FSAC partners provided food assistance to 2,702,351 (69%) people against a target of 3,943,416 people and 567,647 (31%) received livelihoods assistance against target of 1,817,500 people.

FSAC achievements in 2019

global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) coordinator (Mr. Bruno Minjauw) had a support mission to Kabul from 8th to 12th April 2019. The purpose was to review current cluster structure and provide recommendations for the 2019 cluster strategy.

During his mission, he had meetings with WFP, FAO, OCHA, USAID, DEFID, ACBAR, IPC secretariat, partners and other key stakeholders.

Upcoming Activities

⇒ ICCT field mission to Mazar in August 2019
⇒ IPC analysis workshop in September 2019
⇒ National FSAC monthly meeting every third week of the month
⇒ HNO 2020 workshop in September 2019

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

FSAC is co-led by FAO & WFP in Afghanistan and co-chair by Welthungerhilfe. The cluster includes strong representation of government, national and international NGO’s, donors, red cross/red crescent movement, UN agencies and research institutes. At current FSAC has 172 members with electronic reach to almost 470 partners/members in the country.

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Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA 2019) Update

FSAC is conducting the post-harvest Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA) with the support of Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and Information Authority, INGOs and NNGs in all 34 provinces. FAO, WFP and UNDP are the main funding bodies for this assessment. The data collection is ongoing and will be completed before Eid.

The main objectives of SFSA 2019 are;

- Assess the food security and livelihoods situation in 34 provinces of Afghanistan during harvest season
- Develop FSAC SRP, HNO and HRP 2020.
- Provide data to MAIL, FSAC partners and donors to use this data for their planning purpose.
**ICCT mission to Kunar and Nangarhar**

The national ICCT organised a road mission to Nangahar and Kunar from 12-14 May. All sectors joined the mission, except Education in Emergencies.

The objective of the mission was four-fold:
1. To link-up with ICCT counterparts in East
2. To meet with IDPs displaced by Taliban-ISK fighting in Kunar and Nangahar provinces and their hosts
3. To meet with the Provincial Governors
4. To reflect on current humanitarian response approaches and consider next steps.

**AHF 1st standard allocation 2019**

Based on evidence-based information from FSAC, AHF allocated USD 6 million to cover gap in food assistance for fresh IDP’s in east region, livelihoods support to floods affected people in affected provinces and drought IDPs returns response in Hirat and Badghis. FSAC also provided support in review and approval of CHF fund allocation process.

FSAC has supported its partners in the preparation of quality proposals for review. FSAC led the technical review of the proposals and recommended six partners’ proposals for funding.

**FSAC NGO Co-Chair selection**

During FSAC monthly meeting in April 2019, WHH requested to take the FSAC NGO co-chair for one more year. Participants decided that FSAC will send an email to all partners on their agreement or disagreement for continuation of this role.

FSAC has received agreements from 33 partners and no disagreement from any partner on the continuation of WHH role as an NGO co-chair. Finally, WHH selected as new NGO co-chair for FSAC.

**Food Security Cluster Retreat**

Global Food Security Cluster organized 2 days retreat from 8 to 9 May in Lebanon for cluster coordinators and information management officer.

The purpose of the retreat was to engage food security cluster coordinators and information management officers in global discussions on coordination of humanitarian responses and new ways of working in a more demanding and challenging context. These retreats provide an opportunity to learn global practices and challenges in designing, implementing and coordinating response plans across the countries by providing firsthand experience from each country.

**Success story by NCA**

Ms. Jamila is running her poultry farm happily as a business contributing to her family income. She is one the CoAR beneficiaries of the CSEPE project which was financed by NCA in Faryab. Ms. Jamila said, “I was distressed by the severe poverty in our family, our income did not meet even our primary needs and I was looking for sustainable source of income to take my family out of the bad economic condition”. Previously, Ms. Jamila’s husband was the only bread winner in family as a daily laborer with small income in Andkhoy district of Faryab.

Ms. Jamila said, “it was hard to believe a woman can have her own business in a male dominated city like Andkhoy, but CoAR with the financial support of NCA made it possible for me and so many other women”.

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