Food and Agriculture Sector Meeting Report

Minutes of 24 June 2018

Chair: Joseph ONEKA
Venue: Four Seasons-Palmyra Hall

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Action Points:

- Sector will bring the concerns on continued IAC plans despite the fact that some areas are now believed to be accessible without the convoy for further discussions ISC.
- The sector will advocate partners to transition from emergency response to monthly food assistance or supporting household’s level kitchen.
- Partners to review their 2018HRP projects in the OPS and inform the sector to guide the MYR process.
- Livelihood/Agriculture response packages were unanimously endorsed by sector members for use in guiding responses to livelihood/agriculture response.
- Partner planning livelihood/agriculture response in the coming season agreed to meet 3rd July to map up the responses for purposes of coordination.

Alerts/ongoing emergencies

Humanitarian Updates:

East Ghouta and South Syria situation updates

- East Ghouta shelter population estimates stand at 28,000.
- South Syria preparedness and response plan were discussed at the ISC and later endorsed by HCT. Currently Damascus AHCT is undertaking mapping of available stocks. There was a meeting between Damascus and Jordan ISC to coordinate overall responses both within and inside Syria.

East Ghouta response mapping
To follow-up responses to the remaining East Ghouta shelter population, weekly mapping and response-gap analysis were undertaken by the sector. This is to ensure that the remaining population are adequately covered with immediate food assistance. The IMOs made a presentation on the mapping to members to show the status of the responses to the remaining population.

EG Tracking sheet June 2018

Discussions

- RTER to be provided for the first 3 weeks of displacement only and thereafter responses should transition to monthly rations.
- There were concerns about continued IACs planning even in areas currently known to be accessible without needs for convoys. There was clarification that this issue needs to be discussed at the access-working group and besides some parts of Hama and Homs are still limited.
South Syria Contingency Response Plan
The sector presented contingency response plan for 95,000 people anticipated to be displaced and also mapping of the capacities (stock). So far mapped capacities for RTER is good while for FRs, there is deficit of 13,600 FRs. ICRC confirmed that additional capacities exist for between 10,000-15,000 RTER and FRs to fill any gap that will arise.

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Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission updates (CFSAM)
FAO provided a brief update on the ongoing CFSAM mission indicating that this is an annual mission conducted by WFP and FAO HQs at the request of GoS especially MAAR to assess food security situation using both primary and secondary data covering the entire country. The analysis of food security data will be at macro and micro levels. For the micro level analysis, primary data will be collected from about 7,000 household interviews. While for macro level secondary data including, satellite image analysis will be undertaken. The information will guide decision making in regards to estimate for imports and food aid requirements. The mission will be running from 25 June to end of July.

Updates on 2018HRP Sector Mid-Year Review (MYR)

- Sector MYR focuses on (1) needs update and (2) projects review.
- Part of MY Periodic Monitoring Review undertaken to provide update on situation, needs, response and gaps, and confirm/identify larger response priorities
- Purposes
  - To reflect the contextual changes since need analysis was conducted 2017
  - To adapt projects and targets for the rest of the year based on needs.

(1) Needs update process

- Consultative process between sector lead agencies and partners
- Base on shock factors that have most affected the food security status.
- Selected indicators to be used to adjust the needs reflected in draft 2018HRP
Progress

- Consensus reached on indicators & use of needs (draft 2018HRP) as baseline
- Indicators: Food Prices, FCS, rCSI, ICSI, Precipitation and NDVI
- Each indicator to be given same rank and results applied to adjust the needs
- A technical working group established and reviewed process.
- A preliminary Analysis undertaken
- Sector will share results on consolidation of inputs from all hubs

(2) Project reviews

- Focuses on Project relevance to priorities on the ground-reflecting new developments;
- Review project budgets to reflect what can be achieved in the remaining time period (6 months) – with a particular focus on projects that have not received/reported any funding so far.
- Partners to review project- Projects to be reviewed relevance, deleted those that cant be implemented, new projects inclusion not advise, SHF funded project to be reflected as existing project.
- Duration: 15-30 June 2018

Sector Project minimum criteria

- Have humanitarian objectives and be in line with humanitarian principles.
- Be based on a needs assessment (or evidenced-based).
- Be in line with the HRP’s overall strategic priorities and objectives; as well as with the relevant sector / cluster response plan and related objectives/activities.
- Target the most vulnerable group(s) as identified in the HRP.
- Target severe areas as identified in the HRP (inter-sector severity areas and sector specific severity areas).
- Meet the relevant sector / cluster response strategy, criteria and standards (which will be shared separately by sector leads).
- Be fully achievable within six months.
- Include a monitoring and evaluation mechanism/capacity.
- Include a protection risk analysis and self-assessment against the three distinct markers for gender, youth/adolescents and resilience.
- Reflect realistic funding requirements.

Livelihood/agriculture sector response packages

The sector highlighted that the response packages was shared, inputs reached from partners and addressed and the final version was circulated with minutes of the last meeting. The purpose of inclusion of response packages was to have it endorsed by all partners. Without any additional comments the sector members endorsed the response package for use by the sector partners as a guide for future response.

After endorsement of the response packages members felt that it was important to discuss plan livelihood/agriculture responses a head of planting season. As a result the sector quickly check on partners who have some plans for the upcoming planting season and below were the key highlights:
- **NRC**: fruit seedling (400hhs), vegetables (300hhs), poultry (1,300hhs), fodder distribution (650hhs) and processing equipment (60hhs).
- **FAO**: vegetables (3,000hhs)
- **ICRC**: Cereal, Barley and pulses (30,000hhs), vegetables (15,000hhs) with drip irrigation for summer and winter season.
- **IFRC**: vegetable kits (13,500kits).

## CBT Working group updates

### Placement and Leadership

The partners were updated on status of CBT working group that was formed under the FAS. The decisions was reached in the last CBT working group meeting for it to report directly to the ISC. In recognition of central roles played by the FAS sector in kick-starting CBT group, the leadership of the CBT were maintained with WFP and UNRWA co-chairing and OCHA being secretariat.

## Food and Agriculture Response and Plans Updates

### AGENCY | Activities during May2018 | Notes/highlights
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**MSJM** | - Distributed 5,000 hot meals, around 31,554 individuals were served in Der Zor city funded by PLC  
- Distributed 500,000 hot meals, around 500,000 individuals were served Eastern Ghouta (Dwier and Duma) funded by PLC  
- Distributed 400,000 hot meals, around 400,000 individuals were served in Herjaleh funded by LDS  
- Distributed Nutrition (Biscuit) to 15,000 individuals in Eastern Ghouta (Dwier and Duma) funded by LDS  
- Distributed Nutrition - Food supplement to 3,500 individuals in Aleppo (Tal Refaat)  
- Distributed Nutrition - Food supplement to 1,700 individuals in Al-Raqqa (Al-Thwrah) | July Plans:  
- To continue serve in our kitchen in Der Zor.  
- To continue serve in our kitchen in EG

### May Achievements

- Provide technical training for 148 farmers, establish eleven FFSs and implement graduation ceremonies for 9 FFSs established during 2017 with 139 farmers in Hama and Tartous districts.  
- Conduct technical training for 40 extensions workers on (Agricultural Media and Modern Irrigation) from Hama, Homs and Salamieh units, and implement exposure visits for extensions workers from Homs, Hama and Salamieh to Irrigation Research Center in Homs.  
- Conduct technical training on early detection of Mastitis for 50 cattle livestock farmers, and provide them with the required equipment.  
- Provide 87 livestock farmers with lab screening services and 35 livestock farmers with (EWS) Early Warning System filed visits and campaign.  
- Conduct preventive control campaign against internal and external parasites for 85 livestock farmers.  
- Follow up the agro-processing beneficiary women.
### June – August Plan
- Conduct graduation ceremonies for the FFS participants.
- Establish new Farmer Field Schools (FFS) for agriculture and livestock activities, and carry on the activities of Farmer Field Schools in Hama and Tarots,
- Provide livestock farmers with lab screening services and (EWS) Early Warning System.
- Provide technical training to extension workers.
- Provide managerial and technical training to CBOs, (Community Based Organizations) to establish new community assets in livestock and agriculture sub-sectors.
- Follow up the agro-processing, home and kitchen garden activities and CBSGs (Community Based Saving Groups).

### May Achievements:
- 264 out of 500 households had support and building capacity for beehive and honey production in Aleppo.
- 600 out of 3400 Households have been provided with Mushroom Production kits in Aleppo as income generating activities as well.
- 50 HHs have been provided with Soap production tools as an income generating activities.
- 75 households have been provided with food processing machine in Hama as income generating activities
- Rehabilitating for irrigation systems in Homs governorate in the upper Orontes valley (9100 HH).

### Plan June – July :
- 35 School in Aleppo and Rural Damascus will have school gardening to improve students nutrition knowledge about nutrition sensitive agriculture.
- 280 HHs will provided with irrigation kits in Tartous and Hama
- 3500 Vegetable packages with irrigation kits will be distributed in Hassakeh-Aleppo-Qunaitera-Hama-Sweida- Deir Ezzor.
Gaps/Coverage Analysis:

Sector Objective 1 Response – Syria Hub – Actual April 2018

Sector Objective 2&3 Response – Syria Hub – Actuals April 2018
Next Meeting: To be held on 22th July 2018 at Syria – Damascus – Four Season Hotel – Palmyra