



global Food Security Cluster COVID 19 Working Group

Conference call on 25th May 2020, virtual meeting Meeting minutes

The presentation is available at

https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:p/s/fsc_global/EZlit1LablFLukydTwrtyfysBdgEGJUBwRMEqW65_tW0mPQ?e=kedEQY

Agenda:

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

Introduction and update

- The last meeting was to prepare for the gFSC global partner's meeting (19th and 20th May) with the chair of the C19, leads of each result and gFSC focal point. The meeting minute is here: https://fscluster.org/covid19_twg/document/conference-call-18th-may-2020-virtual
- The previous meeting minutes is here: https://fscluster.org/covid19_twg/document/twg-covid-19-meeting-presentation-11-may – approved as no comment/feedback
- Action from previous meetings: recap by each group
- Cyril reviewed the products from the **Urban WG**: lot of documents, lesson learned. He has identified the most important documents which can be related to C19. Cyril and Damien will work together on this to best share them with the C19-WG

Update results

Result 1 (risk monitoring framework)

Interim deliverable <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SljqGNJy4iViN3RowORe-jfhm7blxgvi>

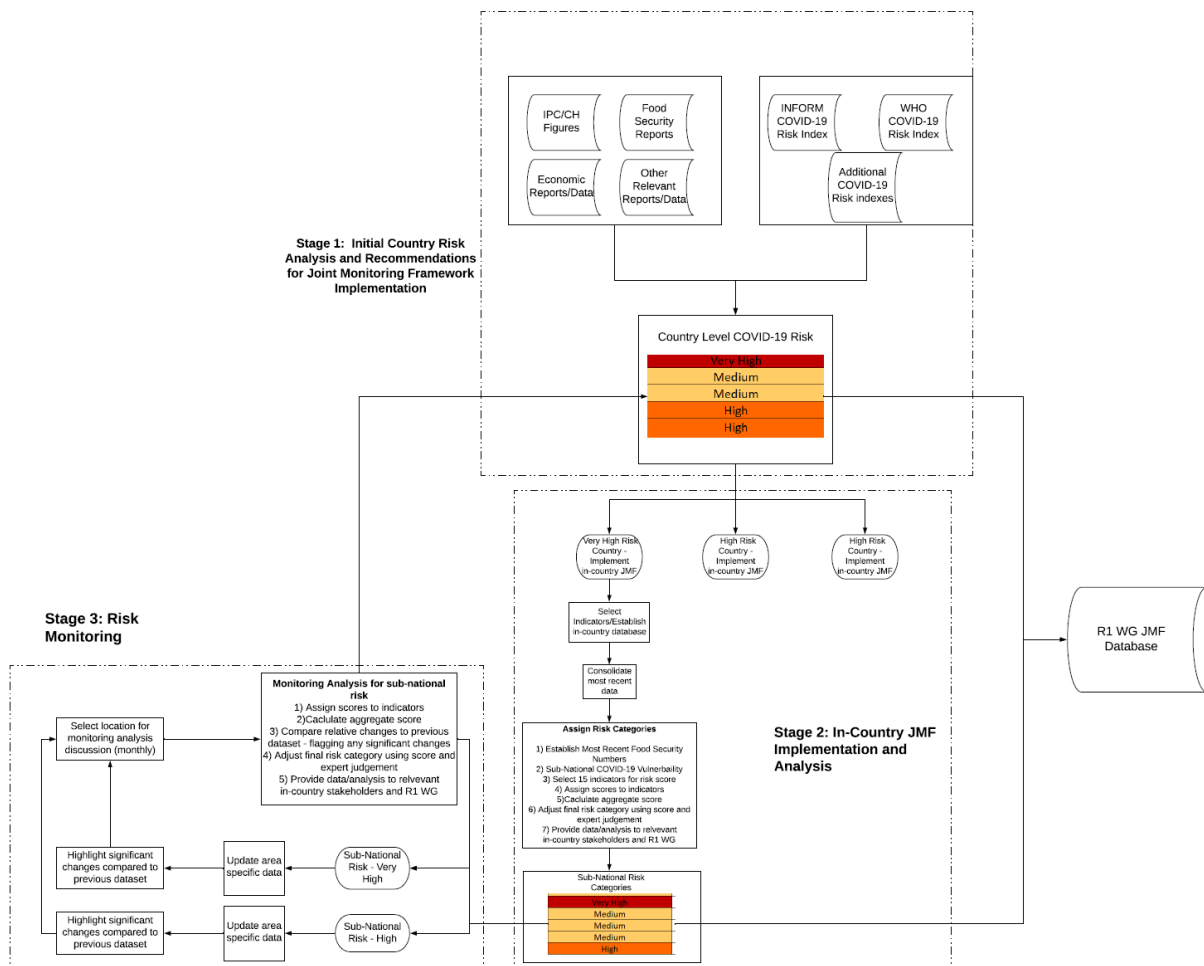
Update

- Next round of comments/questions on updated guidance document ([JMF Guidance V2](#)) – document almost ready

- Overview of the JMF country overview dataset – to be shared on Tuesday morning.
 - Suggestions for additional sources to be added for tracking
 - Discussion on countries to pilot JMF – suggested list of countries (and short rationale) for consideration will be shared Tuesday. Additional countries for consideration are welcome.
 - Next steps for JMF pilot plus full rollout
 - Setting up communication with in-country teams
 - Finalizing in-country analysis documentation
 - Webinars/trainings on the JMF guidance/indicator

3 stages as described in the diagram below:

1. Country risk analysis: prioritise countries to roll out the monitoring framework
2. Selection of indicators and fill the table; final decision will be the at the CO level
3. Monitoring stage
4. Update monitoring on a monthly basis



Discussion:

- IMO support is being discussed with gFSC
- Data base available: a google document is available for the group but need a better way to communicate

The gFSC has prepared on one document which aims to estimate the number of food insecure in 2020 taking into account the Covid and the Locust crisis: draft document “DRAFT Identifying countries and population at risk from COVID19 and Locust crisis”, for your review: https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/fsc_global/ESQ2rv0znLdFgwF0RYR9YlcBaWem1OO0jDrznH9Lhzql0w?e=OSD2d1 – please provide comments on the online version of the document. Deadline is 29th May, COB

The gFSC was contacted by the World Bank to provide inputs to 4 questions. The gFSC would like the C19WG to contribute to FAM:

1. In your view, where are the food security crisis “hot spots” – i.e. elevated IPC3+ (crisis or worse) conditions – in the short-term (1-6 months)? What areas may be on the horizon (6-12 months)?
2. In your view, what are the primary drivers of worsening food security in the “hot spot” areas?
3. In your view, is it clear what actions are needed to mitigate worsening conditions in the “hot spot” areas? Do you see any good examples of policies that are enabling the resilience of local food markets and value chains, making links between rural and urban areas to mitigate food price increases and/or ensuring continued access of agricultural inputs / outputs?
4. What programming is your organization implementing or taking into consideration to help address the (potential) worsening conditions in “hot spot” areas? What are the constraints in meeting needs in these areas?

Contribution from the TWG-C19 are welcome on the link below, **deadline is 27th May**
https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/fsc_global/Shared%20Documents/Coordination/07%20-%20gFSC%20Working%20Groups/11%20-%20COVID%2019%20WG/06%20-%20Survey/Survey%20to%20members.docx?d=wb20a91eebd3b4ec0b9231924a9e7e5b9&csf=1&web=1&e=UAYAtD

Result 2 (SOP development, documentation of good practices)

Updates

- A meeting was organised on 15th May focusing on:
 - dissemination plan: brainstorming with proposition (see presentation)
 - Assess the need for developing new guidances: **Targeting**, good practices on **CVA and Covid19**, “**innovative**” ways of intervening (identification of innovative interventions), **Conditional cash assistance** (repository of documents); **Cooked meals**, remote **seed security assessment**

Next steps: Merging R2 WG within current WGs (especially CMWG, PQWG, AWG) in order to avoid duplicating efforts

Result 3 (advocacy)

- Advocacy Plan Final Draft available in google folder below.
- Advocacy messages (2nd draft in process of review by R3 members after incorporation of inputs from gFSC (R2 guidance documents, Urban messaging, health). Please provide any additional inputs using this link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PUNig7_93MulA8wFes4FDDGqW0EJa90-

- Process of developing a matrix of key events, thematic areas, possible messaging and target audience for prioritization purposes

AOB:

- Suggestion on having reps from each of the WGs to join R3 to ensure coherence.
- Lisa RATCLIFFE , new gFSC Advocacy and Communications Officer

Result 4 (relation with WHO, Health cluster)

- PowerPoint to be presented to the GCCG by the gFSC
- The matrix is being finalised: how the matrix can be used for the FSC

Result 5 (researches)

- Food commodities (agri. Inputs, rice, wheat, maize, cooking oil, pulse, chicken, fruits & vegetables) have been selected based on criteria (major components of food basket, major import/export flow, data availability)
- 10 countries selected (DRC has been removed): list to be finalised by early June b/c start of 3 interns. Selection criteria for the countries are: food insecure countries (based on 2020 food security network report), FSC presence, has major food or agr. inputs import or major food exporter to food insecure countries, data availability, have distribution of countries to represent Asia, Africa, Middle East and LAC, R5 countries to match with R1 countries
- Interns to start from early June 2020, from James Madison University (Virginia-US), Roma 3 (Italy); discussion on-going with Purdue University and University of Malta

AOB

- Frequency: Meeting every week or every 2 weeks? Doodle survey: <https://doodle.com/poll/z9et4h5p32wmc5zb> ; deadline is Friday 29th May, 12pm (Rome, CET)
- Next Monday 1st June: Monday of Pentecost. If we move to a meeting every 2 weeks, then there won't be any TWG-C19 meeting.

Participation:

26 participants as shown on Zoom