FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD CLUSTER

DATE 12 March, 2019
TIME 14:30
VENUE Kyiv, Esplanadna 20

AGENDA

1. WFP Socio-Economic Monitoring Report 2018 on Ukraine
   - Q&A session
2. AOB
   - FSLC’s Technical Working Groups

MINUTES

Cluster coordinator (CC) Alexandra Malukalo welcomed participants and explained the purpose of the meeting.

1. WFP Socio-Economic Monitoring Report 2018 on Ukraine

World Food Programme (WFP) Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping expert Lyubomyr Kokovsky (invited by the FSLC from the WFP Regional Bureau in Cairo) conducted a presentation of the WFP Socio-Economic Monitoring Report on Ukraine covering 2018 and explained to the participants the main messages, as follows:

- Ukrainian economy continued its gradual growth for the third year in a row with 3.2 percent GDP increase 2018. Agriculture sector demonstrated a particularly significant growth.
- Remittances play an important role in economy of Ukraine and are estimated at 9% of GDP
- Economy of some oblasts has recovered from crisis already in 2017, while Ukrainian economy on average is 12% lower. GDP of Luhansk and Donetska oblasts demonstrate the worst performance when compared to other regions of Ukraine (in comparison to the pre-crisis level)
- Minimum salary doubled in 2017 and further increased in 2018
- Minimum unemployment benefit covers only 41% of needs
- Minimum pension covers only 52% of needs
- Average pension covers 93% of needs
- Minimum salary covers 86% of needs
- Average salary covers 2.4 HH members
- 0.7% of pensioners receive less than 1,400 UAH per month
- Up to 75% of pensioners in Ukraine could receive a pension smaller than the actual minimum subsistence level
- Unemployment rate only started to slightly reduce in 2018
- More people in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts live alone or in couples when compared to Ukraine overall
- Less people have children in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts
- Almost 99% of HHs with children in Donetska only have 1 child (90.4% in Luhanska)
- Much more children in Donetska and Luhanska have only 1 parent
- More households in Donetska and Luhanska have no breadwinner (no working person in HH) compared to Ukraine overall
- Less people are below subsistence line in 2018 compared to 2016
- Food consumption is significantly worse in Luhanska oblast compared to Donetska oblast and Ukraine overall
- Consumer and food inflation continue to decrease (increase in import / strict monetary regulations)
- Food inflation is permanent with no alert foreseen
- Considering the above, changes in the recommended value of food assistance are not recommended more often than once per year (e.g. CBT value).
- Purchasing power of pensioners with minimum and average pension went down significantly compared to 2014
- While economy grows overall, the vulnerable people continue to face severe difficulties (19% of pensioners receive minimum pension or less)

More details are available in the presentation of the report on this link. The full and extended version of the report will be shared by the FSL Cluster within several weeks.

2. AOB

- **FSLC’s Technical Working Group**

CC informed the participants about the FSLC’s plans to revitalize both Agriculture and Livelihoods Technical Working Groups under the umbrella of the Cluster and based in the field. The first meeting of the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) has taken place in the end of January (Meeting Minutes) and the first meeting of the Livelihoods Working Group (LWG) is tentatively planned for the end of April. AWG is now led by FAO Field Office Coordinator Olena Kushch and LWG would be led by Maksym Osavoliuk, IOM Livelihoods Specialist. CC encouraged participants to come back if any ideas on agenda points for the upcoming LWG meeting. CC also highlighted that both groups should serve as a potential platform for the Humanitarian Development Nexus where various stakeholders could cooperate on practical and technical matters.

CC also reminded the participants of the updated Coordination Tool where actual plans of the FSLC’s partners are kept up-to-date for coordination purposes. CC reminded the partners that they are expected to maintain their plans updated.

The updated Coordination Tool can be found on this link

**ACTION POINTS:**

➔ FSLC to share the Socio-Economic Monitoring Report when available.

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