FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE       Monday, 26 September 2022
TIME       03:00 pm – 04:30 pm
VENUE       Online through ZOOM

AGENDA
1. Partner update on flood response
2. Update on common beneficiary list
3. 4W reporting for the Flash flood response, September 2022
4. District focal Point for Sylhet, Sunamgonj, Netrokona, Hobigonj and Moulvibazar
5. Cyclone Preparedness.
6. Discussion on advocacy document for the flood response
7. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

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DISCUSSION

1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING

The Food Security Cluster Coordinator welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (31.07.2022)

After reviewing the last meeting action points, the previous meeting minutes was endorsed by all.

3. PARTNERS UPDATE ON FLOOD RESPONSE

BDRCS Food packages: Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) distributed different types of food packages to the beneficiaries in different locations. Details distributions status are as below:
• Cooked food = 19000 individuals
• Dry food= 14000 individuals
• 7 days food package = 20,000 HHs
• 15 days food package= 7500 HHs, and plan to distribute food package to 2600 HHs at Sunamgonj.

Multipurpose Cash Grants: 4000 HHs who are living in Sunamgonj and Kishoreganj, received Multipurpose Cash Grant (4500 BDT for each HHs) support from BDRCS and 9000 HHs will reach by end of October 2022.

Recovery Plan: As per recovery plan, BDRCS will reach 6000 HHs with livelihood grants in Sunamgonj and Sylhet district.

FAO
FAO is going to implement two emergency projects in Netrokona, Sunamgonj and Sylet district funded by OCHA and FAO head quarter special fund for emergency and rehabilitation respectively.
FAO will reach 15357 HHs by providing high nutrient livestock feed, treatment support and training by the OCHA funded emergency project and 11200 fisher man and field crop farmers will reach by the FERA funded project in Netrokona, Sunamgong and Sylhet district respectively.

Flash flood response project update: Beneficiaries selection process has been completed in Netrokona district, Sunamgonj and Sylet district beneficiaries’ selection is under process. FAO is planning to start distribution on 1st of October 2022 in Netrokona. FAO is trying to complete the distribution in three districts by October 2022.

Nutrition Cluster Update

Working Area: Sunamgonj District (Jamaganj, taherpur), Sylhet district (Kanaighat), Netrokona District (Komol kanda)

Partners: 1. Caritas 2. FIVDB (10 Upazila’s under Sylhet and Sunamgonj district)

Target Population
• Wash: 250000 (both software and hardware activities)
• Nutrition: 63000 MUAC screening (5-59-month children)
• Counseling to pregnant and lactating women 27000
• Treatment of SAM with complication: 380 children

ISLAMIC RELIEF
Islamic relief total response fund is more than 1.8 Millon USD.

Project Location:
• Sylhet: 6 Upazilas 22 Unions
• Sunamgonj: 7 Upazila’s 18 Unions

Response: Islamic Relief provided dry food items package to 5000 HHs, FSC recommended 15 days food package to 12640 HHs, Fodder to 50 HHs during the flood and also Islamic Relief continuing working on Shelter repairing, distributing Hygienic kit and educational materials to the beneficiaries.

Muslim Aid
Muslim Aid has been completed Start up project on 3rd September 2022. The project objectives were emergency response to the flood affected people at Hobiganj district. By this project Muslim Aid reached 1420 HHs by providing food security and livelihood support through cash, each HHs received CWG recommended 4500 BDT and distributed hygienic kits and educational materials to the beneficiaries.

Recently Muslim Aid completed two projects at Gowainghat under Sylhet district. Total 650 HHs were reached by providing Cash and hygienic kits and 1250 HHs were reached by providing dry food and wash materials.

Oxfam
Oxfam is implementing a response project in Sunamgonoj District, covering Sunamgonoj Sadar, Derai, Taherpur and Chatak upazila’s under Sunamgonj. Total fund is 1.5 million (from different donors). Total 150,000 HHs received support from Oxfam. Among them 12500 HHs reached by standard food and hygiene kits package and remaining HHs reached by cash, hygiene kit and latrine etc.

Global Unnayan Seba Sangstha
Due to recent flood response, GUSS is implementing 5 relief projects supported by MUSLIM AID, USAID, BRT-UK and SCI-UK at Chatak, Doabazar, Bisshonath, golopganj and Goyanghat. By those projects, GUSS distributed different relief items including basic food supplies such as rice, sugar, cooking oil, pulse and potato and also distributed nonfood item such as basic hygiene supplies, water filters, solar lights etc to 6150 HHs.

World Vision International (WVI)
WVI has five ongoing emergency response projects funded by different donors. Flood affected HHs received support from WVI ongoing project. Till now 20,000 flood affected HHs reached through 3.2 million USD. Depending on the project types, both food packages and multipurpose cash grant support were provided to the beneficiaries, Multipurpose cash grant is only used for host community purposes.

Norway Refugee Counsel (NRC)
NRC are implementing emergency response program to support the vulnerable peoples in 4 Upazila’s (8 Union’s) of Sunamgonj district. Total 9000 HHs were targeted by NRC, among them 80% already reached by Multipurpose cash grant support and also plan to provide conditional cash grants to 1350 HHs under shelter rehabilitation assistant.

GBV cluster
GBV cluster is working on common database [tree]. After finalizing the database GBV will go for CBT distribution at Sunamgonj (Chatak, Dormopasha and Derai) by the partner SOS.
GBV is organizing Joint Appeal monitoring missions which will be held on 27 to 29 October 2022 with other agencies, Rumana will join with the missions. In terms of Flood response monitoring, GBV cluster are still compiling databases and responses from their partners, once updated the database it will share to all.

WFP Gender Officer
GIHA working group is conducting Gender analysis for the flood recovery need assessment at two Upazila’s under Sylhet and Sunamgonj district. As part of assessment, data collector team were visited those Upazila’s and conducted few FGDs and KIs with the targeted stakeholder. Data collection has been completed and data analysis is under process. GIHA is planning to publish the final assessment report in 1st week of October 2022. Care Bangladesh, UN Women, UNFPA, WFP, Manuser Jonno Foundation was involved in the data collection process.

Common Database
WFP briefed about the common database. 5 Agreed agencies started working together for common database development which organization received fund from SARV and WFP technical team is supporting for digitalization of common database. As per SARV proposal, 12 Upazila’s under 3 district, Sunamgonj=6 Upazilas, Netrokona =3 Upazila’s and Sylhet= 3 Upazila’s beneficiaries were targeted for common database. 3 agencies (UNFPA, WFP and FAO) out of 5 agreed agencies responsible were selected for beneficiaries’ data collection on those targeted Upazila’s. Total 25000+ HHs beneficiaries’ information were collected by MODA (Mobile Operation data Acquisition). WFP technical team provided orientation on data collection process on MODA.

As per plan 17810 HHs beneficiary data out of 25000HHs were finalized through MODA and distribution of food has been completed by this time and cash support distribution will start soon and 2 Unions food distribution were suspended due to some issues raised by the concern chairman (distribution team is working to resolve the issues).
Besides the common database, as agreed by the agencies, all agencies will use and disseminate the common massage to the beneficiaries which common massages was develop by the support of different agencies and also all agencies will use common visibility items.

**Flood Response:** Immediate after flood WFP reached 34000HHs, those HHs has child under five, adolescent girls, Women, pregnant, lactating by providing 2.5 kg high energy biscuit per HHs.

WFP is planning to organize a lesson learnt session or workshop on joint initiative in Mid-October or November 2022, where they will discuss about the join initiative advantage, dis advertence and how to improve joint initiative.

➔ WFP will share the developed common massaging with the FSC and FSC will share.

If you need any assistance on Common Database, Please Contact with Hafiza, WFP

4. **4W REPORTING FOR THE FLASH FLOOD RESPONSE, SEPTEMBER 2022**

FSC CC has briefly presented how to report on 4W reporting template for the flash flood response and also showed and mentioned few inconsistencies information from the database that provided by the different agencies: Some agency name has been written their agency name in different ways, some agencies provided same intervention reported twice, some agencies did not mention donor name and also did not provided cost per HHs in BDT. Therefore, FSC CC recommended partners to check all inconsistence information through database, clean and provide all required information in 4W template before sending to FSC.

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5. **DISTRICT FOCAL POINT FOR SYLHET, SUNAMGONGJ, NETROKONA, HOBIGONJ AND MOULVIBAZAR**

As per discussion on the meeting, FSC CC will request bellow mentioned agencies for the nomination of food security district focal points of Sylhet, Sunamgonj, Netrokona, Hobigonj and Moulvibazar. For this, FSC CC will share Food Security District Focal Points TOR and Activity grant chart and will provide orientation to selected focal points person among those agencies.

• SYLHET = WFP, WVI
• SUNAMGONGJ=TMSS, FAO
• Netrokona= WVI, BRAC, BDRCS
• Hobigonj= (will decide later)
• Moulvibazar= TMSS

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6. CYCLONE PREPAREDNESS

Regarding the contingency stocks for upcoming cyclone session Oxfam has 50,000 GBV, BRAC has 20,000 takas for each district, BDRCS has SWISS fund 300,000 and also UNICEF has F-75 and F-100 cartons of therapeutic milk to response immediate during emergency.

Cyclone Shelters: Regarding the shelters FSC CC will propose displacement management cluster to do a survey or rapid assessment about the accessibility of shelters considering gender and disability as they are doing in flood prone area.

➔ As agreed by the participants, FSC CC will approach to shelter and displacement cluster for the survey or rapid assessment.

7. TRAINING DISCUSSION ON ADVOCACY DOCUMENT FOR THE FLOOD RESPONSE

➔ As agreed by the participants regarding the advocacy document, FSC will wait for the findings by the UNRCO midterm review.

8. AOB

Food Security Sector – Cox’s Bazar

• FSC CC has briefly discuss about FSS Cox’s Bazar Joint Response Plan 2022 (JRP-2022) update during the meeting. FSS has been already developed FSS strategy, identified activities, definition of target location and FSS 2023 budget. There are 4 strategic objectives are agreed from the partners for Cox’s Bazar FSS.

• Food Security Cluster (FSC) in collaboration with the Food Security Sector (FSS) supported by the FAO and WFP is going to organize a 2nd Strategic Advisory Group meeting and workshop on Joint Refugee influx Emergency Vulnerability Assessment (REVA) and Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis (RIMA) on 3rd and 4th October 2022 respectively at Hotel Sea Palace, Cox’s Bazar.

• FSC is trying to produce the impact of food price high on food security by the support of WFP VAM unit.

• FSC will approach to GIHA, GBV cluster and WFP gender unit for Gender with age marker (GAM) training.

By thanking everyone FSC CC concluded the meeting.
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