Joint guidance on Food Security and Livelihoods programming preventive measures to COVID-19

This document aims to guide the revision of Food Security and Livelihoods programming to implement sensitization and prevention measures in the COVID-19 context, in order to minimize the risk of exposure of your personnel and beneficiaries.

The Government of Zimbabwe declared the state of National Disaster in response to COVID-19 which limits all gatherings to 100 people maximum during the next 60 days. You should therefore stagger your programming plans and timelines to ensure that no more than 100 people including your personnel and beneficiaries will be present at any time during your interventions.

Recommended actions:

- **Inform your beneficiaries on the 100 people gathering limitation as well as of any resulting change in your distribution timeline via the most efficient and reliable channels.**

- **Consider hygiene and protective measures through proper organization and marking of distribution sites:**
  - Train your field staff on hygiene and COVID 19 guidelines
  - Ensure there should be no physical contact between your field staff and beneficiaries or between beneficiaries
  - The reception point, verification point, collection point and exit to channel off traffic should allow for personal space of at least one meter between each beneficiary.
  - Distribution points must include temperature check and hand washing points supplied with appropriate quantities of handwashing solution or water and soap
  - Establish a sheltered/covered area for beneficiaries that do not receive clearance at the body temperature check point.
  - Do not allow crowding around the distribution point and instruct beneficiaries to leave the distribution site immediately after the collection of assistance.

- **Consider beneficiaries with symptoms:**
  - Ensure beneficiaries are informed they will receive assistance irrespective of the results of the temperature test.
  - If a beneficiary presents high temperature, he must be directed to the sheltered/covered area and referred to the relevant health authorities.
  - Specific procedures should be established to ensure beneficiaries with symptoms receive assistance in a manner limiting contact with other beneficiaries and your personnel

- **Ensure sensitization on COVID 19 symptoms and protective measures is conducted on each intervention:**
  - Systematically conduct hygiene promotion and information of your beneficiaries on COVID-19 symptoms and preventive measures
  - Display hand washing posters and conduct hygiene promotion sessions detailing correct hand washing methods
  - Disseminate hygiene promotion materials and soap during all interactions with beneficiaries throughout the project cycle (assessment, intervention, evaluation).