

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Four Season Hotel, Palmyra Venue, Damascus, Syria

**Date:** 26/03/2019

## **Agenda**

1. Humanitarian situation updates.
2. SHF second reserve allocation.
3. Presentation of progress of seed distribution campaign under drought response.
4. Updates on 2019 HRP and Outcome monitoring Initiatives.
5. Response and Gaps analysis for Feb. actuals and Marc. Plans for HRP SO 1, 2& 3.
6. AOB

## **Participants**

Armadilla, GOPA – DERD, Oxfam, ICRC, WFP, FAO, OCHA, COOPI.  
Apologies from Agha Khan Foundation.

**Chair:** Joseph Oneka, Sector Co Coordinator

## **1. Humanitarian Situation Updates**

### **Al Hole IDP camp**

- The camp has been key focus for humanitarian since February 2019. This is because of increased influx of IDPs from Al Baghuz overstressing original capacity of the camp which was originally planned to accommodate 30,000 people compared with current population of 70,000. In addition, the population increase also expanded the size of the camp from original 5 phases to currently 8 phases. Regardless of the above huge increases, no one is sleeping in open but shared tents which may raise issue on privacies for the families. There is also annex for foreign nationalities in the camp with access limitations.
- There has been discussions to decongest the camp to Areesha however the recent flooding also affected this. OCHA has been issuing two weekly updates but will revert to Sitrep this week.
- Humanitarian responses are ongoing in the camp but gaps noted in shelter plots in particular. The actual tents including pipelines are adequate.
- Additional population of 15,000 people are still expected to arrive.
- Some males 13years and above are undergoing screening currently.

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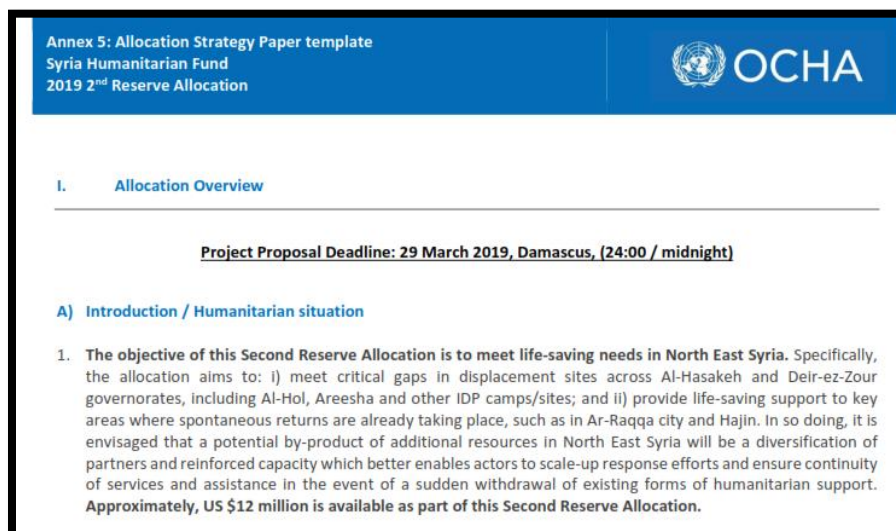
- Two scenarios (escalation or agreement) were developed and approved by the HCT. In both scenarios there is need for humanitarian responses to the need of the potential displacements.
- Sector will circulate template for stock and services mapping incase scenarios unfolding.

## Rukban

- UN delivered supplies in Feb. 2019 and the third convoy being requested for April as stocked from the last convoy are quickly being depleted. During the convoy an intention survey was also conducted which indicated that over 90% of the population intents to leave the camp. So far some 362 people have left Rukban and provided support by SARC.

## **2. SHF second reserve allocation**

- Reserve allocation was launched on 24th March with closing date for submission on 29 March 2019.
- The focus of the reserve allocation were WASH, Shelter, Nutrition, Health and Education for NES and in particularly Al Hole IDP camps.
- USD 12 million was allocated for this reserve allocation and link to the allocation strategy (provide link)



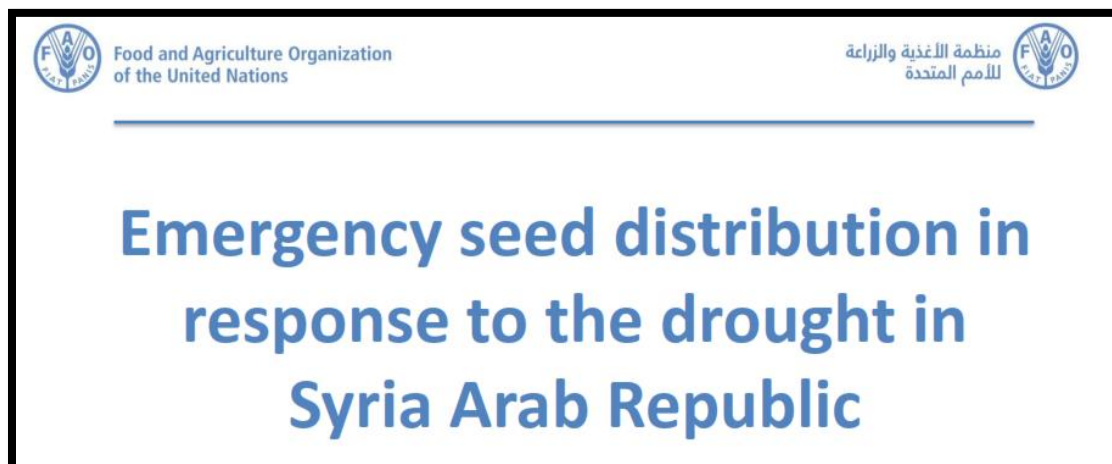
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## **3. Presentation of Progress of Seed Distribution Campaign Under Drought Response**

- FAO made a presentation on the response to last season drought supported by SHF and other donors which targeted in total 14,700 HHs and distributed 2,940 tons of certified wheat seeds in 6 governorates (details in the attached presentation). Targeted farmers are those who were affected by the drought, and they were selected based on vulnerability criteria set by FAO and agreed with the partners.
- The expected return on investment is estimated by FAO is production of 36,750 tons of wheat adequate to address needs of 304,000 people with estimated market value of USD 17 million at the national level

and US\$ 550 at the household level. The above estimate excludes 1.3tons of straw that will be generated and can be used as livestock fodder estimated at US\$ 200 per HH.

- WFP to present food assistance component of the drought responses in the next sector meeting

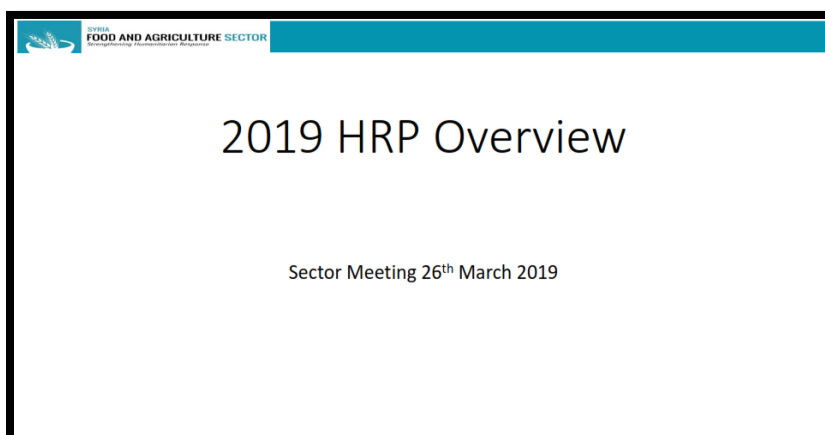


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#### **4. Updates on 2019 HRP and Outcome monitoring Initiatives**

##### **HRP 2019**

- The sector made summary presentation of the 2019 HRP appeals for the entire sector which is USD 1.1 billion for 2019 for 122 projects.
- The distribution of food security projects across hubs by number were South turkey (71%), Syria (17%), WoS (10%) and NES (2%).
- In terms of value, WoS (61%), Syria (21%), South Turkey (17%) and NES (1%).
- Syria/Damascus hub partners submitted 21 projects with total value of US\$ 224 million.
- In terms of numbers, 50% of the projects responded to sector strategic objective 1(SO1), 25% to SO1&SO2 while another 25% responded to SO2 only.
- In terms of value, 84% of the projects responded to SO1, 10% to SO1&SO2 while only 6% responded to SO2.



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### **Outcome Monitoring Initiatives (OMI)**

- The sector has launched 4th round of OMI to measure progress towards achievement of sector plan.
- OMI depends on the contribution of sector partners on monitoring data and the sector will be contacting partners bilaterally to explore possibility of their contribution.

## **5. Partners' Updates**

### **COOPI**

- Assisted 1,630 vulnerable families in Nashabye sub-district over the last four months in cooperation with SARC, distributing hot meals.
- On 21 March, COOPI closed the kitchen and it is now looking at options for handing over the kitchen to local stakeholders.
- In the next month, COOPI will proceed with the distribution of livelihood kits to assist a total of 2,400 families in the same area. The kits will be as follows:
  - Home gardening kits: summer seeds, tools and fertilizers;
  - Poultry kits: 13 hens and 1 rooster, fodder, vitamins and salts.

### **AKFD**

#### **❖ *Main Achievements (January & February 2019)***

- Introduce the Road to Resilience Project that is funded by WFP to AKF stakeholders in Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform (MAAR) and local community.
- Identify 20 FFS with 400 farmers under R2RII project in 7 villages in Hama and Homs governorates.
- Identify 17 Farmers training groups (FTG) with 350 farmers under R2RII project in 7 villages in Hama and Homs governorates.
- Establish 45 community asset groups housing 750 farmers in 7 villages in Hama and Homs governorates under R2RII project. The community assets are (conservation agriculture seeder, olive harvester, agro-processing, incubator, branch shredders, shearer and sheep dip pool).
- Provide trainings for 24 FFS facilitators from MAAR on FFS methodology and management by qualified trainers.
- Provide several training sessions on traditional and non-traditional agriculture and livestock best practices for 715 agriculture and livestock farmers engaged in the FFS project
- Provide training courses on TOT and Communication skills for 20 agriculture extension workers from Al-Mesherfeh and Hama District.
- Under EWS project, diagnostic field visits were provided along with the provision of vet screening services for 24 livestock farmers in Salamieh District.
- Follow up Cash for Work projects, the agro-processing and CBSGs (Community Based Saving Groups).

#### **❖ *Plan for April 2019***

- Provide trainings to CBOs in Salamieh and Homs on managing productive assets, technical requirements and maintenance of productive assets by qualified services providers
- Conduct FFS regular sessions for traditional and non-traditional agriculture and livestock activities in Salamieh and Homs.

- Install solar-powered drip irrigation systems and establish an integrated climate-smart pilot plot, integrating CA, intercropping, upgraded irrigation, drought resistant crops, and livestock production in Salamieh district.
- Develop agriculture pest EWS and EWS for drought with relevant stakeholders including MAAR and agricultural communities in Homs, Hama, Tartous and Rural Damascus.
- Organize local and national exposure visits for agricultural professionals in Rural Damascus to share best practice in implementation.
- Provide vet screening services for livestock farmers in Salamieh District.
- Provide training to agriculture extension workers, service providers, or volunteers in Homs, Salamieh, and Rural Damascus on data collection for agriculture and livestock monitoring

**MSJM**

❖ **Rural Damascus (Herjaleh shelter, Qara)**

- Providing hot meals, cooking 7 days per week. People served during Feb 2019 258 families and around 1,175 beneficiaries funded by MSJM.
- Bread Distribution, 7 days per week. People served during Feb 2019 380 families and around 1,900 beneficiaries funded by MSJM.
- Food Baskets Distribution, Monthly. People served during Feb 2019 700 families and around 3,500 beneficiaries funded by Dorcas.
- Supplementary Food Items distribution (Peanut Butter, High-energy biscuits distribution) People served during Feb 2019 around 450 beneficiaries funded by UNICEF.

❖ **Daraa,**

- Supplementary Food Items distribution (Peanut Butter, High-energy biscuits distribution) People served during Feb 2019 around 1,404 beneficiaries funded by UNICEF.

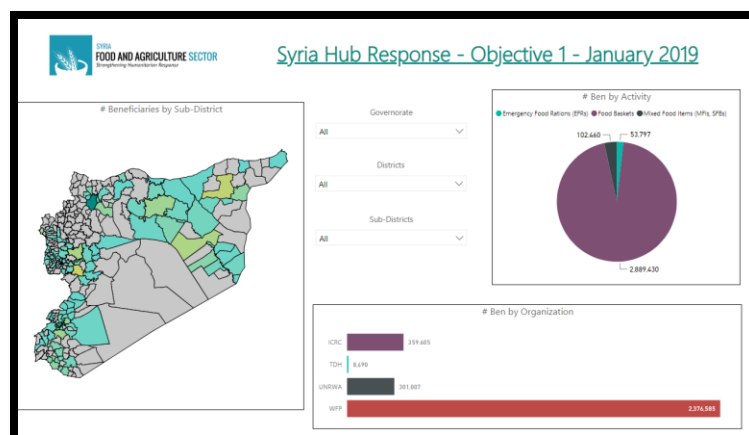
❖ **Quneitra,**

- Supplementary Food Items distribution (Peanut Butter, High-energy biscuits distribution) People served during Feb 2019 around 584 beneficiaries funded by UNICEF.

❖ **Aleppo (Al-Khafsa, Qutbiyeh, Sheikh Ahmed, Tal Aran)**

- Supplementary Food Items distribution (Biscuit, high energy/protein- peanut butter distribution) People served during Feb 2019 around 8,332 beneficiaries funded by UNICEF.
- Agricultural Inputs (Cultivation of crops) People served during Feb 2019 34 families around 198 beneficiaries funded by PLC.

**6. Response and Gaps analysis for Feb. actuals and March Plans for HRP SO 1, 2& 3**



## Syria Hub Response - Objective 2&3 - (Jan 2019)

