Cluster Coordinator, Line Rindebaek, provided an update from discussions at HRP Workshop, which took place at 20th of October in Kyiv:

- **HCT decision to have a single year HRP 2018** – with the same strategic objectives
- **HCT decision to further discuss the humanitarian-development nexus during first quarter of 2018** with a view to increase linkages going forward
- **Workshop covered several discussions on way forward** – no clear decisions made, which will impact HRP 2018 at this point BUT general agreement to continue working towards building stronger linkage between humanitarian and development activities.

**Humanitarian Needs Overview:**
CC gave an overview of the HNO-2018 (hard copy shared). It was noted that FSLC needs overview is prepared based on data and findings from: Joint Food Security Assessment, Analysis of Impact of Conflict on Socio-Economic Situation and Population figures based on work of Inter-Cluster Working Group set up by OCHA. Some key priorities for FSLC were highlighted within the needs overview:

- **Access to food** (cash/voucher/in kind): Urgent food assistance needed for **most food insecure vulnerable groups** (elders, single headed HHs with children, female-headed HHs, chronically ill):
  - Of the **1.2 million** food insecure people, more than **400,000 people** are in **urgent need of food assistance** (severe plus most vulnerable moderately food insecure people)
    - 384,000 people within Luhanska/Donetska (282,000 in NGCA and 102,000 in GCA)
    - Approx. 18,000 IDPs residing elsewhere

- **Agricultural support** (agricultural inputs and grants): Agricultural inputs to support self-production of food is vital for many food insecure households:
  - Up to **93,000 rural households** in Donetska and Luhanska GCA and NGCA oblasts in rural areas but especially along the ‘contact line’ **need urgent agricultural support**

- **Early recovery livelihoods and income generation support**:
  - Up to **429,000 unemployed working age people** are in **need of livelihoods assistance**. (183,000 in GCA and 246,000 in NGCA)
  - Up to 136,000 among these are also food insecure
→ **Most in need** → Up to 363,000 unemployed people are most in need of livelihoods support in GCA (144,000) & NGCA (219,000)

→ Up 35,000 IDPs outside of Donbas are in need of livelihoods support.

It was noted that IDPs numbers may be slightly revised pending the Inter Cluster Technical Working Group’s work on population figures. The updated version will be shared on Friday (27.10.2017) However, it is not expected that there will be major changes.

**HRP 2018 FSLC Approach**

CC noted that SAG agreed to apply **same overall approach as for 2017**

**FSLC Objective for HRP-2018 are:**

- **Objective 1:** Ensure immediate access to food for the most vulnerable groups affected by the conflict
  - **Activity:** Provision of Cash / Voucher or In kind food as appropriate

- **Objective 2:** Ensure sustainable food security of the affected population through improved agricultural production
  - **Activity:** Provision of agricultural support

- **Objective 3:** Employment and income generation of the conflict affected populations for sustainable livelihoods
  - **Activity:** Provision of employment and income generation support

**FSLC Activities are:**

**OBJECTIVE 1**
- Provision of cash / vouchers (700 UAH) where appropriate
- Provision of in-kind assistance where cash/vouchers are not possible

**OBJECTIVE 2**
- Agricultural inputs:
  - Distribution of seeds and seedlings
  - Distribution of fodder (animal feed)
  - Distribution of poultry (mainly chicken, duck and turkey, gees, etc)
  - Distribution of other livestock
  - Distribution of basic agricultural tools
  - Distribution of voucher or cash for agricultural inputs
  - Food for assets (trainings, work etc.)
  - Livelihoods agricultural grants

**OBJECTIVE 3**
- Livelihoods grants (agricultural)
- Livelihoods grants (other, non-agricultural)
- Job creation grants
- Trainings (incl. Job skills, business consultation, practical for farmers) –a) “Vocational Training” (more extensive training) and b) “light training” (such as one day workshops etc).
- Food for assets (trainings, work etc.)
- Cash for work (new)

CC gave an **FSLC Livelihood Activity Overview** (Annex) related to HRP FSLC Objective 2 & 3. It was developed in spring 2017 with slight revisions based on partner comments.
CC highlighted other components to be reflected in the HRP proposal as protection and gender marker.

CC gave an overview of the HRP-2018 process timeline and highlighted the important dates for the partners. **Deadline for partner to submit the HRP proposal is 30th of October 18:00.**

CC underline **Project Evaluation Criteria**, which outlines the **project criteria and the project proposal relevance** which the Cluster Review Committee (elected last year / appointed by SAG) will base their vetting process on:

- Beneficiaries
- Project Rationale
- Problems, Needs and Responses
- On-going Activities
- Logical Framework Objectives, Outcomes, Activities
- Implementation Plan
- Monitoring
- Work Plan
- Coordination with other partners in the area
- Cross Cutting
- Locations
- Budget

According to the Overall HRP Prioritization Criteria, the CRC will review FSL projects and add prioritization level (“Critical, High and Medium/Low”).

CC explained how to submit proposals to FSLC Secretariat. It was said that off line OPS Excel Template to be used:

- **Submit excel template via email to** Line.rindebaek@fscluster.org and info.ukraine@fscluster.org **before 18:00 on Monday 30 October.**
- **Any changes required after Cluster Review Committee vets the projects, will be done in Excel**
- **After finalisation (and final CRC and SAG endorsement) FSLC Secretariat uploads to OPS by 7**

**Geographical Needs & Targeting by Objective**

FSLC IMO, provided an overview of the technical tool, which might help partners to number of beneficiaries per objective/activity and location on the raion level. For the Objective 1 and 2 the number of people in need/food insecure was calculated based on Food Security Index (Joint FSA). In addition this figure was prioritized as severe and 20% moderately.

For the Objective 3 the number of people in need was calculated based on the unemployment rate. This figure was prioritized as number of people in age 24-59.

FSLC IMO provided an overview of the maps, which shows partnered concentration against needs during the period of January –August 2017. These maps might help partner to indemnify some additional gaps in other raions out of contact line.

**Gender expert** Madhumita Sarkar, (Senior GenCap Advisor) provided a detailed overview of the gender and age marker crosscutting issue. She demonstrated and explained how to use Excel sheet for the Gender & Age Marker (GAM) self-assessment. This was followed by a Q and A session on the GAM tool.

**FS Indicators**

FSLC IMO provided with the brief overview of the main food security indicators, which is recommended by FSLC for partners to indicate in their HRP projects and use during the monitoring and evaluating of
their program. The main indicators are Food Consumption Score, livelihood-based coping strategy, share of food expenditure, food security index and etc.

CC closed the meeting by confirming that all the discussed information with full explanatory details will be circulated by COB on 24 October.

All material has since the meeting been added to the FSLC website: 

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