Beira, MOÇAMBIQUE
FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, 14 Aug 2019
Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Venue: UNICEF Conference Room

AGENDA
1. Review and approval of the agenda
2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes and action points
3. Procurement of seeds - overview of market opportunities, suppliers and availability
4. Pellagra – Update, Isabel Pereira Periquito (Nutrition Cluster Coordinator)
5. FSC Updates
   • FAO Training on FAW Prevention
   • Feedback from the Agricultural Sub-Group (Caritas Beira, CARE, Care for Life, CESVI /Alliance 2015, Food for the Hungry, OXFAM and World Vision) and Distribution Plan for next main campaign
   • Gap Analysis
6. ICCG General Updates
   • Mapping of Remaining Humanitarian Needs
   • HRP - DRF
   • IM
7. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS and FOLLOW UP

Follow-Up / In progress
➢ FAO share with all partner’s the table of seed distribution;
➢ FAO to share with all partners the list of certified seeds suppliers (local and regional)
➢ FAO share with all partners the type agriculture inputs recommended by the Government;
➢ All partners to review the Seeds Distribution Plan for the Main Campaign (Excel table), enter their inputs and submit to Marco.Falcone@fao.org cc to Gaudencio.Monteiro@fao.org and info.beira@fscluster.org.
➢ Partners to nominate two participants to attend the Fall Armyworm training
➢ PELLAGRA: CC to follow up with Nutrition Cluster Coordinator on the pellagra prevention action plan through the Inter-Cluster task force. Partners who planning to assist the pellagra, please notify the CC.
➢ Nutrition CC to share information material for communication to communities
➢ CC to obtain List of resettlement sites (updated version) by CCCM Cluster List of resettlement sites (updated version to be asked to Kerry - CCCM)

On-Going – ALL Partners
➢ Provide the number of agricultural kits input per district (fill the form provided) and number of beneficiaries

DISCUSSION

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   • No additional topics added. Agenda approved.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (7 AUGUST 2019) AND ACTION POINTS
   • Meeting minutes and actions points approved.
3. PROCUREMENT OF SEEDS - OVERVIEW OF MARKET OPPORTUNITIES, SUPPLIERS AND AVAILABILITY

Vegetable seeds are not produced in Mozambique with proper certifications, large-scale procurement of quality seeds has to be done regionally and/or internationally (through local suppliers or directly). Small quantities can be reproduced at community level. Almost all the local seeds providers will procure overseas. Crop seeds are availability in country, though likely not enough to cover the high demand of the international organization expected for the next campaign. Advisable to do a Seeds Security Assessment, to understand what/where is available, and quality. Appropriate varieties are mostly available in the region. Farmers in Mozambique are used to buy local seeds (grains - cheaper than actual seeds and of low quality). Pure varieties could be contaminated by impure varieties present in the area during cross-pollination (second generation crops that develop different characteristics) leading to lower production rates.

To be paid attention: suppliers could offer hybrid seeds instead of open pollinating varieties (recommended). Hybrid varieties require lots of fertilizers and the seeds cannot be kept for the coming year. We may face challenges in finding all qty required on time.

Problem may arise with vouchers (no control on what seeds the retailers will use, or if they resort to grains rather than certified seeds). Advised to do quality checks and tests, and monitor retailers’ stocks.

Action point: request to FAO to share with the cluster list of local / regional authorized suppliers.

Status of procurement of FSC partners so far: Cesvi/Alliance 2015 about to launch the tender, Caritas/CRS not yet started, Care for Life procured in the last season and have stock for the next season, FAO launched the tender.

It will be useful to have the list of seeds requirement of partners - FAO planning to organize a meeting with all interested seeds producers in Manica and Sofala together with the Agriculture WG. Standard should be seeds for 0.5-1 hectar/HHs. MoA required that beneficiaries contribute (in money - 25% of the voucher value - or in value) to the kits. During the emergency this has been lifted. FAO recommends not to mix too many types of seeds in the kit. This could make it difficult for the supplier, and also for farmers who have to concentrate on too many crops cycles.

4. PELLAGRA – UPDATE (ISABEL PEREIRA PERIQUITO, NUTRITION CLUSTER COORDINATOR)

After the FSC meeting last week, a task force of partners working within the Health, Nutrition and FS cluster met to indentify activities to contribute to the prevention of Pellagra.

Integrated approach for prevention: seeds, cooking sessions, vouchers, small scale livestock farming.

Nutrition cluster appeals to partners to target areas where Pellagra is being reported. This map has not been obtained by the government, but priority are Buzi, Dondo and Nhamatanda. Localities not yet fully mapped (to be shared soon by Nutrition Cluster).
This task force will meet regularly, Friday at DPS at 10.00hrs. An integrated action plan has been developed and is under approval by DPS (health provincial directorate). FSC cluster to circulate documentation and invitation to the meeting.

Any partner interested to distribute peanuts to inform the Nutrition cluster.

Recommended seeds that contribute to pellagra prevention to be circulated, together with other guidelines and materials.

High Energy Biscuits - WFP is planning distributions in the districts (Buzi and Nhamatanda) based on the DPS plan (Jeronimo from WFP is the contact person). Nutrition cluster to circulate information material (not yet fully developed - WHO/Unicef working on that) and international guidelines or standard messages.

Total number of Pellagra cases not yet confirmed. Numbers increase could be due to double counting.

5. **FSC Updates**

**Training on FAW Prevention**

FAO is organizing two training on Fall Army Worm for field technicians of NGOs partners. The training module is based on 5 days, 3 days theoretical and 2 days field practice. For logistic reason all organization interested should send the name of two participants to attend the training (maximum number of participants 20-24). FAO will cover trainers and organization costs; each organization must cover the per diem/transport cost for they staff. For the field visit, all organization are invited to provide transport.

Please note that:

- Participants must have an agricultural background (tecnico medio ou Superior).
- Technicians must come with a smartphone with at least android 6 (to use FAMEWS)

The training foresees also 2 days of field practice in a location to be identified at a distance not exceeding 40 Km. FAO will provide 2 vehicles, partners to confirm they can contribute with vehicles.

**Feedback from the Agricultural Sub-Group**

Coordination groups have been created to meet at district level, together with local district authorities, to coordinate work in areas of interventions (Buzi, Nhamatanda, Dondo). Meetings planned for Thursday - Friday - Tuesday in the three locations.

There is also an opportunity to provide support in resettlement sites where land has been assigned by the government and is available. FAO discussed with DPA and INGC to include the sites in agriculture support, and undertake an assessment of the sites.

**Gap Analysis**

The group discussed the need to undertake a gap analysis, since some districts appear to be undertargeted as opposed to other areas where many partners are working. WFP FFA areas of intervention to be shared with the cluster to integrate/harmonize with the seeds distributions.
6. ICCG GENERAL UPDATES

Mapping of Remaining Humanitarian Needs: areas that have been identified as still in need of humanitarian assistance to be reported to OCHA by 15 August.

HRP - DRF: The HRP is being finalized by OCHA, and expected to be launched by end of August / first week of September. The Disaster Recovery Framework is still under preparation (UNDP-led).

IM: IMO (William Lavell) will arrive in Beira on 15 August, and will cover FSC work in Manica, Sofala and Cabo Delgado. Partners to submit their 4W ASAP.

7. AOB

NEXT MEETINGS
- Meetings will take place once a week, on Wednesdays, from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Venue: UNICEF.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 2019.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS