



Food Security & Livelihoods Coordination Meeting

30 May 2023

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh



**COX'S BAZAR
FOOD SECURITY
SECTOR**

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Introduction & Welcome

Agenda

Meeting agenda

- Introductions & welcome
- Review Last meeting minutes
- FSS general Updates
- Communication Strategy on WFP GFA Ration cuts (Effective from 1st June)
- Presentation: FSS sector led Assessments final report
- Partner Updates
- AOB

Last meeting minutes review (2 May 2023)

Who	Action	Status
WFP Ration Cuts		
FSS	FSS will recorded partners inputs regarding the impact of the food ration cuts on partners programming (where, when, # of beneficiaries, what activity etc.)	Continue
SOP on Rapid Food Distribution		
FSS	<p>FSS will incorporate partners comments and feedback on Standard Operating Procedure for Emergency Rapid Food Assistance during Multi-Hazard Emergency Response for Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar and FSS ToR.</p> <p>FSS/ISCG to present SOP at Inter-Sector + ROCT meetings (there may be inputs esp. from ROCT)</p> <p>FSS to incorporate feedback from the ROCT (support from GFA) (Mid-End of May)</p> <p>Final Draft to be shared with ISCG for RRRC endorsement</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>June</p> <p>June</p>

Last meeting minutes review (2 May 2023)

Who	Action	Status
FSS HOMESTEAD GARDENING GUIDELINE (Version 2)		
FSS	<p>FSS will reshare the Homestead Gardening Guideline Outline to selected partners colleagues again for their inputs.</p> <p>Colleagues will provide inputs on the Gardening Guidance outline</p>	Need to discuss more
MARKET LINKAGE		
FSS	Partners expressed need for stronger coordination on this topic by way of developing a Market Linkage Strategy for FSS. FSS will focus of the FSS strategic action	June
FSS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT		May 2023
<p>REMINDER FSS REPORT (April 2023)</p> <p>For FSS 5W response tracker (5W Guidance Note)</p> <p>FSS 5W response tracker (<i>google sheets</i>): The online FSS 5W response tracker in the March 2023 Tab only – (please note that this is a LIVE document, therefore DO NOT delete fields/rows or apply filters).</p> <p>Or use the attached offline 5W template.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For Rohingya CfW/Volunteer Stipend information: Excel template</p>		

FSS general Updates

FSS Updates

FSS | [Ad-hoc Coordination Meeting](#) | Sunday, 21 May 2023, 2:30 – 3:30 PM | Presentation slides and meeting discussion points

FSS SAG ad-hoc meeting | 25 May 2023, from 2:30 to 3:30PM | WFP conference Meeting Room

FSS conducted a Joint assessment on Cyclone Mocha (FAO and WFP rapid Assessment)

FSC is supporting the FSS for coordination and assessment

FSS Funding Needs

FOOD SECURITY



FUNDING REQUIRED



USD **4.0M**

PEOPLE IN NEED (JRP)



1.27M

PEOPLE TARGETED



409,890



217,000
Rohingya Refugees



192,890⁴
Bangladeshi Host Community

Government of Bangladesh: Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), Department of Agricultural Extension

Sector Lead Agencies: WFP and FAO

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Prior to and after the Cyclone, 5,589 Rohingya refugees staying in designated safe havens in the camps received emergency rations of fortified biscuits. More than 11,500 hot meals were distributed to refugees with a total of 6,221 Rohingya reached with the emergency food assistance package and 2,000 people reached with complementary dry foods. In addition, 5,601 Bangladeshi households were provided with BDT 4,100 (USD 39) each in advance of forecasted storm surge flooding, through WFP's Forecast-based Anticipatory Actions, allowing them to better prepare for its impact, and over 500 Bangladeshi households each received around BDT 5,115 (USD 48) as multipurpose cash grants in Sabrang union, Teknaf. More than 4,800 dry food packages and 600 hot meals to Bangladeshi host communities were distributed in cyclone shelters in Teknaf and Ukhiya. WFP and FAO are working together with food security partners to consolidate the sectoral needs assessment.

Rohingya Refugee Response and the Humanitarian Country Task Team issued joint [Flash Appeal](#) to respond to the damage caused by Cyclone Mocha, and to enhance preparedness and response capacity for the upcoming monsoon season.

A total of USD 42.16 million is required to support affected refugee and Bangladeshi communities, including USD 36.53 million under the Rohingya Refugee Response and USD 5.63 million for Bangladeshi communities in Teknaf

The press release for the launch can be found [here](#).

In Myanmar, the humanitarian community also [launched](#) today a USD 333 million Flash Appeal to assist 1.6 million people affected by Cyclone Mocha.

SOP - Emergency Food Distribution at Refugee camp

Minimum Standards for Emergency Rapid Food Assistance

Table 1. Minimum standards and specifications for modalities of rapid food distribution:

Assistance Type	Details	Timeline	Duration/Frequency
<i>Fortified Biscuits (FB)</i>	100 (50g) packets per family or equivalent	Within first 24 hours of emergency response	Repeated as needed (led by WFP for all affected persons)
<i>Hot Meals (Lunch and Dinner)</i>	Per individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiled Rice (400 gm) • Mixed Vegetables (200gm) • Thick dal/lentils (200gm) • TOTAL (800 gm) 	Lunch: 1100-1300 hrs Dinner: 1600 - 1800 hrs	Daily – begin within 24 hours of emergency and continue until access to basic provisions are restored and HHs are on e-vouchers.
<i>Complementary Dry Foods</i>	As recommended/ requested by refugees (Per HHs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread 2 packets (40 slices) • Puffed rice (1kg) • Molasses / Sugar (0.5kg) • Biscuit packets (5 packets, 400 gm) • Peanut (1kg) • Pulse • Chickpeas • Flatten rice • fruit/ local fruits (depends on availability) 	Breakfast: Refugees have noted preference for early morning distributions (0800 – 1000 hrs), to suffice until hot meals distributions, and ease of carrying.	1-2 times weekly – continue until access to basic provisions are restored and HHs are on e-vouchers.

Camp or Block Wise Targeting Approach

To avoid overcrowding not just of implementing actors but of beneficiaries as well, as well as to ensure Accountability to the Affected Population, the Food Security Sector recommends implementing actors to plan for rapid food distribution targeting entire camps or entire camp blocks as capacity allows, for at least 1 full day of hot meals – lunch and dinner hot meals for all affected individuals in the camp or camp block.

SOP for Emergency Rapid Food Assistance during Multi-Hazard Emergency Response for Rohingya Refugees in Cox's Bazar

1. First draft of SOP sent to WFP/GFA for review (18 April)
2. **WFP/GFA share feedback to FSS (27 April) - Done**
3. FSS to present draft to partners at coordination meeting (with GFA support) (2 May)
4. After partner inputs – FSS to share draft with ISCG (Early to Mid-May)
5. FSS/ISCG to present SOP at Inter-Sector + ROCT meetings (there may be inputs esp. from ROCT)
6. FSS to incorporate feedback from the ROCT (support from GFA) (Mid-End of May)
7. Final Draft to be shared with ISCG for RRRC endorsement (June)

Communication
Strategy on WFP GFA
Ration cuts (Effective
from 1st June)

General Food Assistance – Ration Cuts Overview

- Starting June 2023, WFP will cut food voucher value from \$10 to \$8 per person per month.
- WFP provides food assistance to the Rohingya population in 33 camps.
- If more funds don't arrive soon, voucher value will need to be cut even further.

ANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES ON THE POPULATION



Widespread decline in food security and nutrition outcomes, such as food consumption, dietary diversity, wasting, and stunting.



Sharp reduction in micronutrient-rich food consumption, and a worsening of micronutrient deficiencies.



Adoption of dangerous coping strategies (e.g., selling possessions, and accepting risky, exploitative jobs).



Increased violence and insecurity in the camps, and increased risks of bartering food assistance.

FSS requests partners for inputs regarding the impact of the food ration cuts on partners programming (where, when, # of beneficiaries, what activity etc.)

Common Messaging to the Rohingya Community

- FSS | [Common messaging to the Rohingya refugee community on adjustments in assistance](#) | 25 May 2023
- WFP | Bangla | [Revised |Key Messages for GFA Entitlement Decrease](#)
- WFP | Revised | [Key Messages for GFA Entitlement Decrease \(2nd ration cut\)](#)
- ADTWG | [Key advocacy messages to include persons with disabilities](#) | 14 May 2023

Note: General food assistance (GFA) information dissemination for the Rohingya community should be coordinated with the WFP GFA Team ([@Rokibul ALAM](#), Head of GFA in cc) – as a note for the CwC Working Group. However, if direct engagement is needed, It's important that we stick to common messaging (Revised key Messages document) to avoid any confusion, prevent rumors, and reduce any security risks.

Common Messaging to the Rohingya Community

1. Reduced entitlement of the food voucher:

- WFP has to reduce the entitlement of the food voucher from USD 10 to USD 8, starting from June 2023.
- It is not specific to any individual or household, rather it will be applied to everyone equally.
- The reduced entitlement only affects the food voucher you receive from WFP. Other entitlements, for example, nutrition, are not affected and will remain the same as before.
- The reduced entitlement may have an effect on the nutritional status of you and your family. Young children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, people with disabilities and older persons are usually the most affected. To minimize the impact of the reduced entitlement, there are a few things you can do: With the voucher, you can still purchase a maximum of 13 kg of rice/per person/month and use the remainder on fresh food items.
- Eat all the food you purchase from the e-voucher outlet, this is especially important now that you are not receiving the same amount of food as before. Young children, pregnant and breastfeeding women need more nutrition so try to take care of them as much as possible.
- If you have any concerns about the food assistance you receive, whether they are about the voucher amount or food quality or quantity you purchased from an outlet, please feel free to inform the WFP outlet staff immediately while inside the outlet (before leaving).

Common Messaging to the Rohingya Community

2. Reduced entitlement of soap:

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector has to decrease the number of bathing soaps you receive each month. From June 2023, you will receive one bathing soap per person per month instead of two bathing soaps.
- Other entitlements from WASH assistance packages are not affected and will remain the same as before.

3. Adjusted LPG distribution cycle:

- UNHCR is distributing pressure cookers which save time and gas when cooking. Starting in June 2023, the LPG refill cycle will be adjusted for refugees who have received pressure cookers. The adjustment is based on a detailed survey and research to reflect actual LPG consumption.

Common Messaging to the Rohingya Community

Hotlines:

- **WFP- 08 000 999 777.** It is toll-free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **UNHCR- 16670.** It is toll-free and available everyday from 8am – 10pm.

- **WFP Partners/ Help desk** – you can approach the staff working in all outlets to share your concerns, complaints and feedback at the help desk in the outlets.
- **Nutrition centers** – you can approach staff on site or helpdesk to share your complaints and feedback.
- **Information hubs/Complaints and Feedback Centres** - The centers are operated by different humanitarian organizations and camp management agencies. You can access these centers anytime during the week to provide feedback related to any issues.

FSS SAG Members

FSS Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

Member list- 2023

SL #	Name of Member	Organization	Member Status
1	Jessica Kim	WFP	Permanent member
2	Rokibul Alam	WFP	Alternative Member
3	Marco De Gaetano	FAO	Permanent member
4	Bidyut Mahalder	FAO	Alternative Member
5	Subrata Kumar Chakrabarty	UNHCR	Permanent member
6	Md. Nahid Hasan Raju	UNHCR	Alternative Member
7	Ataur Rahman	NGO Forum	Permanent member
8	Md. Abu Rafat Siddique	NGO Forum	Alternative Member
9	Abdullah Al Raihan	BRAC	Permanent member
10	Shahana Hyat	BRAC	Alternative Member
11	Abdul Mannan	(SHED)	Permanent member
12	Mohmmad Anwar Hossen	(SHED)	Alternative Member
13	Md. Kamrul Hossain	Mukti Cox's Bazar	Permanent member
14	Mian Michael Jahangir	Mukti Cox's Bazar	Alternative Member
15	Zillur Rahman Chowdhury	CWW	Permanent member
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17	G M Jahangir Kabir	HELVETAS	Permanent member
18	Kamlesh Vyas	HELVETAS	Alternative Member

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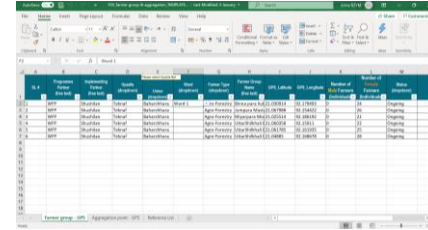
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FSS HOMESTEAD GARDENING GUIDELINE (Version 2)

Reminder (May Report)

FSS Reporting Deadline | 12 June 2023

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Presentation: Food Security Sector Assessment

Partner's Update

AOB

Thank you

Next FSS coordination meeting

18 June 2023, 11:00-12:30

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