FSL Cluster Meeting – 12th June 2019

Venue: UNOCHA offices, JUBA Time: 11 am – 12.30 pm

Agenda

- FSL Cluster Presentation: South Sudan Context for Transitioning towards Recovery and Rehabilitation
- Predictive Livestock Early Warning System (PLEWS)
- FSL Cluster Updates: CCPM, New FSL Cluster Entrants Meeting, Prioritization

Discussion points

- FSL Cluster Presentation: South Sudan Context for Transitioning towards Recovery and Rehabilitation

FSL Cluster coordinator gave a presentation on how the situation around South Sudan is getting worse coupled with the yearly increase of people in need who are in IPC Scale 3 and above. The presentation provided a historical look at the IPC figures from 2017 up to 2019 which are on an upward trend with the current IPC Projection 2 for May to July 2019 showing close to 6.9 million being at Crisis (Phase 3) and above levels. The situation seems to worsen on a yearly basis with the factors contributing to the food insecurity including but not limited to; conflict, economic crisis, climatic shocks, increased poverty levels and rising vulnerability.

Taking into account a recent field visit to Lakes State and Western Bhar el Ghazal, the situation seems to be worsening in terms of resilience and coping. In the Lakes region, there is increased continuous conflict and ongoing raid across 6 of the Seven counties with high impact on sustainable livelihoods, population vulnerability and food insecurity. A Similar situation seems to be happening in Jur River, west of and parts of urban Wau with heightened cases of criminal gangs, perceptions of fear/ threat from soldiers. Conversely large areas of rural Wau and Raja county appear much safer and quieter after years of military conflict.

Some of the recommendations provided towards transitioning into greater resilience includes use of conditionality on activities to promote self-reliance, community infrastructure development and more integrated context analysis.

Find the presentation on the link below for additional information.:  

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- Predictive Livestock Early Warning System (PLEWS)

FAO through their lead consultant presented their current scope of work on livestock through the Predictive Livestock Early Warning System (PLEWS). The purpose of the system is providing evidence base on drought mitigation through generating a livestock specific indicator which enhances
preparedness at National, County and Community levels. This additionally helps in fast tracking resource mobilization to meet the needs.

Predictive Livestock Early Warning System (PLEWS): is an innovative early warning tool with a six months predictive component. It generates a composite indicator: Forage Condition Index (FCI) that uses Geo-eye satellite specialized models to provide accurate palatable monthly forage condition for livestock discriminating non-palatable plants such as prosopis juliflora.

The PLEWS additionally helps mitigate conflict through pre-determined livestock migration and potential conflict/disease outbreak hotspots. It also contributes towards evidence based forage availability index that can be used in the IPC.

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FSL Cluster updates and Partners Updates:

• Partners were updated on the ongoing process for CCPM for the year 2018 that has been analyzed and presented through the SAG with involvement from other FSL cluster partners. Another meeting has been organized to assess the results due to the low turnout of partners in the first stage. The meeting will be taking place on the 14th of June 2019.

• Partners were informed of the upcoming July FSL Cluster elections where 3 positions are up for election: 2 from SAG (1 INGO & 1 NNGO) and one for INGO co-coordinator positions.

• The SSHF process for the second allocation is currently ongoing still at infancy stage. Currently we await the pending OCHA strategy paper and FSLC strategy for dry season response under the ELRP (fish and vegetable kits) which will be shared with partners once available.

• A meeting announcement was made for new partner entrants which will look into the 5W reporting to better capacity build partners on reporting of activities implemented. The meeting will be on the 27th of June 2019.

• Next biweekly FSL cluster meeting will be held on the 26th of June 2019.