Meeting Minutes

Location: Microsoft Teams at 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Date: 5.2.2021

Agenda

1. Notes and comments on previous MoM
2. FSC Partners’ achievement in Dec 2020. Core figures and highlights
3. Updated 5Ws input form
4. FSLC Emergency Needs and Response Tracker and updates on ELOISE impact
5. FSLC Focal Points at District level
6. La Niña advisory for 2021-Q1
7. HRP 2021 FSL response plan overview
8. Updates from Partners
9. AoB

Participants


Discussion

1. Notes and comments on the previous MoM
   Received message that an organisation’s name was missing in the list of partners attendance sheet for the previous meeting. Reason was that the attendance sheet was not filled in as required. No further amendments were suggested for the MoM of meeting held on 22nd Jan 2021 were approved without any comments.

2. FSC Partners’ achievement in Dec 2020. Core figures and highlights
   The figures presented are according to the information and data shared with the cluster-by-cluster partners The FSLC IMO made a presentation on the achievements made in December
2020 as follows:

Food distribution:
1.54 million people supported with either in-kind food distribution, cash or vouchers modality in December 2020 both in rural and urban areas. This includes 1.16 million beneficiaries receiving in-kind food assistance and 34,0000 cash-based assistance in rural zones, while the remaining 336,000 receiving cash-based support in urban areas.

Agriculture and livelihood
Total of 165,000 beneficiaries supported under agriculture and livelihood activities. This includes 75,000 individuals receiving season-sensitive emergency crops input assistance, 65,000 farmers who assisted with extension and advisory services to manage crop pests and livestock diseases. 14,000 beneficiaries benefited from critical community assets rehabilitated while the remaining 9,000 households benefitted from small livestock assistance in rural areas.

Maps and dashboard uploaded to the FSLC website and are available for download and are available at the link: https://fscluster.org/zimbabwe

3. Updated 5Ws input form

The cluster has recently updated the main data collection tool, the 5Ws matrix to reflect 2021 HRP Objectives and activities, and for adhering to the gFSC new standards. In addition, a section dedicated to Cash has also been added which will assist partners providing cash assistance a more reliable way of required information.

To make partners conversant with the new matrix, the FSL Cluster IMO conducted a session on Wednesday 3rd February to introduce the new changes and how to complete the matrix. The session was attended by 78 participants.

A copy of the matrix is available for download from the website at the following link: 5Ws form

4. FSLC Emergency Needs & Response Tracker and updates on ELOISE impact

These are tools recently developed to help manage operations on the ground and immediately respond to the current or any future emergencies on the top of regular FSLC activities. The cluster urges partners to be conversant with the new tools and use them moving forward.

The Focal Points contact list has email and phone numbers of volunteer staff who can be contacted to find out status of response and needs at the local level. When there is new information, it gets channelled right away to the contacts via a call to send or receive further information. Districts coloured yellow still do not have contacts and partners are invited to nominate contacts to be added to the list. Emergency contact list is accessible via: Contact list

The Emergency Tracker has a list of ongoing assistance as well as pending cases at the district level, with specification of the involved Wards, when available. There is a need to have clarity on the pending cases (or if there are no requirements anymore) and organisations working in
the listed districts in the tracker are requested to get in touch with the local Focal Point and the FSL cluster coordinator.

These tools remain to be used beyond the current Humanitarian Response Plan moving forward.

The Emergency Tracker can be viewed at: Emergency Tracker

The tracker is currently focused on food assistance although it can also host cases related to livelihood as well.

5. FSLC Focal Points at District level

This point was discussed within the previous one.

6. La Niña advisory for 2021-Q1

- La Niña is a recurrent global atmospheric-oceanic phenomenon associated with a decrease in sea surface temperatures in the central tropical Pacific Ocean and a sustained strengthening of the trade winds.
- A La Niña event develops approximately every two to seven years and lasts from six months to two years.
- A global La Niña event is declared after the central Pacific Ocean and the atmosphere show signs of certain atypical conditions for a prolonged period, usually over a period of three months.
- La Niña increases the risk of heavy rainfall and flooding in some parts of the world and of drought through reduced rainfall in others.

**Recommended anticipatory actions**

- Scale up efforts to enhance and protect animal health with particular emphasis on the provision of dipping chemicals to ensure a regular dipping regime and appropriate vaccination of livestock
- Provide support on post-harvest management and processing to ensure farmers preserve their harvests and minimize any further losses, and promote capacity building and support to farmers on water-harvesting techniques
- Strengthen community-based early warning systems (especially in flood prone areas) and
- sensitize communities on how to link warnings to anticipatory actions.
- Increase surveillance of AML, other locusts and fall armyworm, as well as general pests and diseases
- Monitor cyclone paths and prepare for support (e.g., storm advisories and cash)
- Scale up crops and vegetables input support to most vulnerable farmers

Full FAO report available at: La Nina Advisory 2021-Q1

Comment: Community early warning system is debatable and others are of the view that this is an investment that has not been put into use and people don’t use the early warning system until disasters occur, and that community may not make good use of.
Raising awareness on a request coming from AgriTEX related to impacts of floods that they are undertaking training related to first round of assessment and they are facing challenges with tablets to help with the assessment if there are any partners who are willing having tablets and willing to loan to get in touch with AgriTEX district officers to avail the tablets on loan basis.

**Q:** Recommended anticipatory action for La Nina, scientific trigger model for drought in various parts of the country. WHH focused based financing where we will have early action protocol custodians consisting of members of stat network. Wondering how best we can synchronise our efforts with intervention so that we move in unison?

**A:** Adapt and make use of what is used at the global level and use them locally. At the cluster level, we can think about information flow and available for the benefits of programming here.

7. **HRP 2021 FSL response plan overview**

The Food security and livelihood component was presented, noting that the process of endorsing the HRP and HNO is ongoing and this should be treated as feedback to the job done to make the process successful.

FSLC Currently targets 3.6-3.7 million people broken down between SO1 and SO2 as follows:

**SO1:**
Save lives through support to food access to meet basic food requirements for people facing Emergency food insecurity (IPC4) during severe seasonal shocks or other disruptions
Under SO1, we are looking at food assistance which is in the form of either in-kind food assistance or CBT related.

*The HRP indicators:*
- Number of women, men, boys and girls benefitting from Food assistance (in-kind or cash transfer)

**SO2:**
Protect lives of acutely food insecure population, by providing food assistance to people facing Crisis food insecurity (IPC phase 3), as well as emergency agricultural support

*HRP indicators:*
- Number of women, men, boys and girls benefitting from Food assistance in-kind or cash transfer
- Number of households receiving nutrition and season-sensitive emergency crop and livestock input assistance
- Number of vulnerable small holder farmers receiving extension and advisory services to improve yields, manage crop pests and livestock diseases
- Number of women, men, boys and girls benefitting from food assistance (in kind or CBT) in rural areas whilst working on assets rehabilitation / construction

**Financial**

Food assistance:
Food assistance budget forms 90% of the total FSLC financial requirements with US$ 318,325,239 and the largest amount is from WFP at US$ 249 million. This is followed closed by DCA and Plan International and ACF-NAZ who have been very active in urban
programming at 33.6, 7.2 and 5.2 million respectively. The rest of organisations, ZimPro Zimbabwe Council of Churches, WHH, Caritas, Save the children, POAZ, Oxfam, Care and CAFOD have budget ranging from 800,000 to 2.5 million dollars.

Total number of organizations for SO1 in 2021 HRP is 15.

Agriculture and livelihoods:
For SO2, agriculture and livelihood support, total budgetary requirement is US$ 34,991,416 (10%) of the total budgetary requirements. The highest budget goes to FAO at 19 million. The rest of the organisations, World Vision, Plan International, Oxfam, Mercy Corps, LEAD, IRC, IOM, CRS, Christian Aid, CAFOD, Action Aid and ACF/NAZ all have a budget of between 200,000 and 2.4 million dollars. The total partners in SO2 are 16.

Organisations receiving funding from FTS are urged to report their projects into the Financial Tracking Services available online.

8. Updates from Partners

DCA in partnership with Plan and care are responding to flash floods victims cash transfers and NFI Buhera, Mutare, Tsholotsho, Budidiro (following demolition) and Beitbridge
Completed needs assessment in Chitungwiza and hope to start registration the following week.

This is a kind of emergency that can be added do the Emergency Tacker and can benefit from this new tool. DCA asked to share the details so that they can be filled into the Emergency Tracker.