Flood Emergency Overview:

- Overall, flood water has receded in most of the flood affected districts and most of the agricultural land is available for wheat plantation.
- 14.6 million people are in need of emergency food assistance and agriculture related support of which 4.0 million are targeted by the Food Security and Agriculture sector.
- 110 districts have been affected including 94 most calamity affected across four provinces and two regions.
- 4.40 million acres of cropland damaged and around 0.8 million livestock lost, while millions of animal are at risk of diseases according to the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).
- Provision of food, wheat seeds and fertilizer and protection of livestock are important emergency response activities undertaken by FSA sector.

Key Response Highlights:

- The FSAWG meets on regular basis and collects 5Ws data to ensure appropriate response coordination.
- Full-scale activation of Food Security and Agriculture Working Groups (FSAWGs) at provincial level is underway.
- The flood response include food assistance through food and cash assistance for improving access to food, restoration of community/household level livelihood assets, and multipurpose cash for livelihood assets. Meanwhile, the agricultural assistance includes Livestock support (animal vaccination, fodder and shelter support), Agriculture inputs (Seed, fertilizers and tools), and Irrigation channels (Desilting and quick fixes).
- Over a hundred food security and agriculture partners responding to the flood covering 75 districts (22 districts in Sindh, 21 in Balochistan, 19 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 9 in Punjab).
Operational Challenges and Seasonal Risks:

- The flood was unprecedented in the recent history; it posed various challenges in terms of preparation and response.

- A limited response has been reported across various flood-affected areas. Immediate scale up is required to improve access to food, protect livestock and make sure that farmers do not miss Rabi cropping season.

- The majority of ongoing responses, with the exception of WFP assistance, is one-time assistance.

- The floodwater has receded in most of the areas and immediate efforts are needed on preparing land for resuming the agriculture production, particularly the wheat production.

- The Government issued a tender for procurement of 2.77 million bags (50 KG) of wheat seeds for distribution to small/medium flood-affected farmers in the four provinces (Sindh, Balochistan, KP and Punjab). The delivery of wheat seeds was preferably planned between 28 October and 10 November. However, there are challenges in procurement and delivery of wheat seeds, which has delayed the distribution of planned wheat seeds to flood affected farmers.

- The Rabi plantation season is starting very soon and the timely provision of these packages would be very crucial. Early sowing leads to good yield and production and inversely.

- Few security incidents reported at distribution points in Sindh and Balochistan. Security needs to be enhanced and effective coordination with district administration at distribution points needs to be ensured.

- Immediate and integrated response by Food Security and Agriculture, WASH, Nutrition and Health sectors is required to avoid malnutrition, asset depletion, diseases and mortality. Inter-sectoral coordination is also critical to determine the multi-sectoral needs and plan the use of multipurpose cash.

Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) September – December 2022 Acute Food Security Analysis

As per the preliminary results of the IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis, the estimated food insecure population (in IPC Phases 3 and 4) increased from 5.96 million in pre-flooding situation in 28 vulnerable districts to 8.62 million in September-December 2022. In 18 flood affected districts of Sindh and Balochistan, IPC phases 3 and 4 population increased from 3.54 million in pre-flooding situation to 5.74 million in post flooding. A Household Food Security and Livelihood Assessment and IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analyses are planned between December 2022 and March 2023 to provide updated picture of acute food insecurity in the country.

USEFUL LINKS:

- FSS Pakistan Country page
- OCHA 2022 Monsoon 5W Dashboard
- WFP Pakistan Situation Report #5, November 2022

Previous Bulletins:

- Pakistan Monsoon Floods Weekly Bulletin #1, Sep 2022
- Pakistan Monsoon Floods Weekly Bulletin #2, Oct 2022
- Pakistan Monsoon Floods Weekly Bulletin #3, 02 November 2022

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