global Food Security Cluster
COVID 19 Working Group

Conference call on 8th June 2020, virtual meeting

Meeting minutes

The presentation is available at
https://wfp.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/fsc_global/Eb9iYFdaBMIAt5sxru8logQB3g57c3VkJvPzGCjvdNpPijw?e=l1czXY

Agenda:
1. Introduction and update
2. Presentation from Vulnerability Assessment Mapping of WFP
3. Update for each result
4. AOB

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Introduction and update

- The previous meeting minutes is here: https://fscluster.org/covid19_twg/document/twg-covid-19-meeting-minutes-25-may-2020 – approved as no comment/feedback
- No replacement to be expected for Damien in the scope of the Covid 19 WG
- Lisa Ratcliffe supports the Result 3 as an advocacy officer & Cristina of the gFSC provides support to the result 1
- The gFSC has submitted 2 Stand By Partners requests to increase its capacities: one IMO for the R1 and one Advocacy officer for the R3.
- Most relevant urban documentation has been identified, but still needs to be posted or highlighted on the gFSC website for easy access
- WFP (Dina), gFSC (Lisa) and ACF (Cyril) would be interested to develop a guidance note for urban settings. More contribution expected from members
- ACF is looking at joining the Result 3 WG on advocacy, as there is a need for expertise in nutrition

VAM presentation

- The presentation provides some insights about the WFP estimation of populations in food crisis by the end of 2020
- Job losses amongst the working poor and the reduction in remittances: 2 channels that were explored for estimations
- One of the limitation of the lack of pre-covid data on urban populations
- Most negative impacts appear striking mower middle income countries: +86M people in food crisis
- The estimated figures do not match with IPC 3+ populations, but are populations at risk
- New figures soon out, after approval at the executive board

Update results

Result 1 (risk monitoring framework)

Interim deliverable https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SLjqGNJy4lViN3RowORE-jfhm7bxgvi

- Participation at the World Bank meeting about the Famine Action Mechanism (FAM) and contribution of the gFSC very well appreciated;
- Pre-selection of countries for the test and discussions to have with the country cluster coordinators for approval. Countries might be South-Sudan, DRC, Haiti, Bangladesh, Mozambique

Result 2 (SOP development, documentation of good practices)

- The co-chairs of the sub-Working groups were not present
- No update with regard to the dissemination of the already developed guidance notes
- A webinar organized by LEGS gathered more than 100 participants
Result 3 (advocacy)

- Working group members have been busy producing advocacy messages. Still some work needed before finalization, end of next week
- Need for a nutrition expertise to review messages
- No connection with the upcoming policy brief of the IASC about COVID-19 impacts on food security
- Guidance on Cash & Market in urban settings

Result 4 (relation with WHO, Health cluster)

- Discussion about potential closure of the result 4 due to the absence of achievements
- Some members mentioned it is better to keep it open
- To keep it as an agenda item rather than a result?

Result 5 (researches)

- 5 students started a few days ago, on June 5th
- Refined 10 case studies countries: Venezuela, Haiti, Iraq, Yemen, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Niger, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Peru

AOB

- No AOB

Participation:

34 participants as shown on Zoom