Meeting Minutes

Location: Online, Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM

Date: 22/05/2020

Agenda

- FEWS NET: Presentation on activities in Zimbabwe
- IPC GSU: Presentation on minimum evidence requirements on IPC in the context of COVID19
- FSL Cluster partners: Updates from the field
- AOB

Participants

FAO, CARE International, CAFOD, USAID, FEWSNET Zimbabwe, GOAL, IPC GSU, DCA, GOAL, British Red Cross, Zimbabwe Council of Churches, Christian Aid, CBM, WHH, ACF, Trocaire, ADRA, DFID, EU Delegation, NAZ

Discussion

1. FEWS NET: Presentation on activities in Zimbabwe

Presentation by FEWSNET on mandate and role in Zimbabwe and the region. Created in 1985, FEWSNET provides information on acute food security driven by shocks in factors affecting food production.

See attached presentation

Action points
Presentation to be shared and distributed to the FSC members.

2. IPC GSU: Presentation on Minimum Evidence Requirements on IPC in the context of COVID19
PowerPoint presentation to be shared out with details.

Q: What is process and timeline for Zimbabwe based on these options?
A: The timeline can be quite quick since the data is available to some extent. However, it depends on the request made by the government and the partners.

FAO also conducting additional data collection that might be used to add to the IPC analysis.

Share the presentation?

Q: Is there any information on when the next IPC analysis in Zimbabwe?
A: GSU is in discussions with partners and has made clear what data is available and the support that can be provided for rural and urban. Discussions are going and will be communicated as soon as there is a definite date.

**Action points:**
Presentation to be shared out.

3. FSL Cluster partners: Updates from the field

- CAFOD
  - CAFOD’s drought response is still ongoing. There has not been any challenges with movements since partners have authorization to move.

- Nutrition Action Zimbabwe
  - NAZ with support from ACF is implementing an ECHO funded Multi-Purpose Cash Grant in Mutare and Chiredzi urban districts. The project is targeting a total of 2740 Households (13700 individuals) split between the 2 districts. Actual number of individuals per households are targeted to a maximum of 5.
  - Mobile Money – Ecocash was selected after a comparative analysis of potential service providers. A MEB of USD18 per individual is to be used as per the Cash Working Group Recommendation.
  - The distribution cycles were initially planned for 5 months at an MEB of USD14.68 but this has been reduced to 3 months considering the new MEB of USD18. A proposal has been submitted as a top up to this intervention. This will help to increase the number of distribution cycles to 7 if the proposal is selected.
  - The intervention also has a nutrition component which involves dissemination of nutrition messages, nutrition sensitive buying of food items and active case finding through Family led MUAC which will be reported through the local health facilities to trigger future response actions.
  - Targeting is currently underway. The project had initially planned for a HEA but has been adjusted to use of neighbourhood committees and existing registers which will be triangulated and verified before the distribution.
  - Current challenges are delays in the mapping of the most vulnerable neighbourhoods in the towns, beneficiary selection and verification processes to reduce on inclusion and exclusion errors.

- Plan international
  - PI has ongoing Cash based as well as Health and Nutrition Programs in a number of districts in Zimbabwe. Plan’s cash transfers are currently underway in Kwekwe (3 408
households), Tsholotsho (4 500 beneficiaries in 4 wards). Cash transfers have already been carried out for May in Epworth and Stoneridge for a total of 4 500 beneficiaries. Plan is implementing a health and nutrition program targeting the 6-23 months babies in 31 wards in Mutasa where beneficiaries receive 6kgs of Corn Soya Beans. However, this program is coming to an end at the end of May. Plan distributed food parcels to 2 567 Learning hub beneficiaries in Bulilima in May. Social distancing, sanitising and screening were observed during distributions with Ministry of Health and Child Care sharing more information on COVID -19 with the communities.

4. AOB:

- Submit all the HRP COVID19 Addendum projects by the 28th of May
- Cluster IM survey to be conducted in the course of next week