building activities (including ActivityInfo and other tools) are planned for FSA WG members. Partners are also welcome to request support to build the capacity of new arriving personnel. Members are also ensured that the information shared by them will be treated confidentially and shared externally only by receiving their approval.

- IM will continue to produce and disseminate products (such as dashboards, maps, etc) among partners who may use them for advocacy and other purposes. Partners are requested to share their plans on assessments, which will be registered in the assessment registry.

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**4. ActivityInfo FSA sectoral indicators in 2018**

- In order to illustrate and have agreement among partners regarding the type of data (i.e. cumulative vs. monthly) that should be reported to ActivityInfo in 2018, partners reviewed sectoral indicators from the 3RP log-frame and the following matrix was developed based on discussions:

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<th>Output indicators</th>
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<td>1.1.1. Number of refugees receiving food assistance within TACs, disaggregated by sex and age</td>
<td>Cumulative*</td>
<td>WFP</td>
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<td>1.1.2. Number of refugees receiving food assistance within host communities, disaggregated by sex and age</td>
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<td>1.2.1 Number of refugees benefiting from awareness sessions and/or cooking demonstrations on good nutritional practices and/or food safety, disaggregated by sex and age</td>
<td>Monthly**</td>
<td>FAO, WHH, Watan (&amp;PARCIC)</td>
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<td>1.3.1 Number of Syrian men, women, boys, and girls provided with the inputs, tools, and knowledge to establish micro-gardens</td>
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<td>FAO, IOM, WHH, Watan (&amp;PARCIC), Shafak</td>
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<td>2.1.1 Number of refugees benefiting from access to income-generating opportunities through green-house construction and/or management, disaggregated by sex</td>
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<td>Monthly</td>
<td>WHH</td>
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<td>2.2.1 Number of refugees and affected members of host communities benefiting from agriculture-related vocational skills training and/or job placements, disaggregated by sex</td>
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2.2.2 Number of refugees and affected members of host communities benefiting from climate smart agricultural technologies (e.g. small-scale solar powered irrigation units) | Monthly | UNDP, Shafak
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3.1.1 Number of actors (individuals) provided with training and other technical support to bolster general or sector-specific capacities, disaggregated by sex | Monthly | FAO
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3.1.2 Number of studies carried out to bolster knowledge in the FSA sector | Monthly | FAO

* Cumulative refers to data which covers beneficiaries benefited from the same project/program throughout the year and the maximum amount within a period is considered as its total (i.e. reported monthly data are not added up).

** Monthly refers to data that reflects new beneficiaries joined the activity in a given month and thus a total is calculated by adding up numbers of reported beneficiaries for different months.

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5. **Presentation on Tools for Agricultural Livelihoods and Labour Market Assessment**

- Due to time restrictions, the presentation is postponed to the next meeting.

6. **A.O.B.**

- **Nomination of Technical Advisor**
  - Following the request from STF to appoint an NGO to represent the sector in STF meetings and based on sectoral ToR, chairs announced the call for nomination for FSA WG technical advisor. WFP shortly described main tasks and responsibilities of technical advisor as it is described in sectoral ToR.

- **Coordination Performance Survey**
  - The deadline for the Coordination Performance Survey conducted by SET ISWG has been extended until the 26 January. All members are highly encouraged to provide their feedback.

- **Plans on Nutrition and FS workshops**
  - WFP announced arrangement and hosting the workshop on Introduction to Nutrition Concepts and Food Security Indicators, as a follow-up action from the mission to Sanliurfa and Mardin in October 2017, and within the frames of FSA sector capacity-building plan for 2018. More details will be shared once arrangements are confirmed.

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**Next meeting:** 22 February 2018 (TBC)