

Minutes of the FSLC Meeting of October 04, 2023

Agenda:

Chair: Mat Gai, Co-Coordinator (FSLC)

1. The Devastating Link Between Climate Change, Conflict, and Hunger in Africa- ACF
2. 2024 HRP Application and Review Process Milestones-FSLC
3. AOB: FSL Cluster Members (if any)

Development of the agenda

The Devastating Link Between Climate Change, Conflict, and Hunger in Africa -ACF	Next Steps / Action Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on the findings from the first phase of “Rapid assessments of the hunger –climate – conflict nexus” lived experiences relating to food and nutrition security. The research was carried out in Mali, Somalia and South Sudan in Thokchak (Jonglei), ManKuach, and Rumameth (Warrap). <p>Key findings from three sites in South Sudan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict and environmental impact such as flooding prevented the communities from practicing their dominant livelihood activities. • Households having to spend more on purchasing food despite the lack of financial means • Deterioration in diets - people depending on the alternative negative coping mechanism. • No access to financial mechanisms, no bank and mobile money access, and people must do direct cash transactions. • People go for many days without access to food in many parts FGDs were conducted. • Malnutrition has been seen in the assessed locations. • Communities make livelihood decisions in absence of essential information esp early warning information to help them in their short- and long-term planning on livelihoods decision-making. • Heavy burden on women having to be primary caretaker and the provider. Men having many wives also the driving forces of the vulnerabilities in the communities <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend coverage of cash assistance to boost the livelihoods of households. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACF will be reaching out to the partners for their comments to assessment findings and contribution to the second phase of the study that started in October 2023. • Link to the full Report

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase health screening and combining this with food distribution to avoid number of long walks to access the services. • Implement vitamin and mineral supplementation programmes • Provide spaces for women’s voices and support women’s empowerment • Provide education to both children and adults for job skilling, • Provision of the early warning program for early action systems and forecasting and anticipation. <p>Link to the presentation</p>	
<p>2024 HRP Application and Review Process Milestones</p>	<p>Next Steps / Action Points</p>
<p>Briefed on the HRP application and review process and on vetting and selection process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project module may open next week, this is after clusters have finalized their planning figures and uploaded through the RPM, partners are urged to prepare their project sheets in advance. • The Strategic Review Committee consists of CLAs (WFP and FAO), SAG, and cluster coordinators well balanced with representations from National and International Organizations. • Partners are advised to focus on standalone projects. • There will be second round of HPC module training on October 9 by OCHA • FSLC HRP strategy will guide the partners to do their project and the cluster repository will be the reference document to help partners with different guidelines and strategies. • The question of submitting already funded projects to the module will demotivate partners. • IPC Analysis results will be shared as soon as they are out. <p>Link to the presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners are requested to take work on their project's sheets offline in anticipation of the HPC module to open up
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