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KEY HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER 2022

- With the support of Global Food Security Cluster, FSL cluster facilitated a participatory review of five Humanitarian Development & Peace Nexus (HDPN) projects in Koch, Torit, Pibor and Kuajok. Stakeholders with the shared interest of HDPN were brought together to design a roadmap to support enhanced operationalization of the HDP nexus in South Sudan. The review assessed the extent and the nature of collaboration and coordination between actors at local and national levels including explicit efforts in promoting HDPN, through consultation workshops, key informants’ interviews and focus group discussions with the project’s Area Reference Groups.

- US$14 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund’s (CERF) was allocated to South Sudan through the Underfunded Emergencies (UFE) window, to support the most critical collective priorities within the humanitarian response. FSL cluster proposed food assistance (using CBT modality) through WFP which has been given strategic priority for the UFE allocation (exact amount allocated to FSLC to be communicated later).

- FSL Cluster facilitated rapid response to address acute food insecurity with frontline support through the IOM managed Rapid Response Fund (RRF) in Walgak (Akobo) by Agency for Child Relief Aid (ACRA), to support 4,000 households with fishing kits.

- Following the recent conflict in Tonga; Panyikang county, the FSL cluster was allocated US$1.8 million from the SSHF Reserve Allocation (RA5) to support the 36,000 host & IDPs in Malakal, Fangak and Canal/Pigi. The resources will be used to provide food assistance by WFP/WVI using unconditional cash in Malakal while in-kind food assistance will be provided in Fangak & Canal-Pigi by WFP/NPA. Livelihood support by FAO/RuCAPD will be provided in Malakal while FAO/NPA will respond in Fangak and Canal-Pigi.

Seasonal/Weather Update
(5 – 15th November 2022)

- Heavy to very heavy (top 10-5%) rainfall expected over parts of cross-borders regions of Kenya-Ethiopia-South Sudan, and a few regions in eastern and southern Ethiopia, north-eastern Kenya, and Uganda,

- Wetter than usual conditions are expected over southern parts of the country

- Moderate rainfall (50-200mm) expected over, southern South Sudan, precisely most parts of Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, Juba, Yei, Lainya, Kajo-keji, parts of Terekeka in Central Equatoria state, southern and western parts of western Equatoria i.e Mundri, Maridi, Yambio, Nzara, Tambura and isolated areas in Nagero.

- Light rainfall (less than 50 mm) expected over most parts of central South Sudan precisely in western Jonglei, Lakes, Western Bahr-el-Ghazal and southern Warrap. Similar rainfall conditions are expected in much of Upper Nile

- Dry conditions expected over northern South Sudan precisely, northern Warrap, Northern Bahr-el-Ghazal, northern Unity, Renk in Upper Nile, and Much of Western Bahr-el-Ghazal state.
Climate change-driven flooding and drought have aggravated an already precarious situation in vulnerable parts of the country for the fourth consecutive year contributing to food insecurity and depletion of livelihoods.

**Project Key objectives**
- Support rice farming households to cultivate at least 125 hectares with the targeted farmers producing 1,500 metric tonnes of paddy rice in the first season.
- To train households on climate adaptation techniques and reduce the negative impact of climate change, especially flooding.

**Results and achievements**
- Over 100 families received hands-on trainings through Farmer Field School approach and commenced rice cultivation of lowland rice cultivation
- Lowland rice cultivation is now recognized as climate/flood adaptation intervention in communities and accepted as an alternative source of livelihood for the population
- A Local seed bank for rice and other crops has been established and the rice seeds will be used to scale-up rice cultivation in new communities in Fangak County and other locations.
- Established partnership with KickStart and Alaska (local NGO in Fangak) for use of low-cost technologies to promote year-round production and build productive, profitable, and climate resilient agri-businesses among smallholder farmers.
- Construction of dykes by Communities to control flooding.

**Challenges/lessons learnt**
- Limited donor funding for expansion and scaling up of the pilot project.
- Lack of local knowledge on rice cultivation and food value by communities and efforts to put in place to influence acceptability in other locations.
- Lack of empirical research data to inform uptake and scalability of successful approaches.
- Poor rural infrastructure in Fangak (and other counties targeted for expansion) that has led to lack of input supplies including quality seeds as well as access constraints.
- Lack of rice threshing and processing machines.

**Future plans for scale-up & localization**
- Collaborate with government and other partners to expand and scale-up rice project to 50 new villages in Fangak and other suitable flood affected locations in South Sudan.
- Purchase one steel huller machine for dehusking/polishing of rice in one pass, and value addition through our partner (Alaska)
- Share widely the lessons, best practices and evidence of the rice pilot project.
- Conduct research to collect empirical data to inform uptake and scalability of successful innovative approaches – Nov 2022

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**Learning Corner**
- The GP 2.0 E-Learning course on durable solutions for IDPs
* Please note that Partners need to register with disasterready.org to access this E-Learning course.

**Upcoming Events**
- HDP-Nexus participation & learning exercise validation workshop: 08-December-2022

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**FSL Cluster Diary - November 2022**

**National Level**
- 08 & 22 November - FSLC bi-weekly coordination meeting

**Sub-National Level**
- 16 November - Rubkon Humanitarian Log base (19:00 – 11:00)
- 21 November - Panyikang county (14:00 – 15:00)
- 23 November - Rubkon county - Bentiu; ministry of Agriculture (10:00 – 11:00)
- 23 November - Kajok South (10:00 – 12:00)
- 24 November - Yambio state FSLC (11:00 – 12:30)
- 24 November – Abyei region (11:00 – 12:30)
- 28 November - Yirol West (for Yirol East and West counties) (10:00 – 11:30)
- 29 November - Awerial county (14:30 – 15:30)
- 29 November – Pibor county (15:00 – 16:30)
- 29 November – Bor South county (10:00 – 11:30)
- 30 November - Kuajok, Warrap, State Ministry of Agriculture (10:00 – 11:00)
- 30 November – Akobo county (14:00 – 15:00)

**FSLC Technical Working Groups - Annual Trainings 2022**
- 25 November - Technical specifications for agricultural inputs (11:00 - 12:30)

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