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FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

Terms of Reference

Food Security Cluster (FSC) Bangladesh

Strategic Advisory Group

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Deputy Representative, WFP Bangladesh and Co-chair Food Security Cluster
Bangladesh



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Food
Programme



Strategic Advisory Group Objective:

- Provide strategic guidance to the FSC Bangladesh and facilitate accountability to its partners building in particular on the annual review of FSC Bangladesh performances; oversee the implementation of the work plan, support FSC Bangladesh functions as appropriate (emergency preparedness, assessments, Agriculture in Emergency, food security response etc.).
- The Strategic Advisory Group will work closely together with the Cluster co-lead agencies (FAO & WFP) and the FSC Cluster Coordinator.
- The FSC Cluster Coordinator will regularly update the Cluster Lead Agencies (CLAs) on the work of the Strategic Advisory Group and strategic advices emerging from Strategic Advisory Group deliberations.



- The Strategic Advisory Group aims to support FSC Bangladesh in advisory role.
- The Strategic Advisory Group aims to ensure the service delivery as mentioned in the Bangladesh Government's Standing Order on Disaster (SOD) December 2019.
- The Strategic Advisory Group supports the achievement of the FSC Bangladesh strategy, highlights new areas of strategic direction for consideration by the FSC team and engages in substantive discussions regarding the implementation of FSC Bangladesh plans.



Role & Responsibilities:

- Advises on strategic priorities of the FSC BD and provides necessary guidance on key Cluster policies, products and work plan
- Provides necessary guidance to FSC BD to address field-based Cluster needs and implementation of the Localization agenda
- Facilitates inclusive participation of all Cluster partners from Government of Bangladesh Ministries/Departments, UN, Donor, Local and National NGO, International NGO
- Reviews the annual reports of the FSC BD and provides necessary inputs and feedback
- Identifies the needs of thematic working groups / task teams, ensures coherence of their works with the Strategic Plan, and advises on activation and deactivation of these groups / teams



Role & Responsibilities:

- Supports the FSC BD for monitoring the performance of Food Security Clusters at the country level through participation in the planning and roll out of the Cluster Performance Monitoring Tool and joint Cluster support missions, (e.g., inter-cluster WG support missions)
- Assists the FSC BD in identifying and addressing gaps and trends in humanitarian policy and practice that could impact food security service delivery in sudden onset and protracted crises
- Assists the FSC BD in mobilizing resources
- Supports development and elaboration of the FSC BD statements and position papers
- Assists the FSC Bangladesh in defining strategic partnerships with relevant partners



Composition of the Strategic Advisory Group:

- Do we need to keep both ministries & departments?
- Minimum 7 individuals representing different organizations
- **Appointment of co-chairs (1 from GoB, 1 from NGO)**
- Tenure of the co-chairs



- The Strategic Advisory Group will meet at least once/twice in a year?
- Additional ad-hoc meetings/teleconferences may be called as determined by the Chair / Co-Chair and the FSC Coordinator
- Strategic Advisory Group members are expected to attend all meetings.
- FSC Coordinator will serve as Secretariat



- Decisions made by the Strategic Advisory Group shall be taken to the extent possible based on consensus **OR** by simple majority
- Decisions will be recorded in minutes
- Agendas and meeting minutes will be uploaded on gFSC website



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Discussion

Thank you



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