



MINUTES OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING to review the Food Security Cluster Standardized Food Assistance Package

DATE 25 May 2022
TIME 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
VENUE Islamic Relief Bangladesh Country Office & online through Zoom

AGENDA

1. FSC Food Assistance Package in line with Nutrition Cluster for weekly / by weekly/ monthly
2. Farewell of Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Department of Livestock Services and FSC Strategic Advisory Group fellow.
3. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- FSC will circulate the revised FSC Food Assistance Package
- FSC will Organize a orientation on the package
- Promote Community Messaging on the benefit of fortified oil and chickpeas use

DISCUSSION

The meeting started with a round of introduction. FSC Coordinator Mr. Rony started the meeting with the brief introduction over the agendas of the session.

FSC coordinator presented the previous FSC Food Assistance Package in line with Nutrition Cluster for weekly / by weekly / monthly.

An argument session was launched where the participants gave their opinion on the options and availabilities of commodities, package distribution modalities, frequency and precautions for distribution, HR and logistics support, and communication feasibility.

The TWG focused on the scope of this package and agreed the followings:

- The FSC Food Assistance package will have two particularities- Immediate and Short Term
- The Food package will be for 15 days and monthly
- The size and composition of the food baskets are tailored to local preferences, demographic profile, calorie need, operational and supply chain considerations.

It includes the provision of the following food items in immediate and short term FSC food

package,

- Rice, lentils, flattened rice (Chira)
 - Molasses (Akher gur) / Sugar
 - Fortified biscuit
 - Vegetable oil and salt
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- The size and composition of the food baskets are tailored to local preferences, demographic profile, calorie need, GDP growth, Household income increase, increase of per capita income, operational and supply chain considerations.
 - When people are entirely dependent on food assistance, it recommends food package of 2,100 Kilo calories per person. The supplementary ration is used when people have access to some but not enough food. Therefore, the package covers 74% to 78% calorie needs.
 - It has been considered that vulnerable people have a little amount of food at their stock as a result of increased government's food assistance through different channels – relief distribution, increased SafetyNet coverage, increased national economic capacity, increased open market sale (OMS) of coarse rice for vulnerable people. Therefore, it is designed to meet the 76% nutritional requirements (1601 Kilocalories instead of 2100 kilocalories per/person) of an affected family (5 person).
 - The inclusion of fortified foods such as rice, biscuit, iodized salt and oil helps meet vitamin and mineral requirements.
 - It complies with the national standards of the government and internationally accepted standards of quality.
 - The cost is indicative only and may vary depending on market situation.

AOB

A farewell session has been arranged by Food Security Cluster and Islamic Relief Bangladesh for Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, DD, DLS on his PRL. Cluster members have thanked him for his outstanding support to the FSC as the government counterpart. Cluster members have also wished him the best.

Next Steps

Circulation the FSC Food Assistance Package and approve through the FSC meeting.

By thanking everyone Mr. Rony concluded the meeting.

List of Participants

SL.	Name	Organization
1	Nur Khondaker	FAOBD
2	Naznin	FAOBD
3	Towhidul Islam Tarafder	SCI
4	Iqbal Hossain	WFP
5	Imtiaz Ahmed	FAOBD
6	Shibu Prashad Baiddyo	Ganachetona Bangladesh
7	Md. Sameul Nawaz	WFP
8	Dr. Md.Rafiqul Islam	DLS
9	Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan	Islamic Relief Bangladesh
10	Abdul Wadud	Shushilan
11	Asfia Azim	UNICEF
12	Fadrick Suvro	Oxfam International BD
13	Mahmudul Hasan	CWW
14	Md. Ruhul Amin	NC
15	Sharif Khan	IFRC
16	Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony	FSC
17	Sheikh Mohi Uddin	United Purpose
18	Dr. Jayanta Bhattacharya	FAO
19	Ali Reza Ahmed	FAO
20	Moyen Uddin Ahmmed	Islamic Relief Bangladesh