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|  | Meeting Minutes   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Location: | Erbil/virtual | | Date: | July 7, 2020 | |

# Participants

AAF, AOO, AVSI, BCF, CESVI, CNSF, DCA, Field Ready, ICRC, NRC, Sama Al Iraq, SEDO, TGH, USAID/FFP, WFP, WV

# Action points (and responsible person)

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| # | Action Item | Focal Point/Organization | Timeframe |
| 1. | Send anonymized beneficiary lists to REACH if you had or are conducting projects in the targeted areas | All members | Send an email to REACH by July 9, 2020 |
| 2. | Participate in the Activity-based Costing Workshop | All members | End of July |
| 3. | Share any publically available assessments or data with the Cluster to help inform HPC process | All members | End of July |

# Discussion

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| Introduction | All members introduced themselves on the chat |
| FSC Updates | *HPC Kick-off.* Priority locations and population groups will remain the same as last year, thus we will be focusing on in/out of camp IDPs and returnees in Kirkuk, Ninewa, Baghdad, Diyala, Salah Al Din, Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Dohuk. Once the ILA and MCNA data is available, we will determine the Cluster People in Need (PiN) figures.  Activity based costing will continue this year, the second year this methodology has been implemented in Iraq. In an effort to improve the process, we have identified the challenges/gaps and have requested guidance and materials from fellow FSCs and the gFSC. The main issues were coordinating with donors and standardizing unit costs. Thus, this year we will host a workshop to standardize the Cluster’s activity unit costs and improve the process to track endorsed projects.  *Access*. OCHA has reiterated that partners should be reaching out to sub-national focal points to report access issues.  *Reporting in FTS. Las – can you write that in?*  *Camps.* There are isolation and quarantine areas in the camps. In Kirkuk, several families were isolated. The proper procedures to deliver food assistance was developed by the Health Cluster -- FSC partners should continue the dry food rations or cash distributions to quarantined individuals or households. Hot meals are not an option at this point.  *MCNA and REACH.* MCNA data collection has begun, both using IOM ILA and REACH household remote surveys. REACH will be conducting phone surveys, but they have some gaps in their lists. Therefore, REACH would appreciate if partners who have beneficiary lists for those targeted areas (see list attached) would provide anonymized beneficiary lists.  *Reporting.*  Please remember to report to Activity Info and, if you experience any technical issues, reach out to Las Rashid or Sarah Barnhart. Additionally, please send your information to the FSC dashboard so that we can update the map to reflect your ongoing activities.  *Weekly Food Security Monitor (WFSM).* FAO, WFP, IFAD and the World Bank continue publish the WFSM – Issue 12 will be released shortly. Partners are encouraged to report any information to Sarah Barnhart, who will use that data to triangulate findings from other agencies and, if appropriate, include that information in the report.  *IHF Allocation.* World Vision, Dorcas and Hanikan received the 2020 FSC allocation. The Cluster also has an ongoing 2019 IHF project in the same target area (Wana) – the project has been updated to reflect the 2020 strategy and the Cluster will coordinate between the partners to ensure that either different households are targeted or the same households are reached, but with different types of assistance. Additionally, in alignment with the 2021 HRP guidance, the IHF partners will begin to focus on an “exit strategy”. Thus, partners will connect with the local governments and grant them coordination roles.  *Assessments and Data*. If your organization is gathering data or conducting assessments, please share it with the Cluster. This information will be leveraged as we develop the Humanitarian Needs Overview, as we will be relying more on secondary this year due to COVID-19. |
| Partner Updates | *BCF*. Two projects – distributing 15,000 food baskets in Shila district for host communities and 5,643 baskets in Choman, Nawrooz, Kirkuk and Dohuk (plus a few others) in. The food basket is 25kg. Food assistance is also being provided to families in isolation in the camps – this may continue, but  *World Vision.* Project in Dohuk and Erbil. Cash-out for May and June occurred in June.  MTA in Dohuk – changed the delivery modality to direct cash for 400 families due to issues with the service provider for families in Dohuk camps. Khazar cash-out is delayed for June due to JCC letter. Refugee deliveries are still as MMT pr direct cash. The MMT June cash out is still ongoing in Erbil. MTA (direct cash) in Erbil and Dohuk has concluded, except for Domiz 2 – there were COVID-19 complications. At this time, all refugees are receiving 22,000 IQD per person.  *CNSF.* Starting a new, 6-month project in NW Mosul -- a kitchen-garden project for 80 households. Kicked off the project on July 1st, so the activities have not yet begun. The project targets host communities and returnees.  *FAO*. In addition to the WFSM, the same partners (FAO, WFP, World Bank and IFAD, with contributions from CCI) recently released a bi-monthly report on the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Security in Iraq. FAO has also set up a data collection system to understand the impact of COVID-19 on food security by gathering data from farmers, agriculture input vendors, extension officers and government officials.  *WFP*. EMPACT projects will start soon in Dohuk, Sulaimaniyah, Anbar, Baghdad, Kirkuk and Erbil – started the outreach process and all courses will be conducted online. The project was planned last year, so all the details of the project are the same except the courses have shifted online.  *ICRC.* Sent the in-kind distributions to Sheikhan through the supplier (two weeks ago). Managed to give the food and hygiene parcels to 110 households, covering five villages. Door-to-door deliveries are still occurring, 900+ families are in the villages, so ICRC will review the situation later. These villages are primarily comprised of 2018 returnees. The PDS collection is normally in Mosul, but they have not been able to travel – thus, ICRC is doing in-kind distributions to those areas. *Las – please update in Activity Info and provide the information for the Dashboard when the project is complete.*  *TGH.* Ongoing project with Mercy Corps and PAO; project was paused due to COVID-19, but the activities are now resuming. Targeting vulnerable farmers in Hamdaniyah and providing veterinary services and constructing a drainage system for the local irrigation scheme. Technical schematics have been finalized, so they are in the process of putting out the tenders. The project will reach 250 beneficiaries.  *ASB.* 1) Project in Telafar district: a) finished agricultural distribution for 302 beneficiaries (target is 1000 farmers, achieved- 1000); b) continuing with agri-trainings (target is 1120, achieved - 593); c) rehabilitating vegetables market in Kakhorta village for 29 shopkeepers (we will finish this week); d) continuing rehabilitation works in Al-Jazeera Channel (will be finished in August 2020). 2) Project in Sinjar district: we started with 16 Beekeeping Farmer Field Schools (FFS). Finished with ToT for Extension Officers from DoA. Finalizing farmer selection process this month.  *AVSI*. Delivery and installation of 6 generators (20 KV for the agricultural fields -engineers. We finalize the reconstruction of 2 poultry farms in Al Hamdaniya. We continuing in the distribution of fodder for sheep breeders. In Duhok we following in the production and sell of mushrooms form 300 beneficiaries and we start the production of flowers in Essina Camps form the 8 greenhouses installed    *CDO.* We have distributed 668 food packages in Sulaimaniyah for COVID-19 hospitals, including Shahid Tahir , Asa , Ali Nji , Sanarya village hotline 122 and 100 food packages in Kalar for Qala corona virus hospital all of the beneficiaries were health workers . |
| General Comments and Questions | Food Security Cluster COVID-19 resources are available online.  Global Food Security Cluster: <https://sites.google.com/view/fsc-covid19/home> |