TERMS OF REFERENCE

FSAC Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

- Make strategic decisions on behalf of the larger Cluster group;
- Take ‘formal’ responsibility for representing the collective Cluster position;
- Collectively agree on a strategic operational framework that outlines the overall FSAC approach while allowing for diversity in programme orientation;
- Formulate the FSAC response strategy and action plan in harmony with the YHRP; ensure complementarity with government policies and plans at local level; update regularly according to evolving needs; and hold partners to account against this framework;
- Formulate and agree the FSAC work plan and provide strategic oversight of its implementation; agree performance indicators, and method by which these will be measured;
- Establish ‘Technical Working Groups’ (TWIGs) as required and hold such groups accountable to Terms of Reference agreed by the SAG; ensure proper representation within such groups; ensure timely output; ensure transparent reporting; and close such groups;
- Formulate and agree FSAC advocacy positions/strategies on behalf of the Cluster partners and advocate to authorities, other Clusters, and donors for necessary change;
- Support the FSAC Coordinator in setting up dedicated mechanisms and systems for transparent and equitable allocation and monitoring of ‘pooled’ funds available to the Cluster;
- Provide strategic oversight on integration and inclusion of cross-cutting issues (e.g. AAP, Protection, Gender equity) in FSAC actions;
- Ensure appropriate technical standards are agreed and consistently applied in all FSAC response actions;
- Seek proportionality of response actions; ensure balance between food assistance and livelihoods assistance; ensure response is directed to locations with response gaps/unmet needs
- It is the responsibility of the Cluster Coordinator to ensure that outputs from SAG meetings are brought to the attention of, and followed up with relevant authorities, promulgated in plenary coordination meetings, reflected in Situation Reports, and posted to the Cluster web-site.