Participants: members of the global FSC partners and representatives from the gFSC who registered to be a member of the TWG.

Link to register is: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rtkJRtnXZh4dHGx4H3bxI7z2LK7qROt8Kgj3Y1kzVURVhFStUKwMTVZRFpINjljOFhlw00NEgTg4W

Welcoming by Bruno Minjaud, gFSC coordinator on the role of a working group to produce quick operational products to ensure efficiency in the coordination in the field.

The presentation is available at: https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:p:/s/fsc_global/EYjWXERpMXvBvuR0jFef8BJCnUODt1h_RRPb1Wc_vIBw?e=rY94aj

Introduction by Damien on existing initiatives

- Creation of a COVID specific page under the FSC, available here: https://sites.google.com/view/fsc-covid19/home
- Survey with the FSC teams in the field (results are available here: https://fsccommission.org/sites/default/files/documents/fsc_webinar_covid_19_survey_results.pdf)
- Webinar on 26th of March with FSC teams in the field (https://sites.google.com/view/fsc-covid19/documents/food-security-coordination?authuser=0#h.cqk70qxj5lxi)
- Support to FSC teams in the field

Review of ToR for the COVID technical WG which was shared previously with partners, who still have time to provide inputs on https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:w/s/fsc_global/EfTqoRIEUB5IuhdXvLizTgkBm7mOpwCUR9o1rAA5DiOPw?e=ElXg4L

The main changes are as follows:

Result 1:
• Clear definition of food system: A food system includes all processes and infrastructure involved in feeding a population: growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, marketing, consumption, and disposal of food and food-related items. It also includes the inputs needed and outputs generated at each of these steps
• Focusing on food security, instead of food system
• Remove “impact” as it will be difficult

No changes for the other results.

**Review of the different results** proposed for the TWG to contribute in. Partners to submit on the online google doc which of the 5 proposed results they could contribute to: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_LNt8DZiEGALFEe7FzhnsPgC-NyPanUBZwPB1jGq-A/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_LNt8DZiEGALFEe7FzhnsPgC-NyPanUBZwPB1jGq-A/edit#gid=0)

**Result 1: joint monitoring**

• Evolution of the risks and impacts (maybe not possible) of food security
• Capture global food security partners responses trends
• Monitoring of food production
• monitoring of the availability/price on the market
• identify the drivers of the risks and tie to projected impacts
• Need to be aware what other monitoring systems already collect and analyse and what the TWG will engage on
• Situation updates on risks and impacts to food systems and food security, based on partner analysis (FEWS, IPC etc) and data collection initiatives (REACH, Oxfam etc). Perhaps some kind of severity mapping online?
• Mapping global 5 Ws of the ongoing food security response, and where disruptions have occurred, or changes are happening as a result of Covid-19
• dashboard to monitor the FS situation worldwide and link it to the evolution of COVID-19 pandemic
• Capture global food security partners responses trends (more/less PiN, switch activity modality/type/areas of focus)
• Minimum standard of quality tools for countries to use to monitor coordination
• Agree on definition of food systems (local production, imports, pre-covid programmes) to look at what partners are doing
• Update on food system situation and recommendations on the evolution
• Surveillance: key products could feed to result 3
• List of indicators that could feed into an early warning system

**Result 2: Specific guidance for existing and new activities**, in close collaboration with the other gfSC-TWGs (Cash & Market, Inter cluster Nutrition, Preparedness & Resilience and Programme Quality) and Knowledge management Products.

**Key points to follow:**

• Guidance shouldn’t be long, quick and easy for people to read
• the availability of inputs for agriculture, livestock and fishery should remain a priority for FS
• the access of food to markets is a top priority, taking in consideration the logistics and health issues, going through the protective measures along the supply chain
• guidance should be developed with local stakeholders

Proposed deliverables:
• Already existing several guidance: do a compilation
• Consider wild harvest of food and hunting.
• A guidance on seeds provision/distribution will be necessary. Here thinking about local seeds movement to deficit areas and to vulnerable households.
• With national government on free flow of fresh produce
• How we can adapt to existing activities, but also guidance on how to introduce new activities to adapt to the situation
• Livestock and fisheries, not only production but also access. Maintain the flow of inputs / access of food to the markets
• Handling livestock distribution / surface contamination
• How to manage logistics and markets
• Food hygiene – how fresh food that can't be washed or is consumed directly how this can be decontaminated, cooking and food consumption
• CFW – how to adapt programmes, disinfecting surfaces, etc.

From the survey with FSC
• Concrete examples in other countries : e.g. on targeting
• Door to door food distribution; organisation of distribution
• Remote implementation ;
• Data collection and dissemination, need assessment
• Tips on business continuity

Result 3: Joint Advocacy messages
• To include component on gender, protection and child protection (not only COVID related but how combined crises accounts)
• Movement of food – fresh food at national level
• How covid might impact food insecurity more than the actual virus
• To-date food has not been identified as a transmitter but continued sharing of information on this subject is important.

Result 4: WHO and Health Cluster strategy to mitigate Covid 19 impacts
• Home care messaging
• health/FS package interventions
• PPE recommendations where there are shortages and specific recommendations in food supply chain. WHO Health cluster recommendations does specific recommendations for health facilities but not yet for food vendors, for example.
• Good coordination with Health cluster
• Protocols developed between health and FS stockholders on joint activities
• For families who have been admitted, they still need to provide food
• WHO investment in hygiene in the markets

Result 5: Information from the wider industry on key issues that may inform response plan scope and focus over time (e.g., economic analysis of impacts on workforce depletion, market price fluctuations on staple food commodities, impact on SMEs and smallholder farms in COVID affected countries) is analysed and information shared.

• Somehow linked to Result 1 but might be less operational
• Have ToRs developed for specific studies by students/universities to provide more in-depth analysis on the food systems

WG structure:
- Focal person from the gFSC to support the chair(s)
- 1 chair: 5 individuals volunteers, 4 were not eligible (2 are not partners of the FSC and 2 are FSC Coordinators). As such Cyril Lekiefs from ACF is the only eligible candidate and will be the chair
- Meetings to be planned on every Monday afternoon, at 3pm (CET, Rome time) (except this week given Easter holiday – moved to Wednesday)