



Food Security & Livelihoods Coordination Meeting

4 April 2023

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



**COX'S BAZAR
FOOD SECURITY
SECTOR**

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Agenda

Meeting agenda

- Introduction & Welcome
- FSS updates:
 - General Coordination Updates
 - FSS Updates
- Partner Updates (requesting partner updates on Ramadan distributions)
- AOB

Last meeting minutes review (21 March 2023)



Who	Action	Status
FSS RAMADAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION PLAN		
FSS	FSS will share the endorsed guidance notes and final Ramadan Food Basket to CiCs, Sector Focals and all FSS Partners agencies.	Done
Partners	Partners will share Ramadan distribution plan to FSS	On-going
Partners	Partners to follow FSS and RRRC endorsed Ramadan guidance notes and Ramadan food basket.	On-going
FSS GARDENING TRACKER (WINTER AND SUMMER SEASONS)		
FSS	Partners will share gardening tracker information to FSS who did not share yet	Done
	FSS will produce Homestead Gardening Tracker.	Done
	FSS will organize homestead gardening meeting with partners	Done

Last meeting minutes review (7 March 2023)

Who	Action	Status
FSS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT		
FSS	FSS will organize rescheduled the postponed FSS 5W Reporting Orientation Session initially postponed due to fire response on end of the month Reporting Reminder (MARCH 2023) For FSS 5W response tracker (5W Guidance Note) FSS 5W response tracker (<i>google sheets</i>): The online FSS 5W response tracker in the February 2023 Tab only – (please note that this is a LIVE document, therefore DO NOT delete fields/rows or apply filters).	Done
Partners	Or the attached offline 5W template. <i>If using the offline template, it may be convenient for you to download the above response tracker and keep your specific organization's rows only and update the monthly tab each month with your activities' beneficiary figures.</i> For Rohingya CfW/Volunteer Stipend information: attached Excel template	On-going

General Updates

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- Financial Analysis
- Security Situation and Updates from Partners
- Data Sharing with GoB
- MSNA 2023 – Assessment Registry

FSS:

- Rationalization
- Coordination of Homestead Gardening and Market Linkage
- SoP for Emergency Food Distribution

IM & GFA Updates

ISCG Financial Analysis by Sectors

JRP 2022 – 70% funded

- USD 881 million required – USD 615.2 million received

JRP 2023 (Cox's Bazar) – 31% funded

- USD 808.5 million required – USD 552.7 million funding gap

2023 Activities were categorized as **firewalled**, **critical priority**, and **priority**

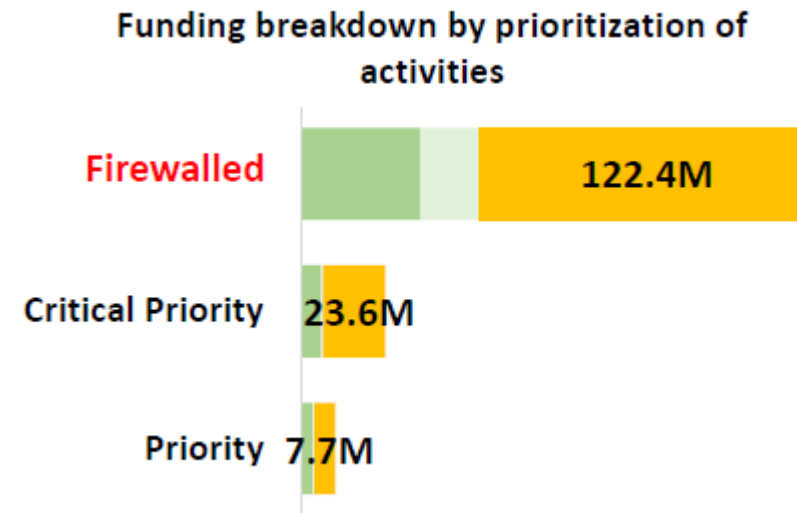
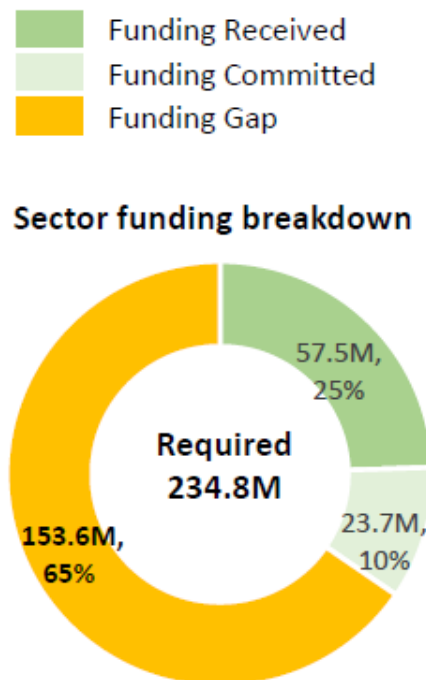
- Across the sectors, firewalled activities include: **Food Assistance** (pipeline break in May) and **LPG** (pipeline break in June), PHCs, GBV/Child Protection, Prevention and treatment of malnutrition, Hygiene items, Maintenance of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities
- **Overall firewalled funding gap: 285.1M**
- **Critical Priority funding gap: 142.2M**
- **Priority Gap 125.4M**

All 2023 JRP partners submitted their financial analysis for this exercise

ISCG Financial Analysis by Sectors

Food Security Sector

- Food Assistance is firewalled activity (including GFA, Fresh Food Voucher, Rapid Food Assistance)
- Critical Priority: **Crop Agricultural Support, Fisheries & Livestock Support, Conditional Cash, Cash for Work, and School Feeding**
 - As complementary access to food and nutrition



ISCG Financial Analysis by Sectors

Way Forward

- Funds to go through sectors
- Need to look at impact of funding gaps
- More real time analysis
- Immediate focus on pipeline breaks: Food and LPG
- Build back better
- Keep partners updated

Security

- Worsening security conditions in camps
- Refugee volunteers being targeted
- UNDSS resources for partners – interim measures (target audience UN staff)

Any partner updates regarding security issues?

Security

Interim Measures by UNDSS

- In pairs while on foot missions
- Maintain radio sets
- Field missions leader to conduct daily headcount at start and end of mission day.
- Maintain coordination with your driver and remain aware of where your vehicle is parked.
- In case of any incident, staff may take shelter at the APBn Posts/UN Facilities or leave the place immediately.
- Leave camps by 4:30pm

Data Sharing with GoB

Data Processing Agreement (DPA) between UNHCR and organizations on Skills Development and Volunteer programmes

For SD Programmes:

- (a) Full name,
- (b) Individual *proGres* registration number,
- (c) Address (camp level),
- (d) Skills training program/activity currently undertaken,
- (e) Start and end date of the training programme/activity, and,
- (f) Organisation offering the skills training.

For Volunteer Programmes:

- (a) Full name,
- (b) Individual *proGres* registration number for refugee volunteers,
- (c) Birth Registration card number or National ID Card number for host community volunteers as applicable,
- (d) Address (camp level for refugees and residential address for host community, as applicable),
- (e) Role of volunteer and category (unskilled, semi-skilled, or skilled),
- (f) ISCG sector under which the volunteer is engaged,
- (g) Start and end date of engagement, and,
- (h) Hiring Organisation.

MSNA

Multi Sector Needs Assessment 2023

- Review existing assessments
- Identify gaps in information and what is not available
- Identify cross cutting topics

Assessment Registry – COB Thursday 13 April

- Please review the assessment and inform FSS if you have sector related assessments to include

FSS Updates

Rationalization

Principles of Rationalization

1. Consult with Sectors/WGs before engaging in an activity
2. Ensure that implementing partners meet basic requirements
3. Adopt an integrated approach
4. Ensure predictability and continuity
5. Ensure the right partners respond in cases of emergencies
6. Ensure transparency of information

FSS tools and processes

- IM products – presence mapping, dashboard etc.
- Minimum standards (2023: Homestead Gardening, Market Linkage, Rapid Food Distribution)
- NID Deduplication process for HC

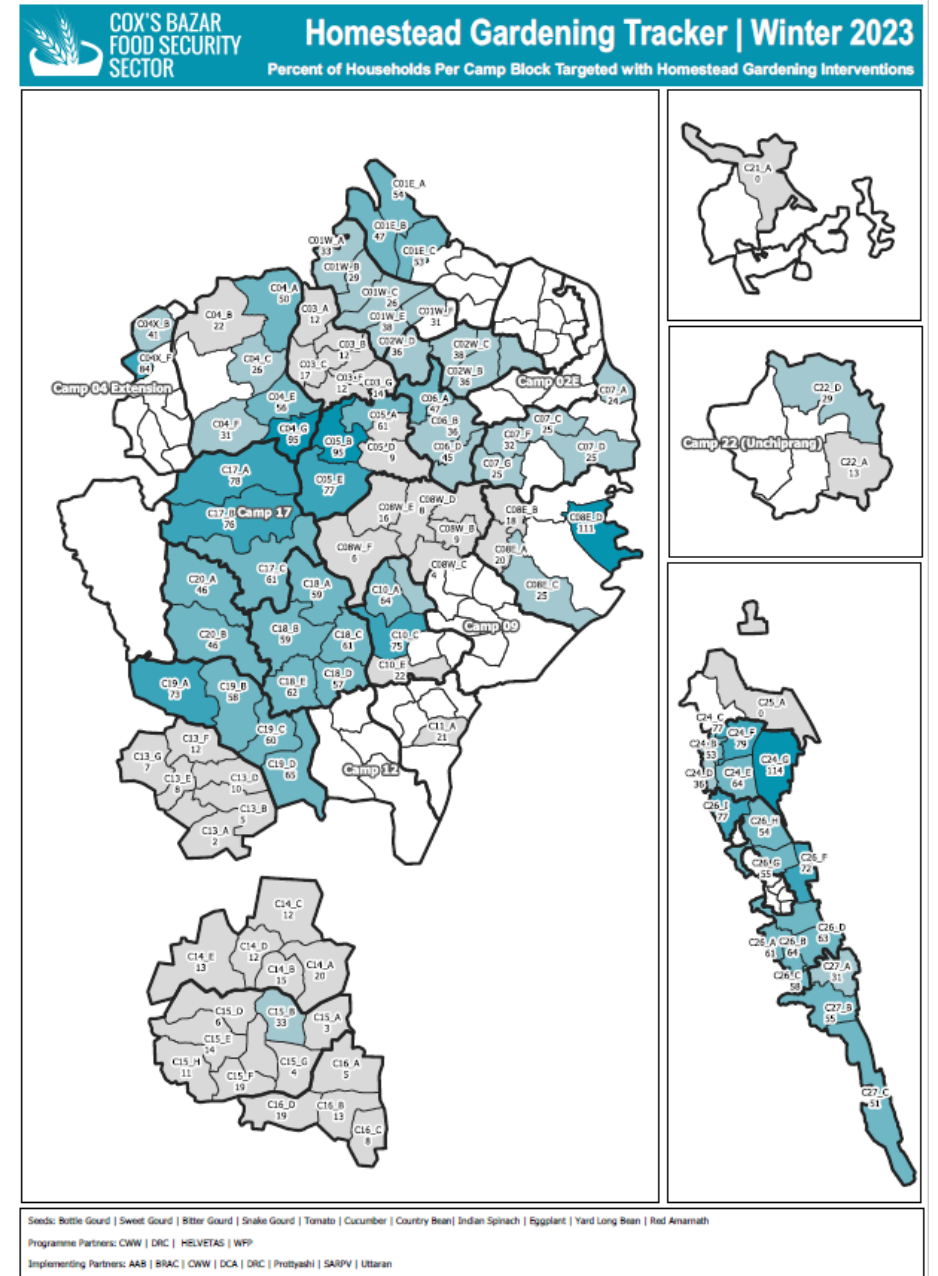
Homestead Gardening

Ad-hoc meeting held on Thursday 30 March

- FSS to develop minimum inputs (seeds/seedling and non-seeds) and training package draft
- Volunteers from meeting to provide inputs on the Guidance Document (inputs, trainings, baseline guidance) – as minimum standards/guideline
- FSS to share table of species and planting tools as input package – requesting amount and cost for each item

Objective:

- Common approach and harmonization of activities based on minimum standards



Market Linkage Coordination Meeting

Taking place upcoming Thursday 6 April 10am-12pm

Purpose:

- Similar approach to homestead gardening meeting – discussion based meeting to identify challenges and common approaches
- Review Aggregation Centre mapping (upcoming)
- Develop sectoral strategy for linking local farmers, local markets, and fresh food corners

FSS SoP for Emergency Rapid Food Distribution

Elements of SoP:

- Coordination mechanism - step by step guidance on how food distribution should be conducted and who are the stakeholders to engage (Sector, Sector Focal, CiC)
- Responding agencies - target full camps or camp blocks that are affected (to prevent using 1 distribution point)
- Standardize the menu and timing of distribution (quantity and quality - minimum standards)
- Include archive of all past responding agencies and contacts (especially those outside of FSS network)
- Include the quarterly updated contingency stock by FSS partners

This SoP should be endorsed by RRRC to standardize the process for all CiCs and agencies.

General Food Assistance (GFA)

General Food Assistance Updates (April 2023)

Food assistance

- General Food Assistance (GFA) and Fresh Food Corner (FFC) support is continuing through 19 e-voucher outlets and 18 FFC in the camps respectively. Ration Cut : BNFs will receive \$10.00 = BDT 1040.00 in April 2023.
- Ramadan items are available in April as flexible items (Chickpeas, Lacca-semai, Vermicelli, Mustard Oil, Flatten Rice, Puffed Rice) in all outlets.
- Outlet Operation will remain close during Eid holidays as per Govt. circular & Outlet operation calendar.
- In April 2023, a total 3620 Households were temporarily excluded who didn't redeem their voucher for the last 3 or more months consistently.
- All transaction will end by 27th April, one day for absentee follow-up support 29th and 28th & 30th April will be no-transaction day as usual.

January 2023

Food Basket –

10 Fixed Items and **12** flexible item

FFC support = 21 food items

#	Fixed Items	#	Flexible Items (16)
1	Atap Fine Rice	1	Wheat Flour
2	Red Lentil	2	Mung Bean (Large grain)
3	Soyabean Oil	3	Belt Fish
4	Sugar	4	Fish- Anchovy Dry
5	Garlic	5	Chickpeas
6	Chilli	6	Chilli Powder (3)
7	Turmeric	7	Turmeric Powder (3)
8	Egg	8	Lacchah Shemai
9	Fortified Salt	9	Vermicelli
10	Lemon	10	Mustard Oil
		11	Flatten Rice
		12	Puffed Rice

IM Update

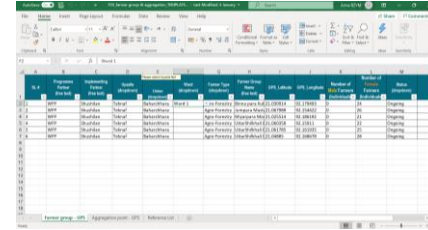
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2023 FSS IM

Reminder

FSS Reporting Deadline | 12 April 2023

- For FSS 5W response tracker ([5W Guidance Note](#))
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The screenshot shows a Google Sheets spreadsheet with a complex table structure. The table has multiple columns, including what appears to be organization names, dates, and numerical values. The interface includes the standard Google Sheets menu and toolbar at the top.

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Partner Updates (Ramadan)

Ramadan Distribution Planning

All partners planning to distribute food baskets during Ramadan are requested to provide their information in the Ramadan Planning Matrix

RAMADAN FORECAST MATRIX								
Donor (free text)	Programme Partner (free text)	Implementing Partner (free text)	Beneficiary Type (dropdown)	Upazila (dropdown)	Union (dropdown)	Camp [only for refugee] (dropdown)	Type of Activity (dropdown)	Modality (dropdown)

Purpose:

- Catch overlapping plans and direct to populations in need
- FSS can communicate partners' plans with respective CiCs through Sector Focals – speedier approval process

Final Ramadan Food Basket

As endorsed by FSS and RRRC:

SL	Item	Amount
1	Chickpeas	2kg
2	Puffed Rice (muri)	1kg
3	Dates	1kg
4	Soyabean Oil	1 litre
5	Sugar	1 kg
6	Juice powder (for Shorbot)	500grams
7	Kheshari lentils	2kg
8	Flattened rice (chira)	1kg
9	Bangla Shemai	1kg
10	Lacha Shemai	1kg
11	Onion	1kg
12	Hot Masala	100grams
13	Garlic	1kg
14	Mustard Oil	1 litre
15	Noodles	1kg

AOB

Thank you

Next FSS coordination meeting

18 April 2023, 11:00-12:30

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