Meeting Minutes

Location: FAO Harare, Conference Room
Date: 07/02/2020

Agenda

- FAO: Update on the crop and livestock situation
- FSL Cluster: Update on Humanitarian Response Plan indicators
- FSL Cluster: Gap Analysis Maps introduction
- FSL Cluster partners: Update on operational scale up
- AOB

Participants

Trocare, FAO, WFP, RCO, GOAL, ActionAid, CRS, NAZ, SCI, ZimPro, WVI, ZCC, USAID, Help Germany, Red Cross, British Red Cross, DanChurchAid, ChristianAid, CBM, Humanity First, Plan International, ADRA Zimbabwe, CAFOD

Discussion

1. FAO: Update on the crop and livestock situation:
   The government through the Ministry of Lands Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement is conducting the First Round Crop and Livestock assessments to come up with estimates on area planted, crop condition, livestock condition grazing and water availability. The results are expected towards the end of February 2020.

   Field monitoring shows:
   - Decrease in area planted compared to last year
   - Crop condition is in fair condition due to rains received in January. Early planted crop is a write off in most areas. Late planted crop is in better condition than the early crop.
   - Water stress affected the early-planted maize crop especially in the southern parts of the provinces, control is in progress, but chemicals are expensive.
- Grazing and water situation remains critical in the southern parts of the country and cattle are at risk of starvation.
- Increase in livestock diseases and limited veterinary support.
- An outbreak of Anthrax has been reported. The spread of Anthrax is exacerbated by drought as animals graze too close to the ground picking up the Anthrax spores in the soil. Anthrax is a zoonotic disease and can be passed onto humans through consumption of contaminated meat products. 58 cases of Anthrax have been reported in humans.

**Government inputs schemes:**
- The Government implemented the Presidential Input Scheme targeting vulnerable small holder farmers with 10kg of maize or 5kg of small grains and 2 bags of fertilizer (50kg Basal Fertilizer and 50kg Top dressing)
  - The programme reached more than 1 million small holder farmers with maize seeds and small grains
  - Fertilizers were in short supply and reached a smaller proportion of farmers. Crop performance has been affected by the late onset of the rains and performance of the first half of the rainfall season
- Smart Agriculture or the CBZ Agro Yield Programme through CBZ/Loans registered an estimated 100,000 ha to produce on cost recovery basis and then repay as grain to GMB.

**Questions/ Comments/ Matters arising**

Q: Cases of tick-borne disease:
A: Cases are on the rise as a result of lack of dipping due to shortage of dipping chemicals. The country experienced an outbreak of Theileriosis which is deadly tick-borne disease in 2019 and estimated number of cattle dead is in excess of 100k.

Actions currently in place: Various development programmes are providing dipping chemicals in targeted districts, LFSP 12 Districts, ZRBF 18 Districts, ZIRP 6 districts.

Q: Condition of goats:
A: No official report yet, but goats are harder than cattle and can better withstand drought conditions.

Q: Is there crop harvest data for the past five years?
A: Available from the crop assessments second round (figures available from the previous years).

Action point: FAO to share reports and documents on crop assessments to be sent out with the email.

2. **FSL Cluster: Update on Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) indicators:**

Following request from OCHA on indicators to be monitored under 2020 HRP, the following indicators shared with OCHA were unanimously agreed upon:

- # of households benefitting from food/cash distribution in rural areas
- # of households benefitting from cash distribution for urban areas
- # of households receiving season-sensitive emergency crops and livestock input assistance
# of farmers receiving extension and advisory services to manage crop pests and livestock diseases

3. FSL Cluster: Gap Analysis Maps introduction

Samples of Gap Analysis maps were introduced and shared at the meeting and feedback provided to add additional data like parks and major towns to help users locate where people live.

Furthermore, the maps can be used as advocacy tool or to avoid double dipping and gaps or different modalities in a same ward.

Other recommendations:
- Add agriculture and livelihoods (SO2) data on to the map: SO2 data will be added on the districts level maps starting by January maps.
- Add the ward ranking to the map: Given the current available ward ranking data, recommendation not feasible.

4. WFP: Introduction of National Logistics Working Group

As the Cyclone Idai moved from emergency to recovery the Logistics Cluster (GLC) conducted a Gaps and Needs Exercise. The study found logistics gaps were restored and could be locally managed but recommended the GLC maintain support in transitioning from Logistics Cluster response to a national Logistics Preparedness Working Group, that is government led.

Given the current challenges, the need to have an information sharing forum to exchange logistics information on the current situation has arisen. The GLC supported Preparedness Working Group will therefore initially include a response component and be co-led by WFP Supply Chain.

Working group objectives:
- To share information and collaboratively find solutions to current food distribution issues.
- To identify short term and long-term logistics capacity building needs and develop an Action Plan for 2020.
- To input into the implementation of Action Plan activities: eg tools, SOP’s, information sharing platforms, trainings.

5. Partners updates:
- **Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC):**
  - In Gutu district ward 2, ZCC supports a total of 3,110 beneficiaries with in-kind food distributions up to April 2020. ZCC has plans to extend the intervention beyond April 2020.
  - ZCC: plans to support a total of 2,600 beneficiaries with in-kind food distributions in Mberengwa district. The wards of operations are yet to be determined in consultation with stakeholders.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 2,400 beneficiaries with in-kind food distributions in Kwekwe district. The wards of operations are yet to be determined in consultation with stakeholders.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 1,200 beneficiaries with in-kind food distributions in Gweru district. The wards of operations are yet to be determined in consultation with stakeholders.
- In Norton urban, ZCC plans to support a total of 3,500 beneficiaries with cash-based transfer modality.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 1,800 beneficiaries with cash transfer modality in Masvingo urban.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 3,000 beneficiaries with cash transfer modality in Epworth.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 2,000 beneficiaries with cash transfer modality in Ruwa urban.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 1,200 beneficiaries with cash transfer modality in Bikita urban.
- ZCC also plans to support a total of 1,200 beneficiaries with cash transfer modality in Zaka urban.

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- **Action Aid (AAZ):**
  - In Chipinge and Chimanimani under Cyclone Idai response, AAZ intends to increase and deepen our early recovery interventions targeting the same households that AAZ have been working with in the same wards.
  - In Kariba, Binga and Mbire districts AAZ Zimbabwe intends to trigger the Crisis Modifier Mechanism which will target part of the targeted households with early recovery related interventions so as to avoid the erosion of any developmental gains achieved over the implementation period.
  - AAZ is in the process of fundraising targeting underfunded women’s protection and safeguarding issues and the intention is to work closely with organizations that are implementing humanitarian interventions in the 7 districts AAZ is already working in.

- **GOAL:**
  - Goal as WFP implementing partner is in the process of upscaling in Chipinge into an additional 3 wards and reach out to a total of 147,445 beneficiaries in February 2020 with in-kind food basket. In Mutare district GOAL Zimbabwe is upscaling too to support a total of 125,038 beneficiaries in February 2020 with in-kind food basket.
In Marondera district, GOAL Zimbabwe as WFP implementing partner supports a total of 15,000 beneficiaries through cash transfers across 8 targeted wards.

**Action points (and responsible person)**

- FSL Cluster Coordinator to send link for voting on FSL Cluster Protection focal point.
- FSL Cluster coordinator to send out FSL Cluster Performance Evaluation link.