Food Security Cluster Meeting in Erbil, Iraq

Date: 30/03/2016
Venue: NCCI Office, Ainkawa, Erbil
Time: 11:00 – 12:00
Attendance: WFP, ICRC, IRCS, ARO, NPA, FAO, ACF, UIMS, KHO, Kanz, TGH, REACH, Cordaid, WVI, and IR

Agenda:
1. Round of introductions
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting
3. Mainstreaming Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) among FSC partners
4. Makhmur response
5. Anbar – potential impact on KRI humanitarian situation
6. Updates from partners
7. AOB

NEXT MEETING: 13 April (Wed.), 11am at NCCI Office, Erbil

ACTION POINTS:
1. The Cluster team to share the Mainstreaming Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) presentation
2. The Cluster team to share SCOPE presentation and accompanying notes
3. All partners to enter Activity Info Reporting between 1-5th April
4. (Previous action point) The Cluster to acquire more information from WFP about quality assessment of PDS

1. Round of introductions

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Approved.

3. Mainstreaming Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) among FSC partners

Introduction of the presenter: Phyza Jameel (phyza.jameel@wfp.org) – FSC Protection/Gender/AAP Advisor. Phyza is our WFP colleague who has been supporting the FSC with AAP/Protection and gender throughout 2015-16. Partners are welcome to get in touch with her for any relevant discussion/queries.

The mainstreaming approach from the Global Food Security Cluster is that we view beneficiaries as stakeholders of equal power. Three principals that we follow:

I. Information Sharing: The people we serve need to be informed about who we are and what we do for them – right’s based approach to access aid

II. Open ourselves to feedback – complaints and feedback mechanisms must be provided for those who receive aid

III. Zero tolerance for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
Current update in Iraq

- PSEA mechanism is present in all UN agencies, and WFP is one of the key leading agencies.
- Currently working on cross-reference between agencies.

Questions:
- How does GBV link with PSEA? – PSEA is our responsibility to stakeholders. Some PSEA cases may involve GBV, however not all GBV is a case of PSEA. PSEA is directly for cases of exploitation from humanitarian aid workers to their stakeholders or colleagues.
- Does it only serve stakeholders or among colleagues too? – It can serve all, including colleagues, but it depends on the specific SOPs through internal SOPs, whereas the PSEA is an external PSEA.
- How are stakeholders informed? – Every month the following messages are disseminated.
  I. Right to know
  II. Right to receive aid
  III. Right to complain
  IV. Right to receive feedback
  V. IDP hotline for PSEA

Presentation will be shared to partners. Please share it widely to your relevant colleagues/partners.

4. Makhmур response

- With onset of the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF)/Sunni Tribes/Peshmerga operations West of Makhmур, numerous villages previously under ISIS control have been or are in the process of being retaken.
- As clearing operations are ongoing, ISF and Sunni tribes have been evacuating civilians from villages and transporting them to a transit centre in Makhmур town. The transit center is a two-storied building constructed for the purpose of serving as a Youth Center and has an auditorium.
- As of the 28th March, the BCF registered a total of 363 families, 1900 individuals (479 men, 544 women, and 877 children). The families were mainly from two main villages Kharabardan and Kudila which has been liberated at the beginning of the operation.
- All response should be coordinated with ERC, and for food security related issues, please the FSC.
- The humanitarian response provided as of 28 March is as followed:
  - BCF provided hot meals, water, hygiene items, blankets and supported coordination of humanitarian assistance.
  - UNHCR provided CRIs, hygiene kits and rub halls to extend the capacity of the center.
  - RNIDP distributed food and water.
  - IRCS distributed food and water.
  - RRM distributed RRM kits. A second round of distribution is ongoing on 27 March.
- There are reported important WASH and medical needs for health support, and also protection concerns over the screening process/free movement.
- There are concerns of larger displacements in coming days, should the operation move to Sheikh Ali (18,000 ppl), or even Al Qayyara (75,000 ppl)
- There will be an Erbil inter-cluster meeting on Makhmур on 31 March, which will be chaired by OCHA and attended by each cluster’s representatives. The FSC will keep you posted on the updates.

5. Anbar – potential impact on KRI humanitarian situation
West of Ramadi:
- People from Heet still arriving to kilo 35, al Waffa and Kilo 18/7; however, there is also movement from Kilo 35 East towards al Khaldyah (new MoDM established camp) and Habaniya al Fallujah. The camps seem to be therefore transitory.
- Population movements are very fluid. Hard to tell how many people are there, and keep track on movements.
- Lack of food was expressed by various actors, including the Mayor, IDPs and FSC Partners.
- There are no sources of food in the site or around the site other than assistance. And there is no markets. The absence of cooking facilities on site and scarce water availability is reported.
- WFP/NRC are providing one-off ready to eat food (IRR – Immediate Response Ration). The Ramadi Mayor is providing one hot meal per day that is cooked in a house close to the camp.
- ICRC distributed 600 emergency kits that include 35kg of Rice, 4 liters of Vegetable Oil, Lentils, Beans, tomato paste and canned food. In addition the kit contains water thermos, towels and a kitchen set.

Fallujah:
- In recent days, the situation regarding Falluja seems to be developing. MoDM has called a meeting of partners on the ground in Ameriyat al-Falluja and representatives of some cluster lead agencies to discuss the capacity to receive IDPs from Falluja.
- According to JCMC, ISF has opened three safe corridors out of Falluja. JCMC has also requested humanitarian support from international organizations and agencies for displaced families which will use these corridors. It is of utmost importance that we consolidate the response plan based on the assumption that most of the Falluja caseload will go to Ameriyat and to HTC. The planning figure to be considered is of 50,000 individuals.
- OCHA and Clusters are continuing to monitor the situation, and please share any reports of new displacement into Ameriyat al-Falluja with us.

FSC partners and observers currently active in Anbar: WFP, NRC, ISHO, UIMS, IRCS and ICRC.

6. Updates from partners
   - World Vision
     - Distributed for 17,661 HHs (vouchers distributed per family as of March)
       - Voucher values are grouped by 1-5, 6-9, 10+
     - 4,835 complaints received regarding the targeting of vouchers for IDPs
   - WFP
     - ACTED, Save the Children, and ACF completed targeted distributions
     - All Syrian Refugee camps have moved to SCOPE
     - 9000 HH reached in February
     - 48,020 individuals planned to reach in March
   - Islam Relief
     - Food vouchers in Domiz camp is complete
     - Food pricing exercise ongoing
     - In Anbar, 3,500 are targeted to receive food parcels in mid-April with private funding
• IRCS
  o In Makhmur, IRCS provided hot meal for 357 for families (1 meal daily on arrival),
  o Distributed 63 boxes of water, 100 boxes of dry milk powder. and they also
distributed 100 boxes of cheese, 50 kits of non-food items, 50 kits baby diapers, 200
pairs of children shoes (from Turkish Red Crescent).
  o IRCS gave to BCF the following food for BCF to prepare hot meals in their kitchen: (per
family) - 2 cartons of oil, 2 cartons of tomato paste, 2 bags of rice (50kg); 50Kg of dry
beans.

7. AOB

• Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund (IHPF):
  o FSC received 16 proposals with a total amount of 14 million USD.
  o Strategic Review Team review will take place on 30th and 31st March to discuss the
proposals.
  o Cluster defence to take place on 6th April.
  o 7th-10th April: FSC Team to provide feedback to partners who submitted proposals.
  o 10th-17th April: Partners to revise the proposals online on GMS

• SCOPE:
  o Presented on 28th March
  o Notes and presentations to be circulated by the cluster

• Activity Info:
  o Reminder to please submit your information between 1st-5th April