



SOUTH SUDAN

Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster

Strengthening Humanitarian Response



*FSL Cluster Meeting, Juba
15st April, 2020:
Desert Locust update*

Agenda



1. Feedback from partner survey: adjusting to the new COVID 19 working environment - Alistair (10 mins)
2. New update on COVID 19 affect on markets and food security – special focus on population groups - Lia VAM 20 mins
3. COVID - 19 adjustments when using cash and voucher assistance modalities - Ali CWG - 20 mins
4. Mid meeting: taking texted questions - Viola with replies from the panel; Update on Desert Locust situation across the country and how FSLC partners can support - Joseph/ Morris FAO - 20 mins
5. FSLC update - Alistair (15 mins)
6. Revision process for a COVID 19 adjusted HRP;
7. Prioritization from NAWG: mapping COVID - 19 vulnerability across South Sudan (will return to this once finalized for a FULL presentation at a future meeting)
8. SSHF update from Viola (stand alone) and Isaac (multi cluster)
9. End meeting: taking texted questions - Viola with replies from the panel;
10. AOB

Context and geographical targeting



- 1st wave locusts 2 months ago (unprecedented wet weather across Arabian Peninsula)
- Especially Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Yemen Also South Sudan
- 2nd wave locusts reported - 20 times worse

Priority geographical target areas in Eastern Equatoria State

- Magwi (hotspot), Torit, Lafon, Budi, Ikwotos Kapoeta (less incidence)

Other targeted locations of likely less severity:

- Across 5 States: Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Jonglei & Juba CES;
- Focus on FAO GOSS partnership; size of problem requires extended collective action
- Role of FSL cluster in four key areas of the response

FSLC role: support surveillance



- Digital tool: E-Locust 3:
<http://www.fao.org/ag/locusts/en/activ/DLIS/eL3suite/index.html> for use on smart phone;
- FAO to provide simple 2 page instruction on loading on to your own phones
- Available paper based tools will also be shared;
- Training (current travel restrictions/ social gathering etc.): Joseph & Morris to provide video Skype training to small groups;
- FSLC partners liaise with State level monitoring teams (trained & resourced in Magwi): contact details to be shared



FSLC role: support community engagement & sensitization

- Purpose: awareness of locusts, potential threat: crop damage & risks from control spraying of pesticides etc.
- Media campaigns: Public Service Announcements on FM radio stations
- Community messages posted on website: <https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep/document/fao-community-messages-desert-locusts>
- Sourcing materials from Regional TWG
- Inclusion of cross cutting issues: protection (child); nutrition; health etc.
- Focus on pictorial/ audio/ video as high levels of illiteracy: use of video extension methods (DLEC) & outputs from SAFER resilience projects
- Constraints: County officials 'usual' fuel/ transport etc.
- DL remit (all four components) to be included in on-going LOA (funding available)

FSLC role: needs / crop damage/ human & environmental impact & food security (IPC) assessments



- Awaiting simple tool for sharing for all four from HQ & Regional TWG
- FAO to provide simple guidelines for each tool;
- Online support from FAO on tools: briefing/ training
- FSLC comparative advantage:
 - Existing forums e.g. Torit (FAO) & Kapoeta (WFP)
 - Coverage across all counties: 5W who/ what/ where
- Share approach with FSLC & ATWG (online meetings)

Emergency livelihood response



- County level coordination: local authority/ FAO/ LOA partners + other FSLC actors (with bilateral funding)
- Prioritized response: EES roll out to other 5 States
- Coordination comparable to 2019 flood response: FSL component (FSLC & FAO) with other multi sector actions (OCHA)
- Resource mobilization:
 - \$10 million for South Sudan (any update)
 - Revised HRP tool: COVID 19 + DL
- Package:
 - Re: FSLC strategy life-saving food assistance complemented by livelihood support: crop kits, veg, fish & livestock resources
 - FAO LOA partner recovery kits likely to include CBT component
 - WFP partner food assistance