FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: ISCG Conference Room
Date: 12 February 2020
Time: 11:00 AM

Link to FSS presentation slides

PARTICIPANTS

23 Organizations (31 individuals) in attendance;

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Updates from FSS
  - January 4Ws
  - Complementary Food Voucher
  - Farmers Market
  - Livelihoods Working Group
- Relief International presentation on Farmers Market
- FSS Co-chair election
- ACAPS presentation on vulnerabilities in the Rohingya refugee camps
- AOB

LIST OF ACTION POINTS

- Active partners to complete Country Cluster Performance Monitoring (CCPM) survey
- Partners to create and enter project plan(s) for 2020 on ReportHub if not already done
- Partners are to provide inputs / comments on the draft homestead gardening guidelines
- FAO to finalize food aggregation / market linkages guidelines with DAE, FSS to arrange market linkages meeting as follow-up
- Disaggregated Livelihoods / Self-reliance to be shared with partners by FSS
- LoCOS to present in the next FSS meeting

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**Country Cluster Performance Monitoring (CCPM) survey** was shared with partners who were active in 2019, results will be presented during a workshop in mid-2020 and be used to revise the FSS workplan
- **REVA 3** will be presented by WFP VAM unit to all FSS partners in the beginning of March
- **New market assessment with TWG** is in draft stage and will be circulated soon

**WFP realignment exercise for UNHCR/GoB joint registration**
- UNHCR and GoB jointly registered refugees with biometrics
- Realignment exercise is ongoing until the end of February to recognize new Progress ID and Family Attestation Certificate which is required to receive food assistance from WFP cooperating partners
- **Messaging for the exercise** been circulated, refugees who do not have the new IDs will be referred to UNHCR for registration
- Latest figures of refugee population will be published soon
- Challenges: In Teknaf, number of host communities were previously recorded as refugees and buying food from WFP and are protesting as they are excluded from the assistance in February

**JRP 2020**
- Final revisions were made with inputs from the SEG and the GoB
- SO4 on working towards achieving sustainable solutions in Myanmar was added, which shows the political willingness of GoB for skills and capacity development opportunities
- Myanmar curriculum is being piloted for 10,000 children

**BDRC Dumba meat distribution donated by Govt of Saudi Arabia**
- Distribution started on 10 February with the CiCs
- Each household receives 2 kgs of meat irrespective of the HH size
- **Note:** in-kind food assistance by organizations other than WFP is not recommended by the DC office

**Key updates from January 4Ws**
- FSS partners are encouraged to enter project plans on ReportHub for 2020 if not already done

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<th><strong>SO2: Livelihood support for host communities</strong></th>
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<td>10,787 HH transitioned from in-kind to e-voucher assistance – increasing the total e-voucher coverage to 108,272 HH (55% of the population)</td>
<td><strong>Ukhiya</strong> – 7 partners reached 16,965 households (38% of population), coverage in Palong Khali was 96% of population</td>
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<td>Of 82,961 HH who received in-kind rations, 62,742 HH (70%) received fresh food from either World Vision (CFV) or Relief International (Farmers Market), up from 40,662 HH in December</td>
<td><strong>Teknaf</strong> – 5 partners reached 16,283 households (35% of population)</td>
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<td><strong>Other Upazilas</strong> – 2 partners reached 688 HH in Chakaria, 337 HH in Ramu, and 299 HH in Cox’s Bazar Sadar</td>
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- Partners to create and enter project plan on ReportHub if not already done

- Disaggregated Livelihoods / Self-reliance to be shared with
### SO2: Self-reliance support for refugees
- **Ukhiya** – 9 partners reached 20,567 households, Camp 6, 8W, 16, 18, and 19 did not receive assistance
- **Teknaf** – 1 partner reached 900 households, Camp 21, 25, 26, and 27 did not receive assistance
- Coverage of homestead gardening activities in Camp 4 was above 100% of households

### Complementary Food Voucher (CFV)
- CFV assistance should phase out in line with the rollout plan of e-voucher outlets and scale up of Farmers Market
- Rollout dates for several camps have been delayed and further delays are expected due to monsoon rain and the need to stagger rollout

### Farmers Market updates
- Suzanne Wargo ([Suzanne.wargo@wfp.org](mailto:Suzanne.wargo@wfp.org)) is Farmers Market focal point in WFP
- Until e-voucher rollout is complete, Farmers Market will target households receiving in-kind rations, then it will transition to targeted food assistance for extremely vulnerable households
- Still in pilot stage with Relief International

### LHWG updates
- Two coordination meetings were held in January – on livelihood support in host communities and on homestead gardening in the camps
- Coordination with Energy and Environment WG to harmonize homestead gardening and planting activities
- Collaborated with the Education Sector and the Protection Sector to have a coordinated response for skills development in 2020 - spearheaded by the Youth Working Group
- World Bank will present in the next Livelihoods WG meeting on 26 February

### Relief International presentation
- [Link to presentation slides](#)
- Initial Learning – Relief International

### FSS Co-chair election
- **TOR of the FSS co-chair** was shared with partners and interested partners were requested to self-nominate
- BRAC was elected as food security co-chair and World Vision was elected as livelihoods co-chair to promote NGO perspective, engagement with other NGOs and the Govt
- Daily and strategic activities of the FSS will be supported by co-chairs

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**FSS Meeting Minutes**
- BRAC pledged to support the Sector with extensive local knowledge experience in food security and livelihood programmes in Bangladesh
- World Vision pledge to bring its community-based approach and to support social cohesion between host communities and refugees

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<td>12 focus groups were formed for the study – each from different camps and backgrounds</td>
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[Link to presentation slides](#)  
[Link to ACAPS/REACH study on Vulnerabilities in the Rohingya refugee camps](#)

Summary of findings:
- All refugees face challenges to fulfill basic needs, some face more challenges than others
- All refugees have concerns for their safety
- Refugees view access to income as the key to better life in the camps
- All refugees pay additional expenses to meet their needs in all sectors of needs
- Single female-headed households are more vulnerable in general, followed by households with no income and households with many dependents
- Beneficiaries sold food items for several reasons - e.g., porters charging additional money, limited access to income-generating activities
- Households with no male of productive age have less access to income-generating activities
- Educated adults have better access to income opportunities due to more access to information

| 6 | AOB | Due to limited time, LoCos presentation postponed. |