Meeting Minutes

Location: At the WFP Office.
Date: 02/07/19

Agenda
1. ZimVac - Presentation on findings and recommendations
2. Update on Early Recovery interventions from partners
3. Update on 5W
4. AOB

Participants
- WFP, FAO, TDH ITALY, LIDA, LEAD, ADRA, UNICEF, UNHCR, CBM, REDCROSS, IRC, HELP from GERMANY, DANCHURCHAID, FAMBICTIANAI, TROCAIRE, PLAN, AFRICARE, CARE, CAFOD, GOAL, OXFAM, NAZ.

Discussion
1. ZimVac - Presentation on findings and recommendations by WFP VAM

The VAM team presented the ZimVac report’s findings and its recommendations. The ZimVac was conducted in May 2019 by the ZimVac team with a sample size (250 households per district) and to ensure 95% confidence level of statically representation at the district, provincial and national level, the sample size was guided by the joint guidelines for Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions.

A few key findings & recommendations
- Most shocks which affected households were agro-based, and multi-stakeholder efforts are necessary to address challenges related to weather and climate, pests and food and nutrition security. These strategies should focus on building the resilience of communities.
- There is need for urgent food distribution or cash-based transfers (to promote the local economy where feasible) to food insecure households in order to avoid a worsening situation.
- There is need to scale up community-based resilience building programs to enable communities to cope with future shocks and hazards. Particular focus should be put on diversifying livelihoods including off-farm income generating activities.
- Rural food insecurity in June 2019 was estimated at 21% and is projected to reach 59% during the peak hunger period (January to March 2020). This food insecurity prevalence translates to about 5,5 million rural people.

For more information you can access the report by clicking this link.

2. UPDATE ON THE Flash Appeal
- The flash appeal will be launched on the 6th of August 2019 and due to the limited timeframe.
- The strategy exercise will be at a national level in order to have a comprehensive and multi-sectoral overview of the humanitarian need.
- As a result, the FS cluster invited partners to share their inputs regarding their strategy for the whole country with prioritization for activities and zones they envisage to work on.
- To ensure common consensus and transparency, the FS Cluster proposed a meeting for all partners on Wednesday, 17th of July at 2:30pm in WFP to discuss these strategy and prioritization on how to meet the needs of the food-insecure populations.
As a follow up, the FS Cluster will be presenting the results of this meeting to the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on Thursday, the 18th of July for validation before onward submission to OCHA based on the timeline.

The timeline for the appeal:

- **Step 1** [by Friday 19] all sectors to complete the Needs Severity Tracking matrix. This is basically the bulk of the work.
- **Step 2** [Monday 22] 3-hrs workshop to agree on the geographical and severity criteria, including agreement on PiN and PT as well as division of task and project review
- **Step 3** [Friday 26] all sector to submit sector page and total requirement
- **Step 4** [Wednesday 31] all sector to update project online
- **Step 5** [Monday 5 Aug] in design completed

3. **5W - Cash Based Transfer programmes request**

   The cluster reminded partners to share Cash Based Transfer programmes 5W, explaining that the aim is to compile information on cash-based transfer programmes and to create a map which will show at village level what type of cash-based transfer and how many beneficiaries are targeted.

   This will help the cluster;

   - to assess the current coverage of bureaux de change and mobile money exchange points
   - to better understand mobile network coverage and locations where the network needs to strengthen.
   - to place on the map where are the nearest markets are in relation to wards.

4. **5W Matrix update**

   - The cluster team reviewed each component of the 5W matrix with partners underscoring the importance on each component and explaining how it dove tails in the Food Security strategic objectives (SO 1 & 2). While stressing the importance of ward level information as it helps to provide precise locations, to improve coordination and identifying areas with gaps.
   - The partners were also informed that an information management training will be conducted soon as it relates to 5Ws, FS strategic objectives, GPS and excel skills. The date for the training will be communicated in the coming week.