Meeting Minutes

Location: Online, Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM
Date: 08/05/2020

Agenda

- IPC GSU: Presentation on the IPC Virtual Analysis: Technical Guidelines and Process
- UNDP: Resilience Food Supply Chain Project Presentation
- FSL Cluster partners: Updates from the field
- AOB

Participants

IPC GSU, Tearfund, Finish Red Cross, CARE International, GOAL, USAID, UNDP Zimbabwe, Plan International, ADRA, Welthungerhilfe, Christian Aid, Save the Children, Danish Church Aid, ZRCS, DFID, CBM, Oxfam, ECHO

Discussion

1. IPC GSU: Presentation on the IPC Virtual Analysis: Technical Guidelines and Process
   Currently supporting remote analysis due to covid-19 and travel restrictions
   
   Presentation to be shared with the cluster partners.

   Q: Is IPC intending to do remote assessment in the end of May in case the forthcoming assessments wouldn’t be finalized by this date?

   A: IPC has the advantage to make inference from existing and historical data to conduct analysis. But of course, new data is always required. From a regional perspective, urban analysis is being looked into where data is available targeting Mozambique, Eswatini, Lesotho and Malawi. GSU will provide technical support for urban analysis when data is available. GSU has also developed a document on minimum requirement which will be shared with the cluster.
2. UNDP: Resilience Food Supply Chain Project Presentation

Solution Mapping – accelerator lab whose role is to tackle the new breed of challenges in the 21st century. The lab looks at grassroot level and solution map how they are being solved and work with stakeholders. Currently focusing on food Supply Chain in Zimbabwe where due to the current lockdown, there is not a clear solution on how food would move from rural areas and to the end consumers.

Presentation to be shared

Q: The acceleration lab has a grassroot centric approach, what about top-down e.g. policy of market connection and how about top down with the policy?
A: The reason why the lab took this path is because it is supporting inter-ministerial taskforce on business continuity in the current situation. Prior to covid-19, the vendor association was already there.

Q: What kind of tools will the lab use in getting real time data as well as for tracking vehicles bringing the produce? Do farmers have the tools?
A: Head of tech is working on experimental loop and doing scenario analysis on the optimal integration methods. For instance, using chatbot that integrates all the communication to understand issues of demand and supply
On tracking, transporters will be asked to opt-in and only have the vehicles tracked while moving. At checkpoints, a one-time password system will be implemented to avoid paperwork that might potentially spread the virus.

Q: Has the lab also considered sending inputs back to farmers while collecting produce? This is an area that the NGO sector could also play an important part as well as making sure that there is no re-invention of the wheel. Econet could be a very important player to consider partnering with.
A: The lab will consider this suggestion.

3. Global HRP and Addendum

The GHRP COVID-19 Update was launched on the 7th of May. The GHRP includes update for each country. Zimbabwe requested a total of USD 89M out of which USD 15,1M was requested by the FSL Cluster partners.
This is certainly not the last review and we expect another update which will take focus on what needs to be funded as the crisis can further continue.

As at the moment, 9% of Zimbabwe HRP 2020 has been. ECHO has also made a 13M call for proposal. Calls for proposal on EC website. Deadline for proposals submission is on the 20th of May.

Q: There is need for a lot of realism. The FSL Cluster has to start a process to establish priorities within the submitted projects.
A: Well noted and the FSL Cluster will go through with the partners.
4. FSL Cluster partners: Updates from the field

- **Save the children:**
  - In the process of remote post-distribution monitoring as the project ended 30 April 2020.
  - Vouchers modality applied in Mbire district due to market in accessibility as there was a failure due to Ecocash system which has become very erratic.

- **DCA:**
  - DCA provides support via mobile money and e-vouchers to beneficiaries in Harare covering Epworth and Harare South, and in Bulawayo covering Mzilikazi High Density suburb as WFP implementing partner.
  - Rolling out a new e-voucher based intervention project targeting 30000 beneficiaries in Harare and Bulawayo where each beneficiary will receive 9 euros per month. Start date is 01/02/2020 and End date is 31/01/2021. A baseline survey is currently underway in Old Mabvuku and Tafara High Density suburbs for Harare and Mpopoma, Magwegwe, Old Luveve for Bulawayo.
  - As part of COVID-19 response in Harare; DCA is working with water point committees in Ruwa, Epworth, Mabvuku, Tafara, Harare. Training and rehabilitation of water points and drilling of 2 new boreholes will done. In Bulawayo DCA is doing Water kiosks. IEC materials distribution. Sanitisers distribution.

- **CBM**
  - CBM-JJA has done a Project Modification due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was approved by the Swiss Solidarity. The modified budget seeks to extend the multipurpose grant by 2 months in the context of COVID-19 by strengthening the capacity for recovery and resilience of population affected by the Cyclone Idai and COVID-19 crises in Chipinge.
  - Beneficiaries receive a two months’ (May-June) continuation of the humanitarian multipurpose cash transfer to ensure food security in the transition to livelihood recovery.
  - 600 households will receive mobile money in two monthly installments, each household receiving an equivalent of USD100 in local currency per family at the inter-bank rate on the day of transfer. The transfer amount takes into consideration the 20-30% premium charged on the mobile wallet to wallet transactions (transaction losses) the 2,5% tax levied on all electronic transactions and the cost for a complimentary tailored home IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) kits: soap and/or hand sanitizer, detergent or chlorine-base products or alcohol-based disinfectant, gloves, mop and bucket or basin (in areas without running tap water, a bucket with tap can be added to be used as home handwashing facility and chlorine tablets). This is in line with WHO protocols on washing or disinfecting hands to curb the spread of COVID-19.
  - Ensuring sensitization on COVID-19 symptoms and protective measures is conducted during the intervention.
  - Integrating access to information on COVID-19, including information on basic hygiene, any/all prevention measures, and access to healthcare by systematically conducting hygiene promotion and information to beneficiaries on COVID-19 symptoms and preventive measures through the use of the financial service provider platform to text message alerts that promote behavior change. Dissemination of hygiene promotion materials (local languages) at marketplaces, shops, and vendors to share sensitization
messages on how the virus spreads and how the risk of infection can be mitigated to ensure marginalized communities have access to information throughout the project intervention.

- **Plan International**  
  - In April conducted last SIDA funded cash distribution in Tsholotsho district, wards 10,12,15,16 reaching 4500 beneficiaries. In Harare managed to provide cash support to 300 household for March and April but could not complete the distribution due to the lockdown with 738 HH outstanding. This distribution cycle will be completed through mobile money transfer.  
  - Having a new project starting in Tsholotsho supported by DRA in ward 10,12,15 and 16 covering cash transfers and nutrition gardens. Registration for cash transfer have been completed and cash transfers through CIT will be done using a SOP that has been developed by Plan.  
  - In Kwekwe Plan as WFP implementing partner have started an FFA project in ward 6,17,22,27 targeting 884 HH. This month trainings for Project Management Committees and Assert Management committees were done as well as identifying asserts to be rehabilitated.

- **CARE International Activities:**  
  - CARE as WFP implementing partner conducted in-kind distribution in April. Distributions for May are currently ongoing.

- **Oxfam:**  
  - As WFP implementing partners, Oxfam supports 44,000 people with in-kind food assistance in Bullima, Mangwe, Gutu and Chirumanzu.  
  - 1535 people in Gutu district were supported with food in April through Oxfam internal funds.  
  - 2465 people will keep getting in-kind food support in Chirumanzu and Bullima up to September from DRA support.  
  - Oxfam is also responding to covid-19 in Harare Metropolitan province and Bullima through UNICEF and DRA funds.  
  - Oxfam also supports quarantine centers with WASH Kits, IEC material, radio jingles and PPE for rapid response teams.  
  - In the week of 30th April, Oxfam also responded to sporadic Typhoid cases in Hatcliff with water and WASH kits to communities in risk.

5. **AOB:**  
   - Reports of face mask-swapping at distribution points. To be further followed.  
   - People getting charged more when using eco-cash. To be further followed.