

FSAC Monthly Meeting

Virtual meeting, 23 August 2023

Minutes of Meeting

Type of meeting	FSAC Monthly Meeting
Date and location	Wednesday, 23 August 2023, Kabul, 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM
Chairperson	FSAC
Note taker	FSAC
Attendees	120

Meeting Agenda

Min	Action Item	Responsible Party
1	Early Warning Information Working Groups August Update	FSAC EWIWG
2	Humanitarian Spatial Data Center (HSDC) Platform	iMMAP
2	Review of FSAC packages (lessons learned from the field)	FSAC
3	Winter prioritization	FSAC
4	FSAC achievements and activities reporting	FSAC
5	IPC/SFSA planning / results of IPC online assessment	FSAC
6	AOB	FSAC

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1	Early Warning Information Working Groups August Update	FSAC -EWIWG
<p>The FSAC Early Warning and Information Working Group (EWIWG) updated the FSAC partners on the upcoming El-Nino situation, precipitation and temperature and its implication of crop and livestock, current stream flow, vegetation index, national and regional wheat performance, and market bulletins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ El Nino/La Nina situation: Strong El-Nino is projected to continue through the northern hemisphere winter with greater than 95% chances during late 2023 and early 2024. Indian Monsoon: Indian Monsoon winds observed in the southeastern part of the country during the reporting period, with localized precipitation and flash flooding with some damage to local livelihoods and lives. ○ Cumulative Precipitation: Cumulative precipitation was below average across most part of the country, most particularly in the north and west, the ongoing precipitation shortages have resulted in ongoing droughts. In short-term forecast localized light to moderate rainfall in the eastern part of the country while the remaining of country is seasonally dry. Long-term precipitation there is a high probability of above average precipitation across the country because of prevailing El-Nino conditions. ○ Temperature: Short-term temperature forecast indicates mean maximum temperature was slightly above average in eastern and southeastern provinces of the country while near average in other parts of the country, while long term temperature forecast indicates above average mean temperature throughout most of the country in the proceeding months. ○ Streamflow Forecast: For streamflow forecast, its predicted below average flows except over southeastern Afghanistan. It is mainly due to the current dry spell and low precipitation. 		

- **Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI):** Indicates degraded ground conditions for much of the country with the worst in northern and western provinces but seems lush conditions for east due to Monsoon rains compared to northern areas. Looking at the current conditions of El-Nino there are certain assumptions for the coming 2023-24 year for crop production and livelihoods. Above average precipitation and temperature have certain opportunities and risks associated to agriculture and livestock production. Such opportunities are availability of irrigation water for crops and good pasture conditions for livestock. Risks associated are high snow melt, flooding and expediting of certain crops and animal diseases due to high humidity and temperature. It is important for the FSAC partners to share and inform the farmers of the upcoming opportunities to build upon and risks to make necessary preparations to avoid.
- **Wheat Crop:** Wheat harvest is near completion in Afghanistan. The harvest is of concern specifically in the rainfed area due to generally below-average cumulative rainfall amounts received, however, precipitation conditions in the neighboring central Asia countries whom Afghanistan is dependent for Wheat import was favorable.
- **Food Prices and Purchasing Power:** The national average basic food basket prices shows of no remarkable price changes such as increasing or decreasing during the last week. The wheat, rice, cooking oil, pulses, and sugar. prices change was ± 1 percent during the last week. However, in comparison of last year average prices, the overall prices of food basket increased except rice Scholar and sugar. Skilled labour wages decreased by 3 percent and unskilled labour wages increased by 1 percent in the last week, furthermore, there was no remarkable prices changes in the non-food commodities such as Diesel, chemical fertilizer of Urea and DAP during the reporting period.

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Action point:

1. **EWIWG members will prepare a detail plan about the impact of upcoming El-Nino situation and its possible consequences on Agriculture and rural livelihoods. The plan will be shared with partners.**

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2	Humanitarian Spatial Data Center (HSDC) Platform	iMMAP

iMMAP presented the new platform HSDC-Humanitarian Spatial Data Centre and explained the approaches and new technology embedded inside the platform. This is a web application and spatial data infrastructure, which can create and share data and web maps. Currently the data available for this platform is operational data, disaster risk data and the data of people and place that are currently in risk, it can greatly help the humanitarian organization in its operations.

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3	Review of FSAC packages (lessons learned from the field)	FSAC

FSAC Presented the response packages to the partners, the objectives of presenting and sharing the packages was to have the partners inputs to be incorporated in the coming HRP and HNO to make sure these packages are relevant and responsive to the needs of target communities. FSAC requesting partners to share their inputs and any recommendations for improvement of the package.

FSAC has the following food assistance package.

1. In-kind food assistance
2. cash- for food assistance,

While under livelihood assistance FSAC provides the following packages

1. Cash for Work
2. Agriculture Package
3. Vegetable Kit
4. Livestock Package
5. Poultry Package
6. Small Ruminant Package

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Action point:

- 1. FSAC will share an online survey form with partners to have partners inputs and recommendations on the improvement of FSAC response package**

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4	Winter prioritization	FSAC

FSAC together with ICCT prepared the winter prioritization plan, and it's already been shared with FSAC partners. FSAC will also use this plan for resource mobilization for the upcoming winter. Under this plan, FSAC is going to target 16.8 million people for winter season. 9.2 million are targeted for food assistance and 7.6 million people for livelihood support for the period of October to December 2023.

Under winter prioritization SAC planned for food assistance both cash and in-kind, and livelihood assistance as well which includes (a) wheat assistance by providing certified wheat seeds and other inputs (b) livestock support by providing livestock feeds distribution (c) Poultry support and (d) Home gardening support.

For winter prioritization – out of total 401 district of the country, 194 are ranked high priority while 116 are medium priority and 91 are low priority.

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Action Points:

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5	FSAC achievements and activities reporting	FSAC

FSAC achievement is presented by FSAC colleagues and the overall targeted population in terms of food assistance and livelihood assistance. It highlighted that under the food assistance indicator, a total of 19.1 million people has been targeted while cumulatively 19.7 million have been reached. For the month of June 4.8 million people are targeted, out of 4.8 million 77% people have been assisted with in-kind food assistance while 23% people have been assisted with cash/vouch assistance.

In terms of livelihood support 8.1 million people have been targeted, out of which 1.1 million people have been reached in the month of June. Out of 1.1 million for the month of June, 33% injected agriculture inputs, 31% responses in livestock sector and 36% people have been assisted with other livelihood support.

In relation to funding status, as of July 2023, the requirements were 1.57 billion, out of which only 0.3% billion have been received and 1.27 billion is still a funding gap. FSAC request from its donors to increase the funding because winter is ahead of us, and we need to fulfil the gaps for the coming winter.

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Action Points:

- It's being requested the donors to increase funding to fulfil the gaps we have for the winter ahead.**

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6	IPC/SFSA Planning / Results of IPC online assessment	FSAC

FSAC presented the IPC/SFSA Planning/Results of IPC online assessment and provided information that we collected through online assessment. The objective of this assessment is to improve the delivery and quality of IPC AFI products and to measure the use of IPC in Afghanistan. It helps us to know the impact of the IPC product and to know how the IPC product have been used in Afghanistan.

some suggestions were given by the partner to improve the delivery and quality of IPC AFI products such as publish the IPC report on a website which have download option, and it's insisted to share the IPC report on regular basis, it was also suggested that it's better to publish the report through media such as AWCC. it was also suggested that if the IPC report is finalized, better to share the link with the partners.

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Action Points:

- Will work on the timeliness of the process, timeliness of sharing the finding and expanding the media for sharing the result.**

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1	AOB	FSAC

FFSAC is in communication with AHF regarding the next allocation, but it's not yet confirmed whether the allocation with reserved or standard, and it's also not known how much FSAC will be funded on that. Its kindly requested all the FSAC partners if the allocation was reserved/standard you will pops up in the upcoming week in GMS, please reply to them on time.

Partner having any issues regards to implementation please report to FSAC a month before the project closes. Secondly, its kindly advised all the partners to engage and coordinate with FSAC regional focal points regarding attending meeting and reporting.

FSAC partners capacity need assessment survey is presented, and further elaborated and added that we conducted an online assessment to find out the level of interest of participants in the proposed area of interest. in collaboration with ACBAR we have plan to conduct a series of training which are AAP, Core humanitarian Standard and formulating prioritization to national partners, For more detailed information, please click here to refer to the meeting presentation

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