



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE Thursday, 31st August 2021
TIME 03:00 pm – 04:15 pm
VENUE Online through ZOOM

AGENDA

1. Special HCTT meeting update to the FSC members
2. FSC flood situation report
3. FSC District Focal Point update on the ongoing flood situation
4. Minimum preparedness actions status for flood
5. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- HCTT nexus strategy will be published soon.
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DISCUSSION

1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING

FSC Cluster Coordinator, Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. HCTT MEETING UPDATE

FSC CC informed that HCTT meeting was organized at 22nd August 2021 which was chaired by Secretary of MODMR and has requested Mr. Kazi Shahidur Rahman to update about the meeting. Main discussion was the Nexus study of 5 years, basically it's a part of NEXUS. Mr. Rahman said that feedback from NGO, INGO and UN agency from last four months used to finalize the strategy. This strategy has focused on three areas—first one was multi years planning which is the common scenario for each of the agency, district-based information, found scenario of three natural hazards. This strategy also has talked about risk analysis. Inform index will be adopted for this strategy. Second one was anticipatory action initiatives which will be held more on the government and based on the ticket, so we propose some of the common triggering process in that plant. And the last one was how the cluster will relate to DMC which is an area-based approach. Government has accepted three areas. He has requested to the participants to follow the plan that if they improve their organizational preparedness and link up with the government. He has provided some of the clear commitment to improve the risk analysis and distributor reaction, especially risk financing, as well as the more resource mobilization to better prepare and contributing to the government.

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3. FSC FLOOD SITUATION REPORT

FSC CC has mentioned that FSC asked about the flood report and many agencies submitted the report, still FSC is receiving report from partners. The SitRep is presented. He has acknowledged that FSC have received information from agriculture extension and Department of livestock services. The map has exhibited that it is

reducing in the north and it's gradually coming down to the middle part. He has highlighted that 48 upazilas are inundated in 14 districts where weather low-lying areas are inundated. According to the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), animal food crisis is expected and affected people are preparing to take shelter in high lands with livestock. DLS still calculating the loss and damage.

4. FSC DISTRICT FOCAL POINT UPDATE ON THE ONGOING FLOOD SITUATION

FSC CC has asked the meeting participants to provide some ground level update on the ongoing flood situation. Mr. Ratan from BRAC said that BRAC has district committee and upazila committee in all 64 districts and 492 upazilas to have the field level information. The ongoing flood situation is under monitoring and though the water level is rising, it is not much alarming till now. Mr. Rowshan from National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors Bangladesh (NAHAB) Secretariat said that they have already given their input in the regular situation reports and so they have not prepared any individual situation report. NAHAB informed that water level in Kurigram is increasing rapidly and in Jamalpur some unions are already intruded by water. The river erosion is increasing in the riverbanks of Jamuna especially near Faridpur.

Mr. Kazi Masudur Rahman, Deputy Director, NDP said that they have had a discussion with DRRO, Sirajganj about the report of Sirajganj flood situation and currently the water is flowing at 35 cm. which is well above the danger level for the area which is 13.35 cm. Though the situation is normal as per government, some char areas are already getting flooded. NDP have prepared a database of 29,075 HHs for anticipatory support and is ready to disburse 4,500 taka/HH through bKash if the situation is declared by WFP for anticipatory action. NDP's emergency response team is also in place with preparation for any worst scenario.

Mr. Fuad from Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) informed that the regional team of NAWG is working in northern part of Bangladesh and closely monitoring the flood situation in the northern belt. They are also preparing for local level need assessment. Currently the update is some areas in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat has been inundated and around 1,000 families are affected. In Sirajganj, water level is raising rapidly in some upazilas and NAWG is monitoring the percentage of inundated areas.

Ms. Bithika, district focal from WFP said that the updates shared by the other organizations have already covered the situation. The government has allocated some cash and rice to the affected people. Though the situation is not severe, government is prepared for any situation. There is information on inundation in Bogura but no official statement from the government is published.

5. MINIMUM PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS STATUS FOR FLOOD

FSC CC has shared on the preparatory actions taken by the cluster. The meeting participants have also shared their preparedness status for flood.

6. AOB

- **Webinar on International Youth Day 2021**

A webinar entitled '**Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health**' was arranged by Islamic Relief Bangladesh on 12 August 2021 to celebrate the International Youth Day 2021. FSC CC was invited in the webinar as the Keynote Speaker. Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan, Assistant Program Officer, Islamic Relief Bangladesh thanked FSC CC for his presence as Keynote Speaker.

By thanking everyone FSC CC concluded the meeting.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Sl. No.	Name	Organization
1	Kazi Shahidur Rahman	UNRCO
2	Bithika Biswas	WFP
3	Ajmerry Hossain	FSS
4	Iqbal Hossain	WFP
5	Dr. Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan	Islamic Relief Bangladesh
6	Fuadur Rabbi	CARE
7	Kazi Masudur Rahman	NDP
8	Iqbal Hossain	Islamic Relief Bangladesh
9	Rahat Ara Sirajum Monir	WVI
10	Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony	FSC
11	Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam	DLS
12	Ratan	BRAC