Anticipatory Action Working Group
GPM November 2023

14 November 2023

Agenda

1. **Welcome** (meet the team)

2. **Presentation of the ToR**
   (including the definition of AA)

3. **Survey results**

4. **Questions / comments – other expectations?**

5. **Workplan 2024** – first semester – brainstorming
   session

6. **AOB**

1. Welcome (meet the team)

Working Group Co-Chairs

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3. AA & Food Security

- **gFSC Strategic Plan for 2023-2025** endorsed
  - outlines **priority pillars**, which cluster partners will be leading over the next three years, at local, regional, and global levels
  - dedicated **Anticipatory Action pillar** (as well as Localization, HDP Nexus, Communication / Advocacy and a section for cross-cutting themes)

- **Anticipating Food Crisis – Workshop Outcomes** (June 2023)

- Outlines **common principles** to address four challenges relating to Anticipatory Action looking at Evidence, Acute Food Insecurity Projections, Protracted Crises and the HDP Nexus.

- **Joint FAO-WFP Anticipatory Action Strategy** (September 2023)

- Outlines **collaboration** and **comparative advantages** aiming for a more structured, systematic and strategic approach to joint Anticipatory Action between the two agencies

2. Definition & Core Components of AA

"Anticipatory action is defined as **acting ahead of predicted hazards** to **prevent or reduce acute humanitarian impacts** before they fully unfold "

TRIGGERS
Matching forecasts and risks (exposure, impact, vulnerability)

ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS
Reducing the humanitarian impact

FINANCING MECHANISM
Automatic allocation of funds before the shock occurs

M&E and EVIDENCE GENERATION
Developing AA M&E frameworks and conducting post-activation impact evaluations

ANTICIPATORY ACTION PLAN/PROTOCOL

3. Working Group ToR (1)

- Creation of a Technical WG on AA - September 2023

- 3 chairs: 2 UN agencies (FAO & WFP) & one NGO (elected)

- [Webpage](#) - dedicated space for the AA working group

- **Why a working group**: facilitate and support AA in the food security sector in close coordination with other clusters and platforms.

- **What it is:** a platform for members to discuss about AA in food security crisis, share technical guidelines to improve the quality and timeliness of AA, implement the recommendations from global discussions and provide technical support to each other.
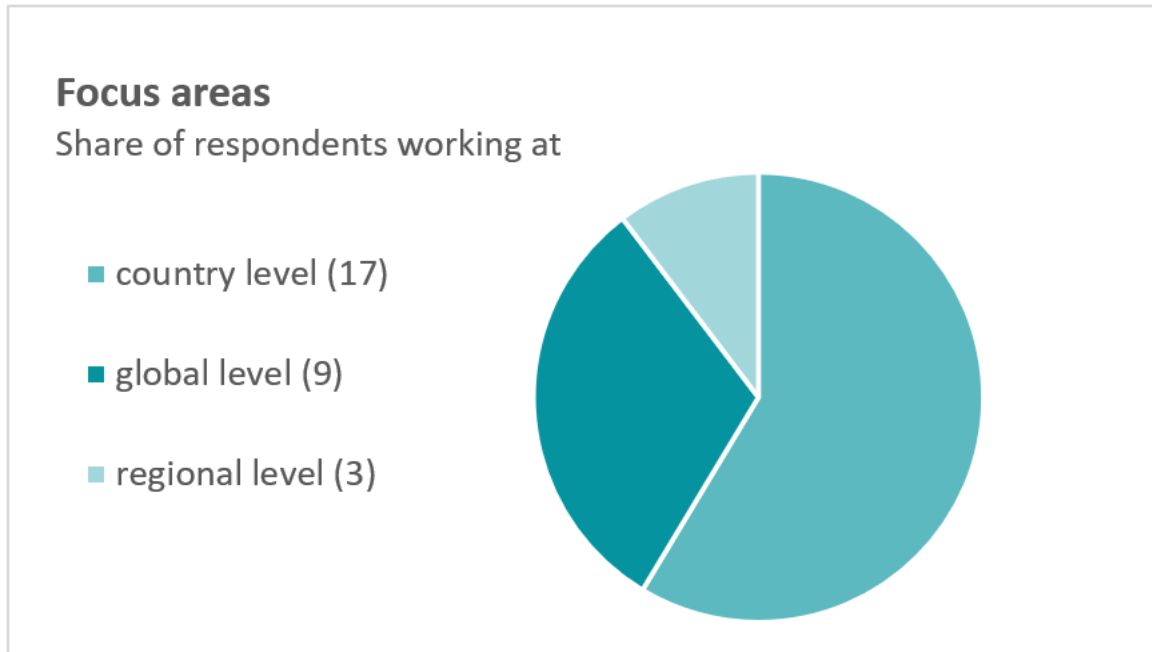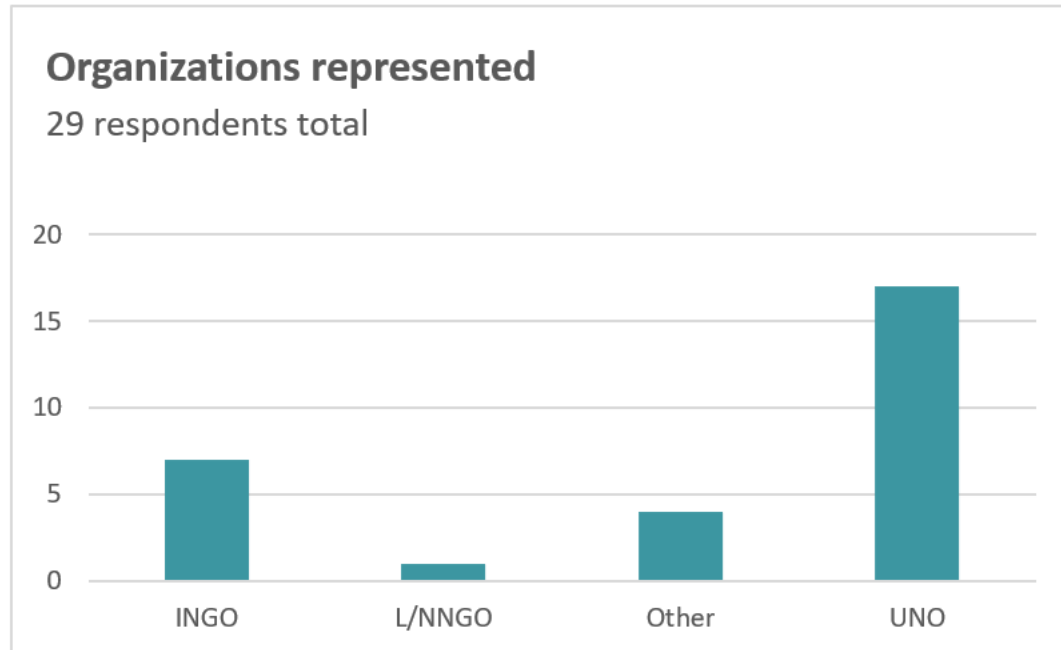
3. Working Group ToR (2)

3 Objectives

- ✓ **Objective 1**: To support alignment of AA operational approaches as well as guiding principles to address the complexity of food crises through coordinated anticipatory action.

- ✓ **Objective 2:** To provide technical Support and Capacity Building to FSC members, country FSC and to all FSC stakeholders to engage in AA planning and implementation together with broader HCT, including mainstreaming in HRPs and associated financing.

- ✓ **Objective 3:** To support the FSCs to ensure accountability of food-security related AA at country level.

5. Survey results

Who took the survey?

Organizations represented
29 respondents total

Bar chart showing organizations represented: INGO (7), L/NNGO (1), Other (4), UNO (17)

Focus areas
Share of respondents working at

- country level (17)
- global level (9)
- regional level (3)

Pie chart showing share of respondents working at country level (17), global level (9), and regional level (3)
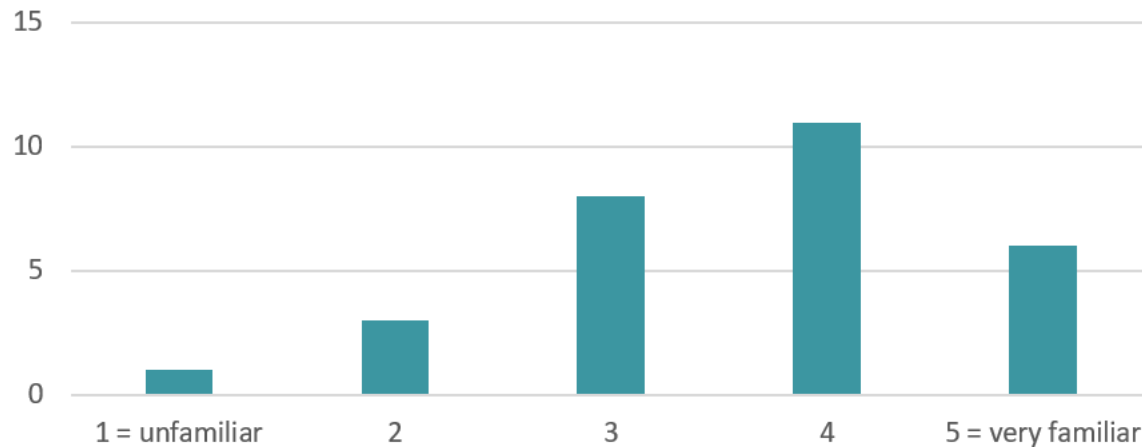
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Exposure to (involvement in) AA (programming)

Self-assessment:
Already relatively high degree of familiarity with AA concept

AVG: 3.6

Bar chart with y-axis from 0 to 15; x-axis: 1 = unfamiliar, 2, 3, 4, 5 = very familiar
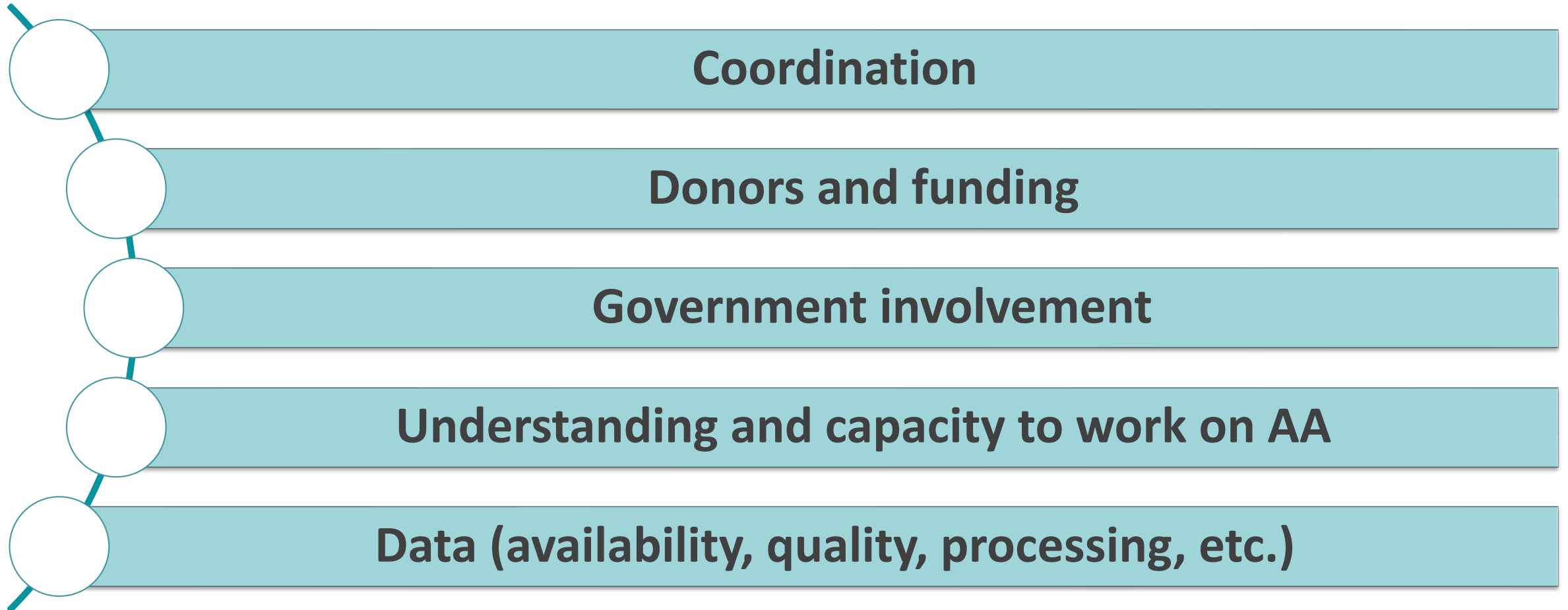

AA work already ongoing?
In most of the countries that respondents cover AA work is already ongoing

Pie chart:
- I don't know 10%
- No 21%
- Yes 69%
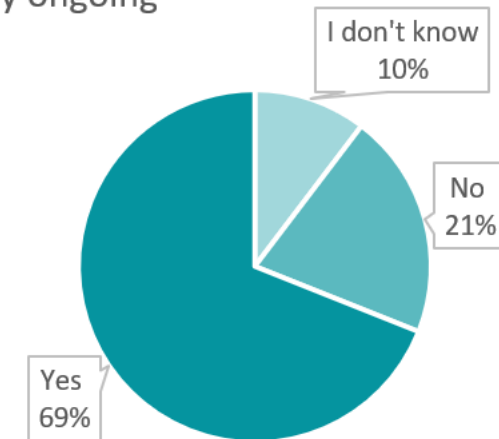
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Main challenges in developing and implementing AA

Coordination

Donors and funding

Government involvement

Understanding and capacity to work on AA

Data (availability, quality, processing, etc.)

5. Survey results

Respondents' top priorities for the AA working group

OVERALL ASK

- Sharing of guidance, tools and best practices and support on capacity strengthening + facilitation of knowledge exchange and cross-learning

PARTICULAR INTERESTS

- Evidence (what's available, how to gather it, how to expand beyond conventional cost-benefit questions)
- Defining the role of the FSC (how to incorporate AA in the FSCs strategic plans)
- Development of AA components (triggers, M&E frameworks)
- Institutionalization of AA as a modality of assistance
- Coordination with other clusters (global and country)

4. Questions – comments – other expectations?

Your turn: Any questions, comments or reactions to the presentation so far? Any expectations for the Working Group that we haven't captured?

Online audience: please use the chat

6. Workplan - brainstorming session

Activity, lead, team, resource, deadline
- Info session – raising awareness in different languages
- Guidance: repository of guidance;
- Profiling the role of the FSC team in relation to AA
- Making connection – technical support, peer support

7. AOB

Next meeting and frequency: suggestion => every 2 months