Agenda

• Introduction
• FSS/GFA updates
• Livelihoods Updates
• Review of Covid-19 guidance notes and information products
• Review of compiled partner information through the FSS/Livelihoods survey
• Gender impact of Covid-19
• AOB
Introduction
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FSS updates

- Intersectoral Preparedness Plan – V4 [link]
- ISCG is issuing weekly situation report on preparedness – [link]
- Main ISCG advocacy point: testing facility and getting back 3G/4G in the camps
- National Preparedness and Response Plan V5 - [link]
- WHO Cox's Bazar level daily update - [link]
- MoFA circular - GoB lockdown from 26 March to 4 April except kitchen markets, groceries, pharmacies – [link]
- In the camps, ISCG and UN agencies met with RRRC and Military
FSS updates

• RRRC issued a letter with main points, translation to English to come – link

  1. This is a list of the CiCs who will be in charge in rotation. The will be travelling in rotation but there will be no more than 2 passengers in the vehicle.

  2. Everything except the grocery shops (kitchen market/meat/fish and vegetable/food items) will be closed in the camp areas.

  3. All other activities will be closed except health facilities, WASH, emergency food and LPG distribution until further notice.

  4. Camp in charges and the support staff will be responsible on a rotational basis.

• Essential and critical service – link

• Trigger for critical stage: over 10 cases in camps
WFP prevention and risk minimization measures for General Food Assistance

- **Daily, door-to-door beneficiary mobilization to be suspended** by March 30, households will receive a permanent monthly distribution token.

- **Only one person per household will be allowed to enter** WFP in-kind distribution points and e-voucher outlets.

- **Only one visit per household** to e-voucher outlet and in-kind distribution point to receive one-month ration - this will help reduce caseload per day, decongest sites and reduce crowding.

- Everyone must **sanitize their hands before entering WFP premises**. Cooperating Partners are setting up hand washing stations and will screen body temperature of people at the entrance this week.

- Cooperating partners to **enforce social distancing at the waiting sheds, distribution point and e-voucher outlets** through physical demarcation with a red painted line or tape.

- **Biometric authentication on SCOPE and Building Blocks to be waived** across all distribution points and e-voucher outlets starting 22 March, Sunday.

- **SCOPE household realignment exercise has been postponed** since Saturday, March 21. WFP will not change family composition in SCOPE database until further notice. However, SCOPE cards will be distributed with food at the distribution points and e-voucher outlets.

- **Farmers market operation to be suspended** until further notice and scale up also postponed.
FSS updates

Way forward

- Monitoring impact on prices, market, and food security
- Adhere to guidance notes/guideliness
- Bi-weekly meetings
- Advocacy to donors
- Global fund on COVID-19: Health; WASH, Logistics
- In Cox’s Bazar additional funding for Health; WASH, CwCWG.
Livelihoods updates
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- The shift from essential planning to critical means that programming will now be lifesaving activities and most livelihoods activities will halt from 26th – 4th April.

- **Open discussion** Cash for work programming that involves minimal/no contact with other should be evaluated and assessed on if it should continue EETWG to contact partners about possible contingency plan for activities that involve minimal/no person to person interaction

- **Open discussion** on Face Mask Initiative
  - IOM through implementing partners MOAS and Prottayshi will be piloting face masks production approved by the Civil Surgeon – production is set to begin shortly
  - The Civil Surgeon only approves of one design – this is a sensitive and technical project and any partners interested in also producing facemasks should [ensure coordination through LHWG](#) in order to maintain a harmonized approach that is in line with the GoB – there are strict guidelines from the GoB on material and design that need to be followed
  - These masks are not surgical grade and thus under LHWG and not Health Sector – they will contribute to minimum preventative measures and peace of mind and the initial production will be stockpiled until emergency situation - distribution of masks at that time should be harmonized if any other actors are interested
  - Messaging on proper use and washing of masks is ongoing – TWB will support in translation
Review of Covid-19 guidance notes
• **Recommendation for distributions** jointly made by Health, WASH, Food Security, Protection, Site Management, Shelter/NFI Sector ([link](#))

• **Poster on important precautions** by CwCWG ([English](#), [Bangla](#))

• **Key messages on prevention, mitigation and response** (for [refugees](#) and [host communities](#))

• **General guidelines and recommendations by theme** by Global Food Security Cluster. E.g. operational continuity, cash-based transfers, pregnancy ([link](#))

• 9 rules to reduce risk of COVID-19 when travelling to camps in Ukhiya and Teknaf by WHO ([link](#))

• Guidance for the humanitarian community by ISCG v.3 - ([link](#))
Review of FSS/Livelihoods survey results
- 4 partners’ programme have been suspended
- 4 partners re-programmed to prioritize Covid-19 response
- 4 partners’ programme are not set to start in the next month
- 1 partner is planning for procurement and begin preparations
- 9 partners prefer to have a virtual meeting on a bi-weekly basis
- 3 partners prefer to meet on a monthly basis
• Majority of partners (6) found that regular updates would be useful
• Regular communication and virtual meetings (2), and sharing of other partners’ experiences (2) were also requested
• Other support requests were for awareness training for partners’ staff (1), coordination of partners (1), guidance (1), and technical backstopping (1)
Survey results: Adjustments to assistance

**Food assistance:**
- Beneficiary sensitization through messaging at outlets and distribution points
- Adopting social distancing measures through crowd control, including marking queues, ensuring beneficiary flow, decreasing number of people in shops at all times
- Mandatory handwashing enforced at entrance and exit
- Use of hand sanitizers and gloves by staff
- Reduction of available items
- One distribution cycle from 2 (in-kind), one visit per month (e-voucher)

**Self-reliance support:**
- Distributions and skill trainings suspended
- Cash for work suspended until 31 March
- All activities ongoing with Covid-19 awareness sessions, will follow GoB/FSS instructions
- Project staff movement to camps restricted
- Plan to provide hygiene kits to beneficiaries
- Mask distribution to beneficiaries
Survey results: Adjustments to assistance

- **Livelihood Support:**
  - Dissemination of messaging on hygiene and Covid-19 prevention
  - Using mobile money transfers
  - Modifying seeds distributed to allow for seasonal planting
  - Assessing how cash for work can be scaled to support mitigation of infections
  - Adjusting distribution schedules for social distancing – handwashing before and after distribution
  - Avoiding gathering at community level, including distribution of inputs
  - Only Covid-19 awareness sessions by the local service providers remain operational
  - Planning distribution of hygiene kits to staff and beneficiaries
  - Awareness materials distributed along with in-kind inputs at beneficiaries’ home as opposed to a distribution point
  - Training provided through printed materials
  - Trainings for Govt, NGO and private sector staff in small scale with risk mitigation measures in place
  - Mask distribution
Gender Impact of Covid-19 – Gender hub presentation
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