



## Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 28/10/2018

## Agenda

- Humanitarian updates and presentation of 2019 HNO/HRP adjusted timeline.
- Updates on Food Security Sector 2019 HNO processes.
- Review of livelihoods/agriculture planned responses for 2018/2019 seasons.
- Highlight of major findings of CFSAM 2018 and drought responses.
- Key highlights of South West Syria Agricultural Livelihood priorities.
- Response and Gaps analysis for August actuals and October Plans for HRP SO 1 and SO 2.

## Participants

ICRC, UNHCR, Dorcas, GOPA – DERD, MSJM, COOPI, ADRA, Action Against Hunger, UNRWA, SARC, WFP, AVSI, FAO, TDH, Aga Khan Foundation.

## Humanitarian updates and presentation of 2019 HNO/HRP adjusted timeline

- Humanitarian situation in Hajin (Deir ez zoir) and planned convoy to Rukban being closely monitored to respond to critical needs.
- Concerning 2019HPC timeline, it was reported that there was shift in the timeline to accommodate four sectors whose assessments were being planned. Based on the above therefore, HNO will be finalized at the beginning of February 2019 and HRP planned to be ready by March, which implies that OPS for uploading the project will be in February 2019.

## Updates on Food Security Sector 2019 HNO processes (Sector Coordinator)

### ⚡ Need assessments:

- Need assessments were conducted by sector lead agencies technical units with sector providing coordination functions.
- The two main need assessments conducted were (i) CFSAM household assessment - conducted between 23rd July to 5th August 2018 and FSLA conducted between 12th August to 8th September 2018.
- CFSAM hhs assessment coverage were : - Governorates (14); Districts (51 including 13 in complementarity with FSLA); Sub-districts (167) and Households (6,012). While for FSLA coverage were: Governorates(6); Districts(19 including 13 in complementarity with CFSAM); Sub-districts(70); and Households (4,068).

### ⚡ Need analysis and validation:

- Analysis of integrated data undertaken by lead agencies technical units (WFP VAM and FAO M&E).
- Technical working group workshop convened between 30 Sept to 5 October to:
  - Developed methodologies for analysis of the available information.
  - Agreed on a set of indicators for analysis of available information.
  - Undertaken analysis of the available information to determine People In Need (PIN)
  - Indicators used for analysis: CARI (FSC, rCSI and ICSI), accessibility, % of IDPs/returnees out of local communities, food prices, NDVI & Precipitation, food production, and reliance on humanitarian assistance and crisis analysis.
- HNO validation workshop with sector partners conducted on 8-10th October 2018 to review and endorse the overall analysis.
- Data checking still being ongoing for 10 districts to triangulate and verify data and 2 governorates additional data collection planned in the coming few weeks.

### ⚡ Action points:

- Sector to share final HNO documents (PIN and severity) once finalized and endorsed by Sector management and line ministries (MAAR).
- Partners reminded to attend the Online Project System (OPS) training planned for 31st October 2018 in Four Seasons from 10.00 -13.000 (Partners to send two Programme staff who will be responsible for loading the projects into OPS).

## Review of livelihoods/agriculture planned responses for 2018/2019 seasons.

- Review of SO2 and SO3 partners planned regular programme base on inputs received and discussed in livelihood/agric. Ad-Hoc working meeting held 22nd July 2018 indicate a huge gap in response.
- Except for vegetable seed distribution where gaps reach by Syria hub is about 26% of the HRP targets the rest of SO 2 & 3 HRP activities reach from inside Syria is less than 5% resining serious concerns of major gaps above 90% considering changes improvement of access from within Syria.
- The planned activities and targets under strategic objective 2 and 3 of the sector HRP strategy was reviewed as outlined in table below.

Table 1: Sector SO 2&3 activities and targets

No	HRP Activities	Targets
2.1	Distribution of agricultural inputs, such as seeds, fertilizer, pesticide and equipment	350,000
2.2	Support to small-scale food production (horticulture, poultry-egg laying hens, market gardens)	200,000
2.3	Support to asset building and asset protection (small livestock and animal feed distribution) including winterization activities	200,000
2.4	Emergency livestock treatment, and training for veterinary services ( including community animal health worker)	200,000
2.5	Support Income generating activities including vocational training;	100,000
2.6	Establish/strengthen the capacity for the provision of essential services for local communities including early warning and DRR systems	200,000
2.7	Support rehabilitation of relevant economic/productive infrastructures through appropriate modalities	200,000

<< Sector SO 2&3 activities and targets>>

### ⚡ Action points:

- Sector to advocate for more support in response to SO 2 &SO 3 and urge partners to work towards narrowing the gaps in the response.
- Partners requested to submit updated planned response if there is any change from planned submitted in July.

## Highlight of major findings of CFSAM 2018 and drought responses.

- Sector convened an Ad-hoc meeting to discuss the findings of CFSAM 2018 findings
- The report indicates lowest wheat and barley production during winter season 2017/2018 due to drought.
- At 1.2MT, wheat production was the lowest in the last 30years and about 30 percent of the pre-conflict average of 4.1 million tonnes (2002-2011).
- At 390 000 tonnes, barley production was the lowest since 2008.
- Only about 36,800Mt of wheat seeds expected to be available for planting as compared with 300,000Mt wheat seeds provided to farmers pre-crisis.
- Seeds are in very short supply and there is urgent need to undertake seed distribution campaign during the current winter season to avert the trend.
- The sector has undertaken a gap analysis of both regular program as well as drought response with regards to seed distribution and the result shows very depressing situations(93% gaps even with both RP and drought response combined) as outlined in table below.

Governorates	Estimated Farming HHS in Need	ICRC Regular PG (hhs)	ACF RP (hhs)	FAO drought responses	Gaps (Hhs)	% Gaps
Aleppo	57,269	6,000	100	2,500	48,669	85
Al-Hasakeh	49,900	4,000	500	4,988	40,412	81
Ar-Raqqa	33,150			1,262	31,888	96
As-Sweida	9,744	2,000			7,744	79
Dar'a	13,304	1,000	400		11,904	89
Deir-ez-Zor	38,827	6,000		3,000	29,827	77
Hama	53,816	4,200		2,700	46,916	87
Homs	24,405	2,500			21,905	90
Idleb	96,513				96,513	100
Lattakia		500			-500	
Quneitra		800			-800	
Rural Damascus	58,052	4,000	200		53,852	93
Tartous					-	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>434,980</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>14,450</b>	<b>402,780</b>	<b>93</b>

#### ⚡ Action points:

- Sector to re-circulate the 2018 CFSAM report to partners for purposes of advocacy and fund raising.
- Advocacy continues for additional resources/funding at different levels for better responses to drought.
- Sector will continue to monitor progress of winter season and provide alert whenever necessary.
- The sector urges timeliness in the response for both regular programme and drought response.
- The sector urges partners with capacities to urgently scale up response/intervene to avoid postponing the problem.

#### Key highlights of South West Syria (SW) Agricultural Livelihood priorities

- Agricultural working group for Southwest Syria, which was coordinating FSS sector responses in Southwest Syria, handed over coordination functions to FAS Damascus in July 2018. Key highlights of the handover include achievements and planned responses from SW partners.
- The purpose of sharing the highlights is to guide partners working in Southwest to refer to the planned responses so that partners don't start from scratch.
- Partners planning SO2 and 3 activities in SW Syria advised to refer to the planned responses by SW Agricultural working group

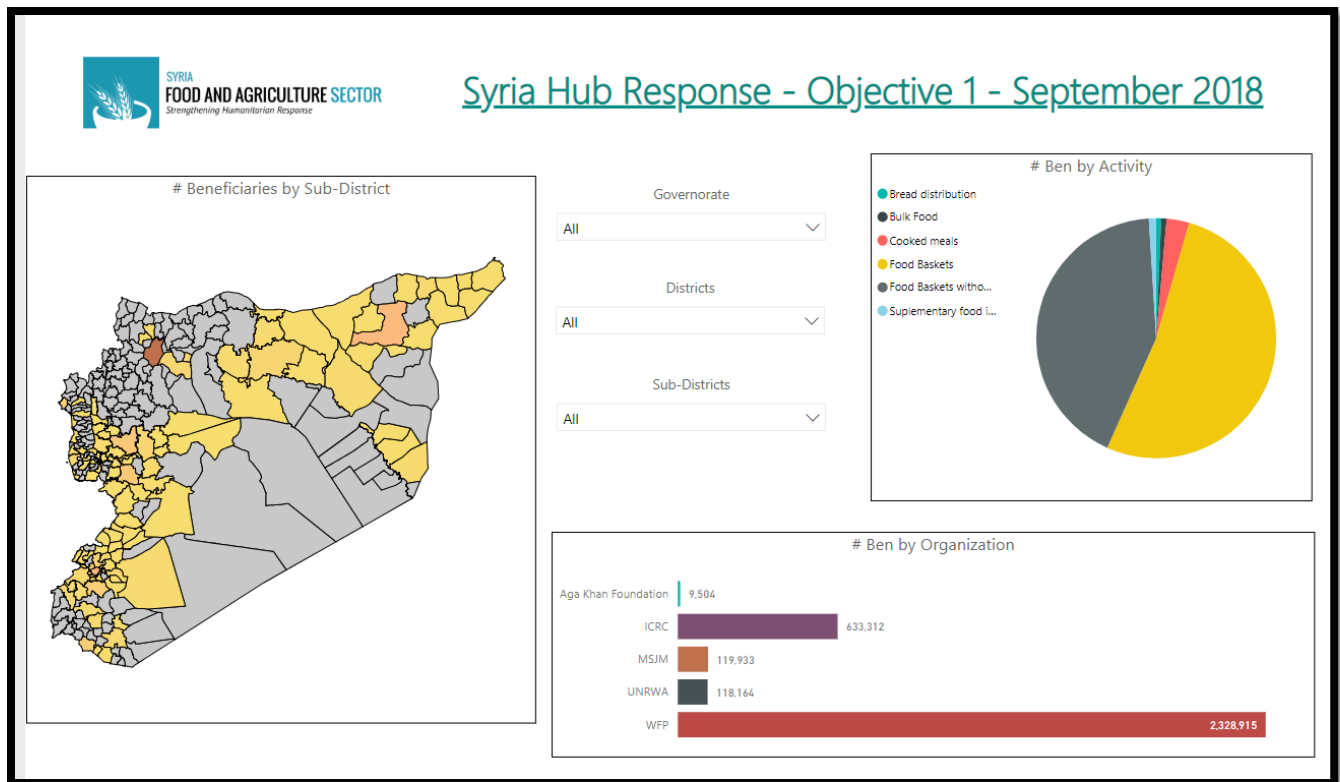
Intervention	# Beneficiaries reached	Geographical Area
Agricultural inputs	69,934	Dar'a
Livestock asset restoration	11,210	Dar'a
Animal treatment/vaccination	3,877	Dar'a
Income-generating activities (IGAs)	27,078	Dar'a
Provision of services	4,006	Dar'a
Infrastructure rehabilitation	124,019	Dar'a
Small-scale food production	24,460	Dar'a
Agricultural inputs	30,051	Quneitra
Livestock asset restoration	12,886	Quneitra
Animal treatment/vaccination	7,547	Quneitra
Income-generating activities (IGAs)	10,338	Quneitra
Infrastructure rehabilitation	1,379	Quneitra
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,785</b>	

<<SO 2 and 3 SW responses June 2017-June 2018>>

<i>Future plans</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Geographical Area</i>
Distribution of agricultural kits to 8300 vulnerable small farmers and IDPs for the fall campaign 2018	September 2018	Daraa, Quneitra, As Sweida
Vocational Skills and apprenticeship training to 200 households	End of 2018	Daraa
Micro-enterprise grants support to 250 households	End of 2018	Daraa
Cash-for-Work support for 550 households	Autumn 2018	South east Daraa
Rehabilitation of five irrigation wells in south east Daraa (15,000 beneficiaries)	Autumn 2018	South east Daraa
Distribution of salt block and anti-parasite in south east Daraa (3,000 beneficiaries)	September 2018	South east Daraa
Livestock asset restoration and small-scale food production in south east Daraa (1,500 beneficiaries)	Autumn 2018	South east Daraa
Income generation activities in south east Daraa (500 beneficiaries)	Autumn 2018	South east Daraa
Distribution of vouchers to 2,100 mid-size farmers (MSF) as 1,050 for the fall 2018, and other 1,050 MSFs for spring 2019	Sep. 2018 Mar. 2019	Dara and Quneitra
Trainings for Agricultural Departments of 5 LCs (32 training sessions) And establishment of three Farmers Field Schools	Jul. 2018-Dec. 2019	Dara District
Distribution of grants for 36 MSMEs	Aug. 2018	Dara Governorate
Distribution of kitchen garden kits to 1,000 HHs –as 1,000 in fall semester 2018, and 400 kits for spring 2019	Sep 2018 Mar. 2019	Dara Governorate
Rehabilitation of two communal irrigation networks, and two communal agricultural assets	Mar. 2019	Dara District
Distribution of fodder vouchers for 225 livestock holders (fodders for 6 months)	Jul. to Dec. 2018 Jan. 2019 to Jun. 2019	Dara District
Veterinary services for 113 livestock holders, through one mobile vet clinic	Mar.- Dec. 2019	Dara District
Business Grants for 350 beneficiaries enrolled in food production activities	September 2018	Dara Governorate
Winter Field Production (wheat or barley) for 175	November 2018	Dara Governorate
Rehabilitation of livestock market	August 2018	Dara Governorate
Home-based food production and preservation for 300 beneficiaries	July 2018	Dara Governorate
Distribution of Cash for work for 500 Beneficiaries in Dar'a and Quneitra	September 2018	Dara and Quneitra
Support 600 Herders with vaccines in Dar'a and Quneitra	September 2018	Dara and Quneitra
Support rehabilitation of two factories for processing	September 2018	Dara and Quneitra
Support 45 IDPs involved in the food processing value chain with micro-garden kits	September 2018	Dara and Quneitra
Support 50 farmers with agricultural inputs (Wheat & barely seeds ,fertilizers, pesticides)in Dar'a	September 2018	Dara
Raising awareness for 150 farmers on pest control	September 2018	Dara
Support 70 small herders with animal feed	September 2018	Dara
Support 50 small herders with vaccines	September 2018	Dara
Conduct Awareness Session for 100 beneficiaries on livestock care and on new techniques and methods of dairy products in a hygienic way to the market	September 2018	Dara
Distribution of summer kits (Agricultural kits,seeds,fertilizers,pesticides ) to 150 beneficiaries	September 2018	Dara

<<Planned responses for SW for references>>

## Response and Gaps analysis:



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