

Meeting Minutes

FSS Bi-Weekly Coordination Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 06 September 2022, 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams, ISCG Meeting Room

Agenda

- FSS Updates
- FSS/JRP Updates
- Presentation – Livelihoods and Skills Development, Tamara | UNHCR
- Partners' Updates
- AOB

Participants:

55 participants representing from 32 organizations.

Online Participants: (21 Organizations)

AAB, ACDI/VOCA, BRAC, CBM, COAST, CWW, DRC, HelpAge, ICCO, ICNET, ICRC, JICA, NRC, Oxfam, PIB, Prantic, Pulse Bangladesh, SCI, Shushilan, VSO, WVI

In-person participants: (11 Organizations)

ACAPS, ACF, EETWG, FAO, FSS, HAIB, HAP, IOM, Mukti, UNHCR, WFP

Find [presentation slides](#) and recording [here](#)

Action Points:

Who	Action	When
FSS team	Finalize and share the draft FSS strategic objectives and activities for the JRP 2023 as discussed during the SAG meeting held on 31 August 2022.	By 20 Sep 2022
FSS JRP 2023		
Partners	Partners will share budget estimation for their proposed projects of the JRP 2023	7 September 2022
FSS Partners Capacity Building Initiatives		
Partners	Partners will contact the FSS team For GAM training. Mr. Neyamul, IMA-FSS is the focal person.	15 September 2022
FSS Information Management		
Partners	Report the 5W information to the FSS	5 September 2022
Partners	Report on Cash for Work and Volunteer intervention to the FSS	8 September 2022
FSS Coordinator		
FSC Coordinator	Food Security Cluster Coordinator will support the Food Security Sector coordination.	4 November 2022
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FSS Funding Estimation

FSS were circulated a FSS funding estimation excel template through all partners email to collect all possible JRP appealing partners funding estimations plan for the FSS JRP 2023 and next 3 years. Therefore, FSS requested all possible JRP appealing partners to share their FSS JRP 2023 and next 3 years operational funding estimation Plan during the coordination meeting.

Purpose of the FSS funding estimation to understand the preliminary funding level for the JRP 2023 and next 3-Year Plan. Partner details will be strictly internal.

Note: Activities related to off-farm skills and livelihood activities will not be included under FSS (based on draft activity grouping)

FSS Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

FSS strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting was held on 31 August 2022 to Inform SAG members of updates on Sector Composition and JRP 2023 and to discuss FSS strategy for 2023-2025.

During this SAG meeting FSS drafted new FSS JRP 2023 strategic objectives for Food Security Sector (FSS) and FSS activities. FSS drafted new 4 FSS JRP 2023 objectives instead of previous year JRP strategic objectives 3.

Drafted FSS JRP 2023 Strategic Objectives are:

SO1: Ensure and sustain the timely provision of life-saving food assistance for Rohingya refugees. (no change)

SO2: Support the food security resiliency of Rohingya refugees through climate sensitive food production.

SO3: Strengthen income-based resiliency of host communities through market linkage and climate smart agriculture interventions

SO4: Enhance climate resilient food security of host communities and strengthen capacity to sustainably manage natural resources and disaster risks.

First two strategic objectives are directly related to Rohingya's, and three and four strategic objectives is for host communities.

Rohingya Response Strategy 2023-2025 (SO1 & SO2)

- Food Assistance (GFA) – ensure people have access to sufficient nutritious food to meet their daily requirements.
 - 2023: continue through e-vouchers in the retail shops. (in absence of livelihoods options)
 - Strategy for GFA: Maintain the transfer value over 3 years, but stack more targeted programmes for the vulnerable population.
- Resiliency and livelihoods in camps
 - 2023: Work in close collaboration with LSDS to advocate for viable sustainable livelihood activities including homestead gardening, market linkages and cash for work options.
 - 2024-2025: IF restrictions around livelihoods are eased, what would FSS strategy of livelihoods and resiliency be? Livelihoods and SD need to scale up in order to consider more flexibility of GFA

Host Community Response Strategy 2023-2025 (SO3)

- Enhance climate-resilient livelihoods with the engagement of women and youth, whilst restoring socio-ecological systems.
- Strengthening market linkages, restoration of natural habitats and forests, and development of the landslide early warning system.

- Smallholder and large farmers to increase their resilience and adaptive capacity by increasing access to land properties, better storage of food grains for the lean period, improved farming technologies, access to agricultural credits, and assets.
- Linkages among the producers, local markets and retailers of the Rohingya camps will be further strengthened.
- The focus on disaster risk reduction and early warning systems will be continued. The capacity building of all relevant government agencies and engaging with vulnerable communities using conflict-sensitive approaches will create long-term sustainability.
- The above approach will support the scaling-up and institutionalization of ongoing initiatives, such as the implementation of watershed management plans using nature-based solutions for ecosystem restoration (i.e. biological land stabilization, riparian plantations, reforestation, etc.)
- Integration/partnership with GoB social safety net systems – should be mentioned as a long-term scope.

FSS Partners Capacity Building | Upcoming Training

Gender Age Marker (GAM) training has been conducted by the Gender Hub of UN Women for the Food Security Sector partners on 30 August 2022, as this training is a requirement for entry into the JRP 2023 process.

Gender Hub are planning to organize another individuals' sessions for those colleagues who were unable to attend any of the sectors GAM training, therefore FSS requested interested colleagues to reach out FSS focal to join the individual's session during the coordination meeting.

FSS Contact focal for individuals' session: Md Neyamul Akhter, Mobile: 01313770424

Livestock update

Monthly Livestock Partners Coordination meeting was held on 31 August 2022. During the coordination meeting FSS highlighted the last livestock meeting discussion topics with meeting participants. Next livestock coordination meeting will be held on 28 September 2022 at 11.00 to 12.00 PM

Information Management

Firstly, FSS Information Management team thanks to FSS partners for their timely submission of FSS Monthly Report to FSS.

Total 15 FSS partners were submitted FSS 5W and 7 FSS partners were submitted CFW and Rohingya volunteers Stephen report to FSS as of 5 September 2022, therefore FSS requested to submit their both monthly report to FSS, who did not submit yet.

Reminder for Reporting Deadline: FSS Monthly Report | August 2022

- 5W reporting update (Deadline Monday, 5 September 2022)
- CfW/Volunteer (Deadline Thursday, 8 September 2022 COB)

For all your Information Management needs please contact:

- Neyamul Akhter, neamul.akhter@wfp.org (Mobile: 01313770424)

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- General Food Assistance (GFA) and Fresh food Corner (FFC) support is continuing through **21 e-voucher outlets** and **20 FFC in the camps** respectively. Since June, **monthly value voucher is 13 USD/ BDT 1,234.17 (1\$= 94.93 BDT)** per person and **30% vulnerable HHs is receiving Top-Up for FFC support, 3 USD/ BDT 284.81 per person**
- **Maximum BDT 669.5 can be used to buy rice.** The remaining (BDT 564.67) can be used to buy any other food items including fresh foods.
- September Food Basket – **No Changes since June** | 10 Fixed Items and 8 flexible items

- All Fresh items (FFC & Flexible) price depends on weekly market price monitoring
- Mandatory to follow all Covid-19 compliances and risk minimization activities, **Second Visit continued to be allowed in all outlets** to buy food commodities especially fresh food items (FFC).
- In September 2022, a total **2771 Households (7120 Individuals) temporarily excluded** (unspecified camp location/Transit Camp, HHs living outside camp for long and HHs did not redeem vouchers consistently last 3 more months).
- 100% Beneficiary mobilization by 26th September and 27 & 28 September is for follow up and support for protection referrals and absentee cases. As per our E-Voucher operational Calendar 29th will be non-transaction day.

EETWG Updates

- EETWG Monthly Coordination meeting will be held on 6 September, 2022 at 3:30-5pm, ISCG meeting room
- EETWG & FSS Learning Field Visit on DRR and NbS activities in Teknaf host communities:
- IOM – DRR infrastructure for improved access to cyclone shelter
- WFP – Forecast based Financing – meeting with beneficiaries affected by surge flooding
- FAO – Landslide Inventory location – to understand landslide early warning system

Presentation

- UNHCR | Livelihoods and Skills Development Sector Composition | Tamara, UNHCR

Partner Updates

- Partners were requested to share operational updates to FSS at info.coxsbazar@fscluster.org

AOB

- Update on FSS files: all files from 2022 have been archived [here](#)
- Zolboo is leaving Cox's Bazar for Break in services on Thursday, 8 September 2022
- FSS Food Security Cluster Coordinator, Mohammad Rony, 01791-009007, mohammad.rony@wfp.org will support the Cox's Bazar FSS coordinator for next two month.

Upcoming events

- [FSS Bi - Weekly Coordination Meeting](#) | 20 September 2022 from 11:00 – 12:30
- [Livestock Partners Monthly Meeting](#) | 28 September 2022
- [Next SDTWG Meting](#) | 26 September 2022 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm