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|  | Meeting Minutes   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Location: | Erbil/NCCI venue | | Date: | February 26, 2020 | |

# Participants

ACF, AVSI, BCF, CNSF, DAA, FAO, HA, HCTD, IRC, Mercy Corps, Mercy Hands, SP, TGH, WFP, WHH, WVI

# Action Points (and responsible person)

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| # | Action Item | Focal Point/Organization | Timeframe |
| 1. | Volunteer for the Task Force to re-strategize on the structure/content of the FSC meetings | All members | March 5th |
| 2. | FSC to share guidance note on ABC with partners | FSC Coordinator | Mid-March |
| 3. | FSC to set a fixed date for the future cluster meetings | FSC Coordinator | - |

# Discussion

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| Introduction | All members introduced themselves |
| FSC Updates | *Activity Info.* There is a new version of Activity Info (v.4). Partners might have access issues with the new platform. If you have trouble, please contact the Cluster for support. The deadline for reporting monthly activities is 10 March. The FSC will release a guidance note on how to operate in the new system next week and will explore options to conduct a training in the near future.  *FSC Dashboard*. The FSC spatial dashboard is live and reflecting the information of all organizations that have submitted their activities. Currently, the dashboard is updated every 24 hours; however, with this option the dashboard loses the “legend filtering” capability. Partners voted that it was better to update the dashboard on a monthly basis and return the filtering function – we have updated the dashboard to reflect this preference. Partners also expressed an interest in collaborating with other Clusters, with a particular reference to CWG and Emergency Livelihoods, to compare FSC maps with their geographic spread. The FSC Coordinator will explore this option and report back at the next meeting.  *Task Force – Restructure/Improve FSC Meetings.* In an effort to better utilize the FSC platform and serve partners, the FSC proposes the establishment of a Task Force to restructure the meetings and improve the content. The FSC requests volunteers from the partners to join the Task Force, which will meet once or twice prior to the March meeting to develop a proposal to present at the next monthly meeting. The FSC coordinator will make an effort to ensure the different types of agencies/organization are equally represented (i.e. local NGOs, international NGOs, etc.). |
| Presentations | *BCF Presentation.* Provided information on *c*enters located in refugee and IDP camps, in addition the host communities, are available for partners’ use. See PowerPoint presentation.  *World Vision Presentation.* Provided reflections and lessons learned from their IHF-funded Food Security project in Ninewa governorate. See PowerPoint presentation.  Partners commented that critically reflecting on our programming is essential to improve impact. One partner noted that the short duration of projects limits the ability for organizations to reflect upon the outcomes, but stated that there may be more opportunities for critical assessments as the country transitions to longer-term development projects. In response to a question regarding nutrition programming (referencing the increasing obesity rates), World Vision stated that they do not have nutrition focused activities. There was also a question raised about the benefits of broiler vs. eggs when implementing poultry projects. Overall, the takeaways were that local authorities and market-based approaches are required to improve food security projects. |
| Partner Updates | *WFP.* The transfer from in-kind distributions to mobile money transfers (MMT) and eVouchers is completed. Only two camps still receive in-kind food distributions – Badarash and Gawilan Refugee Camps, the two camps that serve recent arrivals from northeastern Syria.  *TGH.* AFD-funded project focused on Al Hamdaniya is ongoing, in coordination with Mercy Corps and PAW. There have been delays in assessments as they are attempting to map the private sector.  *ACF*. ACF are planning to conduct a Multi Sectoral Assessment in Basrah. They will share more details with the cluster later. ACF has also conducted a value chain assessment and will be sharing the document with the cluster partners.  *FAO*. FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with the Ministry of Planning, will establish a multi-sectoral platform to plan agriculture, water and environment programmes in Iraq. Additionally (in response to a question about seed systems), there is a new project in Ninewa that aims to rehabilitate the seed system for wheat and legume seeds, in addition to a focus on other livestock and crop production value chains. This project is still in the inception phase – more information will be shared at a later stage. |
| General Comments and Questions | *Overlapping Cluster Meetings*. Multiple Cluster meetings were organized for the same day/time this month. In the future, partners would appreciate better coordination between the Clusters to ensure that staff can attend all meetings.  In response to the above, the FSC will set a fixed date for future cluster meetings and ensure it does not clash with other Clusters. |