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**Food Security Sector, Strategic Advisor Group (SAG) meeting 16 January 2019, Cox's Bazar**

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Attendance: WFP (Sudip, Sunee, Michael), FAO, OXFAM (Ryan Webb), World Vision, ACF, Cash WG (Ricardo), Marjorie

- The participants deliberated on areas that need strengthening in 2019 to enhance sector coordination and suggested the following;
  - ✓ Strengthen Information management and sharing to support better coordination,
  - ✓ Support enhancement of Self-reliance activities
  - ✓ Coordination with UNO and other local authorities to inform of sector achievements and plans
  - ✓ Standardization of packages and modalities, Harmonization of indicators, Partner capacity building
  - ✓ Institutional strengthening
  
- Food Assistance: Transition in modalities;
  - ✓ e-Voucher to replace GFD in all camps covered by WFP, except Camp 23.
  - ✓ Complementary food rations - reduced need as e-Voucher / retail shops replaces GFD
  - ✓ Retail shops to include four (4) fresh food items
  - ✓ Items to vary according to availability (seasonality, price)
  - ✓ Number of retail shops accepting e-Vouchers to increase
  - ✓ Geographic distribution of shops to expand. Currently all 6 shops along highway (east)

WFP requested that a partner be identified to implement complementary food vouchers in Camp 23

- The SAG proposed to map local market activities by location and by type (category). OXFAM suggested making use of staff involved in market price monitoring activities for this survey.

Livelihood activities:

- ✓ The Sector to obtain information from partners about planned activities 2019. RRRC and donors asking for this information.
  - ✓ For host communities, locations of activities should be mapped at Union and Ward levels to better Identify gaps and potential overlaps
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- SAG acknowledged a need to standardize indicators for each activity to facilitate reporting to FSS. The activities are:
    - (1) Food Assistance; (2) Vouchers; (3) Livelihoods / Self-Reliance; (4) Cash-based initiatives;
    - (5) Emergency Preparedness – all events: cyclone, monsoon, movement, displacement, etc
  
  - WFP announced a plan to utilize five (5) “catchment areas”, (groupings of multiple camps), for coordinating Food Assistance activities. A map has been prepared depicting the 5 catchment areas.



They plan to organize regular meetings to coordinate food assistance in each camp / catchment area where they will invite participation by partners involved in GFD, complementary food vouchers and other Food Assistance modalities. The meetings will not cover livelihood activities.

- SAG proposed that FSS to organize a workshop/meeting for coordination of livelihood activities in Host Communities with local authorities.
- The SAG proposed changes to the frequency and structure of FSS and Livelihood coordination meetings to be one meeting per month, combining Food Security and Livelihoods for Maximum 2 hours duration. This proposal will be presented to the sector partners during the coordination meeting. It was requested that meetings be announced using calendar invitations (reminders).