

Minutes of the FSLC Meeting of August 09, 2023

Agenda:

1. Ongoing Sudan Crisis Response Update and Introduction to the updated inter-agency Response Plan – Jean-Loic Guieze (FSLC)
2. HRP Workshop Preparation – Jean-Loic Guieze (FSLC)
3. Announcement of FSL Cluster SAG and INGO Co-Lead Membership Elections Results – July 2023 - Yoal Bum (FSLC)
4. PSEA Community Outreach Fund - Call for Applications 2023 – Monika Shrestha (FSLC)

Development of the agenda

1. Ongoing Sudan Crisis Response Update and Introduction to the updated inter-agency Response Plan	Next Steps / Action points
<p>The Sudan crisis response update was presented by Cluster Coordinator Jean-Loic Guieze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Sudan crisis response plans has been revised based on new population projections. ✓ Like for the prior inter-agency response plan, it is agreed that upon arrival of returnees (and refugees) in their destination of settlement (camp) they will be incorporated into the HRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase 1 = Inter-agency response plan: from border to destination ○ Phase 2 = HRP: at destination ○ Phase 3 = Durable solutions: at destination as well, to provide the returnees with livelihoods support or support them with existing safety net systems. ✓ Returnees are expected to continue settling mainly in greater Upper Nile, Unity and Central Equatoria (Juba), and to a lesser extent in GbeG. ✓ The capacity of donors is limited to provide resources for the current needs across the country. <p>The FSL cluster monitors the FSL response to the returnees at the border entry points and at the transit centers in a dashboard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The current data are only showing WFP response, but we understand other FSL partners may receive some funding for the Sudan crisis response. ✓ For any information on entries and movements, please refer to the UNHCR/IOM Sudan monitoring dashboard. 	<p>FSL partners participating in the inter-agency response plan with bilateral funding (non-WFP or FAO funding) should report it to the FSLC, using the adequate template (which will be shared again).</p>

2. HRP Workshop Preparation	Next Steps / Action points
<p>The HRP development process started in May through several consultations that involved UN Lead agencies, INGOs, NNGOs, some Donors, OCHA, the government (MoA), the gFSC, PfPRR, and the communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ With the support of the FSL partners and under the coordination of the state-level FSL focal points (WFP and FAO), we have initiated community consultation across the 78 counties of the country plus Abyei. We have already received responses from Warrap, Eastern Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Greater Jonglei, Abyei, and Malakal. ✓ The consultation covers communities' top priority challenges, as well the solutions they can provide and the support they need from the government and the partners. Focus group discussions were also conducted with people with special needs (women, children, elderly, and people with disabilities) as well as community leaders, RRC and state focal points to have their opinion captured in this process. The results of the Community Consultation will be used during the HRP workshop. <p>The HRP development workshop will be organized from 15-17 August in Juba.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Participants will be the Cluster lead agencies (WFP and FAO), the active and newly elected SAG members, representatives from other clusters as well FSL cluster members organizations (Bilaterally funded NNGOs and INGOs working in the 10 states and on the 3 cluster objectives). ✓ The objective of the workshop is to develop the building blocks of a 2-year HRP that will respond to the needs and priorities of communities and thus contribute to reduce the number of people in need of FSL humanitarian assistance by 2025, by i/ Optimizing the effectiveness of humanitarian response (AAP, complementarities and synergies, integration across clusters); and ii/ Identifying ways to strengthen the quality of the response to support sustainability (HDP and localization). 	<p>The consultation exercise is still ongoing. State level focal points are invited to provide the county and state-level tables by the end of this week so that this can be used for the HRP development workshop.</p> <p>The terms of reference of the workshop will be shared with participant who will be invited to the workshop</p>
3. Announcement of FSL Cluster SAG and INGO Co-Lead Membership Elections Results – July 2023	Next Steps / Action points
<p>About 147 organizations participated and cast their votes with 84% as national NGOs and 16% as international NGOs.</p> <p>For INGO Co-Lead Agency: there were 3 candidates (World Vision, Mercy Corps and CORDAID International). The winner is World Vision with 52.17%.</p> <p>For INGO Representation for SAG: there were 7 candidates (CRS, ACF, ForAfrika, Mercy Corps, Save the children, Tearfund and VSF-S). The winners are CRS with 26% and ACF with 22%.</p>	<p>A formal communication to the elected organizations (SAG & INGO Co-Lead) will be sent by the FSLC.</p>

<p>For NNGO Representation for SAG: there were 2 candidates (CRADA and ALO). The winner is Aid Link Organization (ALO with 73%)</p> <p>The cluster coordinator thanked those who participated in the election. SAG positions are very strategic, and all the elected members are expected to represent their members' interests through consultation with INGOs and NNGOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAG membership winners thanked the members - Alex (CRS) thanked all for being elected and requesting all to participated actively while Betty (ACF) thanked all members who voted for them and hoping to work with all in this role. 	
<p>4. PSEA Community Outreach Fund - Call for Applications 2023</p>	<p>Next Steps / Action points</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR have launched the fourth round for funding for PSEA community Outreach Fund and the deadline is 31 August 2023, and it is open to NNGO and CBO only. • UNFPA, WFP, PLAN and CARE international are developing Gender strategy analysis to guide Humanitarian response in the country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partners were encouraged to share with the gender taskforce, if they have done any gender analysis report or strategy you can share with gender taskforce. 	<p>All are encouraged to apply</p>