global Food Security Cluster  
COVID 19 Working Group  

Conference call on 20th April 2020, Zoom  

Meeting minutes

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

The presentation is available at: [https://wfp.sharepoint.com:/p:s/fsc_global/EUreE6NY6QVGnSFS1-FjxtEBemziKZhUflvCJ9Z2BknjAA?e=27L40n](https://wfp.sharepoint.com:/p:s/fsc_global/EUreE6NY6QVGnSFS1-FjxtEBemziKZhUflvCJ9Z2BknjAA?e=27L40n)

**Agenda:**

1. Introduction and update
2. Update for each result
3. Survey
4. AOB

**Introduction and update**

- TWG-Covid 19 webpage: [https://fscluster.org/global-working-groups](https://fscluster.org/global-working-groups)
- The previous meeting minutes is here: [https://wfp.sharepoint.com:/w:s/fsc_global/ESI1VzPqZpVMqgTuYoR3_xgBbLPcUjcvDtWQ1m_hPWwrWDg?e=rDGJL2](https://wfp.sharepoint.com:/w:s/fsc_global/ESI1VzPqZpVMqgTuYoR3_xgBbLPcUjcvDtWQ1m_hPWwrWDg?e=rDGJL2) – approved as no comment/feedback
- TWG-C19 focal point: selection process on-going
- Action from last meeting

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<td>2 Doodle surveys</td>
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Workplan for each result

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<td>Follow up with GCCG and Global Health Cluster</td>
<td>Email sent; meeting planned with 5 GC on Wednesday</td>
<td>Bruno</td>
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<td>Workplan for each result done for R2 and R5 in progress for R1 and R3 not done for R4</td>
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Update results

Result 1
- The link for the google drive ([Result 1 Google Drive](#)) that contains a draft outline of the framework discussed
- monitoring of the risk, vulnerability, some countries are doing it already
- guidance document to country cluster to monitor vulnerability at CO level (like DRC, South Sudan, etc)
- next meeting on Wednesday 22 April

Result 2

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<td>Seeds/tools/crops guidance</td>
<td>To provide operational recommendations for ongoing activities and new ones specific to respond to Covid19</td>
<td>Chair: Michael, Concern,</td>
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<td>Livestock &amp; fisheries guidance</td>
<td>To provide operational recommendations for ongoing activities and new ones specific to respond to Covid19</td>
<td>Chair?</td>
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<td>Guidance on market based approach to support food markets/supply chains</td>
<td>Need of linking with R1 on market analysis, need to protect/prepare/strengthen the bottlenecks within the food supply chains (whether at production/transport/distribution/transformation step) to ensure access and availability of food in affected areas</td>
<td>Chair: Julie, SI</td>
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<td>Guidance of food hygiene and food handling</td>
<td>Need to analyse the current guidance (especially WHO/FAO COVID-19 and food safety: guidance for food businesses) and extract operational guidance for food hygiene/practices awareness messages for population (household/community level) and staff</td>
<td>Chair ?</td>
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Deadlines for all products are literature review by 21/04 - Final product 27/04

*See team composition in the presentation*
Links available below:

Product 1 seed: [https://concern2com-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/michael_mulpeter_concern_net/EdWap1rJQFAncJC6Ulw-KwB320IEprkRg3Tj4IH_N7J8A?e=15Pqbr](https://concern2com-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/michael_mulpeter_concern_net/EdWap1rJQFAncJC6Ulw-KwB320IEprkRg3Tj4IH_N7J8A?e=15Pqbr)

Product 3 food market: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19vEvouqVW6Y8knbWACNU70NhdZ8apEc/edit#gid=742054257](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19vEvouqVW6Y8knbWACNU70NhdZ8apEc/edit#gid=742054257)

- Focus on market chain analysis and market actors to monitor market and supply chain disruption

Product 4 food hygiene: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SqjfTrHiEp4L2MfAlUcGIGCK-SklJJDG/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SqjfTrHiEp4L2MfAlUcGIGCK-SklJJDG/view?usp=sharing)

- The group is also checking the relevancy of developing other guidance on other topics such as: guidance on cash assistance, CFW, targeting.
- Need lead for livestock and hygiene products

Comment:
- for product 4 see work of Codex Alimentarius (FAO/WHO) and HACCP work on food; WHO to be linked by gFSC/FAO
- Result 5 can provide some inputs for product 3 and 4

Result 3

- Thomas has stepped down due to his current workload. We need to identify someone to replace him.
- Need someone with advocacy background: Dina will support for advocacy messaging products
- Listing of sample advocacy messaging in the document [here](#)

Comment
- The group can support FSC @ CO and global level on advocacy support
- Need to clearly identify what are the advocacy message relevant to the FSC/what is the target audience, difference between CO and global, topics
- Needs more linkage with FSC
- Guidance on support market actor can be linked as advocacy message can support the market actors
- Need the lead to check the google document to make sure all the members of each group are included
- gFSC to check if someone within its team to lead
- other results can add advocacy messages on their workplan

Result 4

- No lead has been identified so far, no workplan
- A meeting with the WASH, Health, Nutrition and Protection global cluster coordinators will be organised on Wednesday 22 April to discuss the joint strategy to mitigate the impact of C19. We can build on the Inter-cluster nutrition working group with the objective to deliver on nutrition outcomes. For this result, the aim is that the Global Health cluster leads to mitigate the impact of C19
Comment
• Home Care working group – just started: food security, nutrition are included with protection, health, etc.. We need to make sure that we don’t duplicate and we link with them

Result 5

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<td>Recruit up to four Universities/Think Tanks</td>
<td>Discussions started with Roma Tre, Purdue, and University of Chicago, Crisis Group, Food for Peace.</td>
<td>Arianna and Ann</td>
<td>End April</td>
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<td>Group 5 coordinated with FAO research department to identify existing research papers and other working</td>
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<td>Refine the two research areas with detailed Terms of Reference</td>
<td>all of group 5 and research partners</td>
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<td>May 8, 2020</td>
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<td>Research secondary “baseline data” analyzed</td>
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<td>Universities and group 5 members as assigned</td>
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Scope of the result
• Conduct research with University partners to provide guidelines and learning for “industry actors” and make learning available to all food security stakeholders
• Group 5 Defines “Industry actors” as:
  • Entities involved in international food trade (private sector and governments)
  • Medium and large scale industry actors involved in food processing, storage and transport
  • We still need to identify Universities and Think Tanks to partner with in this research
• Proposed research areas are not primary data collection exercises, but instead gather and analyze secondary data.

Workplan

1. How do import/export food bans/restrictions impact food security, especially in countries that rely heavily on food imports. How can the private sector help to keep food trade moving forward?
   for example, Russia is a major wheat producer but is currently limiting export
2. How are planting cycles, post-harvest food processing, storage and transport disruptions due to COVID 19 impacting food supplies? What are best practices for countering these disruptions?

Same activities for research areas 1 and 2:
• Using secondary trade data, what is baseline for focus commodities
• Jan – Dec 2020 Data Analysis
• Focus on 5 five commodities of major food security – rice, wheat, cooking (look up trade codes), legume/pulses, chicken, pick two other
• Case studies for 10 historically food insecure countries, distributed between Asia, Africa, LAC, and Middle East
• Noting any countries that become food insecure, but not in-depth case studies

Comment:
- From a Nutrition security perspective (considering diversity), can we include fruit/vegetables?: this will be shared with the group for consideration
- Maize is added
- Livelihood/agro inputs can be considered. For example, in some US regions, farmers are considering if they could even plant

Survey
2 doodle surveys conducted. It is agreed that:
- Next meeting will be on Monday at 4:00pm (Rome time, CET)
- Meeting will be on Zoom. Login is Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95954980596?pwd=TVgvMmZiS0lqMW4zQVpuN2JoUFRpQT09
Meeting ID: 959 5498 0596
Password: 551899

AOB
• Each Result can have their documents on the TWG: TWG-Covid 19 webpage:
  https://fscluster.org/global-working-groups > send to Damien.joud@fao.org or walter.leoni@wfp.org
• gFSC can support for infographic => send to Damien.joud@fao.org or FSC IM Support fsc_im_support@wfp.org and we will help
• Next meeting agenda: update from the different sub-working groups
• Next meeting is Monday (every Monday) at 4pm (CET/Rome time) on Zoom
• TWG-Covid 19 webpage: https://fscluster.org/global-working-groups
• Subscribe https://fscluster.org/page/subscribe to receive future updates
• Registration for the TWG:
  https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rtkqRtnXBkK4dHGx4Hl3bxl7z2LK7qROt8Kj3Y1kzVURVhFSUkwMTVZRFpInJlyOFhlWk00NExXWi4u
• Google doc:
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_LNt8DZIEGFLF7E7FzhsPgC-NyPanUBZwPB1jGq-A/edit?usp=sharing&id=0

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