



## FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

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**DATE** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
**TIME** 02:00 pm – 03:30 pm  
**VENUE** DG's Conference Room (Middle Building, 3rd Floor), DAE, Farmgate, Dhaka.

### AGENDA

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1. FSC Packages Revision
2. FSC Contingency Plan 2023
3. IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis 2023 Update
4. Update on Translation of Food Security and Nutrition part of SPHERE Handbook 2018.
5. AOB

### SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

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- FSC will revise its packages for 2023. The packages will be remodelled like the packages in Afghanistan and contextualised in country perspective.
- FSC Packages for anticipatory action (AA) will be a separate one from the emergency response package.
- Food security specific response will be promoted and not generalising it for multi-purposes. Food and commodity support will be prioritised, and cash assistance will be discouraged in the earlier time of the disaster to keep the commodity price stable at local market.
- FSC will prepare contingency plan for 2023 and a TWG meeting will be called after one week of TWG Meeting for FSC Package revision.
- Representative from Start Network; Nutrition Cluster Coordinator Md. Ruhul Amin; Dr. Tamanna Khatun from VOSD; Mr. Sameul Nawaz, Mr. Iqbal Hossain, and Ms. Foyzun from WFP, and Dr. Mazharul Aziz, National Program Consultant, FAO will be present in the TWG meeting.
- FSC will give update on the IPC Acute Food Security Analysis 2023 report in the next meeting.
- FSC has been requested to share the translation to TWG members who did not share their part.
- FSC will share the translated version of Food Security and Nutrition part of SPHERE Handbook 2018 by the end of May 2023.

### DISCUSSION

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#### 1. WELCOME TO THE MEETING

FSC Cluster Coordinator, Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony has welcomed everyone to the event. A self-introductory session of the participants has also taken place. The action points from the last meeting were mentioned and upon agreement from the participants, the minutes was approved.

#### 2. FSC PACKAGES REVISION

FSC CC informed that FSC would like to revise its packages. He has shared the FSC Packages in Afghanistan. He has proposed to prepare such types of contextualised version of the FSC Packages and participants have agreed to that. FSC CC has also said that FSC Packages for anticipatory action (AA) is needed to be prepared. The cluster members have suggested that FSC Packages for anticipatory action (AA) should be a separated one from emergency response packages. The meeting participants have discussed to promote food security

specific response rather than generalising it for multi-purposes. Also, FSC CC has shared that cash assistant should be discouraged in the earlier time of the disaster as it has been experiencing that the cash flow in a locality have an influence in price hike of necessary commodities at local market during that time. The participants have agreed to FSC CC's statement. FSC CC has requested cluster members to propose a date for the TWG meeting on FSC Packages revision. The cluster members have given their opinion to call the TWG meeting on 15 May 2023.

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- FSC CC will call a TWG meeting on 15 May 2023 to revise FSC Packages.

### **3. FSC CONTINGENCY PLAN 2023**

FSC CC has informed FSC members that FSC would like to prepare FSC Contingency Plan 2023. He urged everyone to have their support to prepare this contingency plan for FSC in 2023. The participants have discussed among themselves and agreed to support. They have suggested to call a TWG meeting in the upcoming weeks. Besides, among the participants, representative from Start Network, Nutrition Cluster Coordinator Md. Ruhul Amin, and Dr. Tamanna Khatun from VOCD has expressed their interest to be a part of it. FSC CC has proposed name of three FSC members, Mr. Sameul Nawaz, Mr. Iqbal Hossain, and Ms. Foyzun from WFP who are to be included in TWG meeting for this contingency plan. The participants have agreed to this proposal. Dr. Mazharul Aziz, National Program Consultant, FAO has also been requested by the FSC CC to be present at the meeting, and he has agreed so. The cluster members have decided to call the TWG meeting after one week of TWG Meeting for FSC Package revision.

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### **4. IPC ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY ANALYSIS 2023 UPDATE**

FSC CC has updated the meeting participants on IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis 2023. He has informed that the analysis has been done where training on IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis 2023 has been organised from 14 March 2023 to 16 March 2023 and the analysis has been done in between 18 March 2023 and 22 March 2023. He has also said that a meeting has been called on 30 March 2023 to review the analysis findings. After that the analysts have drafted IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis 2023 report which has been submitted to Global Support Unit of IPC for their clearance. On 17 April 2023, a TWG meeting has been arranged where all the parts of data analysis have been agreed and addressed. He also added that currently the Draft Report is waiting for the approval of the Honorable Secretary, Ministry of Food.

- FSC will give update on the IPC Acute Food Security Analysis 2023 report in the next meeting.

### **5. UPDATE ON TRANSLATION OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION PART OF SPHERE HANDBOOK 2018**

FSC CC has shared update on the translation of Food Security and Nutrition part of SPHERE Handbook 2018 to the meeting participants. He has said that already three TWG meetings have been done. TWG members have been given the responsibility to translate it. Most of the participants have shared the translation of

their part, but there are still some members who did not share their part. FSC CC has requested to share the remaining part of the translation so that it can be compiled and finalized before the end of May 2023.

- FSC has been requested to share the translation to TWG members who did not share their part.
- FSC will share the translated version of Food Security and Nutrition part of SPHERE Handbook 2018 by the end of May 2023.

## **6. AOB**

By thanking everyone and wishing a happy Eid-al-Fitr to everyone, FSC CC concluded the meeting.

## MEETING PARTICIPANTS

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### Attendance Sheet

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