Food Security Cluster Meeting in Erbil, Iraq

Date: 16/03/2016  
Venue: NCCI Office, Ainkawa, Erbil  
Time: 11:00 – 12:00  
Attendance: WFP, IRCS, FAO, Afkar, ASA, UIMS, Triangle, ACF, GOAL, Big Heart, Kanz, REACH, Ma’abir Organization for Development, Cordaid, Caritas Iraq, BCF, WVI, IRW and SAAE.

Agenda:
1. Round of introductions  
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting  
3. Updates on Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Funds (IHPF)  
4. Consultation on Contingency Plan  
5. GOAL and Big Heart’s Agricultural Market Assessment (Jan. 2016) findings – Presented by GOAL  
6. Updates from partners  
7. AOB

NEXT MEETING: 30 March (Wed.), 11am at NCCI Office, Erbil

ACTION POINTS:
1. The Cluster team to share the IHPF FSC Scorecard  
2. The Cluster team to share GOAL and Big Heart’s Agricultural Market Assessment presentation

1. Round of introductions

2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

Approved.

3. Updates on Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Funds (IHPF)
Capacity Assessment results will be released on the 18 March to inform organizations if they have successfully passed the eligibility. There are also several trainings for partners who have passed the capacity assessment that can attend.

Food Security Cluster (FSC) priorities have been shared to guide partners throughout the proposal writing process. The deadline for submission is 28 March. FSC Strategic Review Team (SRT) will review the proposals following the deadline.

Any questions with food related activities, feedback for proposals, please do not hesitate to contact the FSC coordination team.

4. Consultation on Contingency Plan
All feedback will be consolidated on 16 March, to be submitted to OCHA. All partners are encouraged to review the document and provide feedback.
- ensure your agencies’ names are present in the key areas where you potentially have the capacities to response.
all partners, regardless if you have stock or not, please inform if you have capacity (and can provide any support).

the key to this document is to have an understanding where all partners are, and who can step in to provide additional support.

5. GOAL and Big Heart’s Agricultural Market Assessment (Jan. 2016) findings – Presented by GOAL

The full report was circulated by FSC. The report focuses on the areas of Zakho and Rabiya due to the high numbers of IDPs and the high capacity of individuals. For more details, please see the presentation slides attached.

6. Updates from partners

- Ma’abir Organization for Development (MOD) in partnership with Al SAAE organization:
  - Distributed 150 food parcels on IDPs from Anbar governorate in Shaqlawa city on 20 of February.
  - Distributed 150 food parcels on IDPs from Anbar governorate in Shaqlawa city on 1 of March.

- IRCS:
  - One-shot distribution (15 kilos of food) for IDPs from Makhmour in Debaga.
  - Distributed 100 boxes food in Debaga Camp.

- Caritas:
  - In partnership with CRS and Cordaid, planned distribution to dormitories of students in Kirkuk
    - Assessment of 200 students – results are they prefer in-kind distribution rather than vouchers as it is more secure, and students do not have to leave the dormitories. This is highly preferred especially for female students.
    - Currently facing the challenges that students have lost trust in the humanitarian response due to significant gaps in previous distributions, and many students left due to spring leave.
  - General needs assessments in Anbar ongoing.
  - 3rd round of voucher distribution for 1,500 IDPs in Baghdad, funded by IHPF.

- WFP:
  - Introduced targeting in KRI and activated the complaints mechanism

- IRW:
  - Distribution 250,000 in Baghdad, but trying to shift half of them to Anbar

- Kanz:
  - Distributing foods in Sully, Erbil, and Dohuk until June 2016 – 2800 HHs.
  - 45,000 IRD voucher for Syrian refugee HHs
  - Slowly moving to a voucher system of 12,000 Iraqi Dinars per month

- ACF:
  - In kind (Shekhan, Tilkaif, Tal Afar and Zakho districts):
    - 19,455 individuals reached - including 9,392 women and girls, 10,053 men and boys and 3,111 children <5 (both male and female, already included in the women/men dispatch). In total, 119 MT of food were distributed.
  - Vouchers (Zakho district):
- 107,039 individuals reached - including 51,700 women and girls, 55,339 men and boys and 17,554 children <5 (same, children <5 are also included in the women/men dispatch). The total value of voucher distributed is 836,820 USD.
  - WV:
    - Distributed food vouchers on a monthly basis to IDPs in three areas in Erbil.

7. AOB

- ASA shared updates on western Anbar and the humanitarian needs on the ground.