



Food Security and Livelihoods Sector Meeting Khartoum, Sudan.

Date: 25 May 2023
Place: Online
Timing: 12:00 – 13:30

No. of Participants: 23
Participant Organizations: 16
Male and Female: 10:13

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Points	Deliberations	Action Points/Decisions
<p><i>FSL Context and Operational Updates</i></p>	<p><u>Situational update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In a joint press statement released on 20 May, the two parties agreed to a seven-day ceasefire, renewing their commitment to the Jeddah Declaration, humanitarian arrangements, restoration of essential services, the withdrawal of forces from hospitals and clinics, the respectful burial of the dead and creation of a Monitoring and Coordination Committee (which sees the US and Saudi Arabia involved). ▪ The “step by step” approach agreed by both parties is set to continue and work towards a permanent cessation of hostilities. ▪ Deep concerns over the impact of the Sudan Crisis on the security, safety and stability for the Arab region were also expressed during the 32nd Arab League Summit by the League of Arab States—stating to avoid any external interference in Sudan's affairs that would fuel conflict and threaten regional peace and security. <p><u>FSL Context and Operational Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Sudan Conflict Crises is threatening the main planting season, which is set to begin at the end of May. If the season is missed, the number of people going hungry will increase. ▪ This additional threat to Sudan’s food system will impact women the most. Before the crisis, 42% HHHs headed women already had less food compared to 31% of male HHHs, and women are eating less since the conflict began, (<i>according to CARE</i>). ▪ In addition, prolonged suspension of food assistance is anticipated to increase food insecurity in areas where aid was previously assessed to be preventing worse outcomes—especially in greater Darfur, parts of greater Kordofan and parts of greater Nile—(<i>according to FEWS NET, which is reviewing the situation</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSL cluster will share the FSL Situation updates with FSL Partners on regular basis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The prices of staple goods have risen dramatically, heightening the risk of food insecurity in the period ahead. ▪ Although markets are generally open in safe areas but besides price hikes there are shortages of imported goods such as wheat flour, oil, and tomato paste in nine locations across Sudan, (<i>according to a market assessment conducted by Mercy Corps</i>). ▪ In some areas, shops have closed because of insecurity or lack of goods. ▪ Access to cash remains a significant issue in Khartoum and South Darfur, while the increase in fuel prices and transportation costs has hindered both daily life and the ability of people to move out of insecure areas. ▪ However, insecurity and attacks against humanitarian and health facilities and supplies continue to hamper operations. ▪ Almost 28 humanitarian organizations have had their offices or stocks looted over the last three weeks in South Darfur alone and widespread lootings are considered as one of the main risks for the continuation and scale-up of humanitarian operations. ▪ Partners are delivering assistance, including food and lifesaving assistance, to people impacted by the fighting as well as those who were already in need. <p>Revised HRP 2023 Call for Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The link for Project Revision and New Project Submission is https://projects.hpc.tools/ with the deadline, COB 29 May 2023. ▪ Shared with FSL Partners Revised HRP 2023 Application Pack (Zipped Folder) containing below files; ▪ FSL Key Figures and Guidelines ▪ JIAF Inter-Sectoral Severity Sheet ▪ FSL Revised Activity Costing for R-HRP 2023 ▪ Guidelines for the Process of Project Revision and Project Cloning – for Online Project Submission. ▪ Offline Project Submission Sheet, for those struggling with the internet connections and issues. ▪ Training Link for Revised Project Submission - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/152Y22jpQ795kDXMY3ekbxBOaxCO80qfX?usp=sharing ▪ Scenarios - IDPs 2023 Projections (DTM Sudan Locality) – Excel ▪ Sudan Scenarios (DTM Sudan) – PDF ▪ Attached Assessment Reports (Zipped Folder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSL Cluster had already shared the relevant documents for revised HRP 2023 Proposal Call.
<p>Updates on Displacement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A total of 1,361,308 million people have been newly displaced, including 1,042,114 individuals were displaced internally while 319,914 individuals had crossed borders. ▪ The highest figures of displacement have been reported in West Darfur (23.86%), White Nile (19.65%), River Nile (15.64%) and Northern States (13.93%). ▪ To date, almost 319,194 people have arrived in neighboring countries: at least 80,000 people have arrived in neighboring Chad, 69,112 people in South Sudan, 132,364 people in Egypt, 26,818 people in Ethiopia, 9,823 people in the Central African Republic and 1,077 people in Libya since the start of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated IDPs and Cross border movements will be shared with FSL on regular basis.

	conflict (IOM, UNHCR and government sources indicated)	
FSL Dashboard & Partners Presence Mapping	<p>FSL Dashboard FSL gFSC team presented FSL dashboard depicted all received information from partners in detail of activities and by partners as well. The dashboard also shows details locality wise information containing reached vs target information.</p> <p>FSL Partners Presence Mapping The second page shows the partners presence and ongoing operation locality wise with the targeted and reached caseload.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSL cluster requested partners to share their simplified 5Ws to be reflected on FSL dashboard regularly.
Partners Update	<p>HOPE: Current operational modalities are seeds distribution, further planning to conduct in 4 states. Their team in the field for verification of benefactrices. Received funds from ILO, Government of Slovenia, and we will receive fund from FAO to distribute in ED, SD, WK, and WN. For Darfur we will transfer cash through banking – BOK and Cash transfer will be good modality for the current crisis.</p> <p>JASMAR: Currently JASMAR’s main office operating form the Red Sea Office, and most of the HQ staff relocated to the Red Sea state.</p> <p>Practical Action: PA has 2 ongoing projects in BN & ND states, funded by UK AID & UNDP, and the main activities are seeds distribution, livestock, and vocational training for the most vulnerable HHs.</p> <p>NRC: NRC will be carrying out market assessments in White Nile and Gedaref in preparation for MPCA and some market support interventions in the 2 states.</p> <p>CRS: CRS is still planning response focusing on MPCA and/or in-kind supports for vulnerable HHs and agricultural inputs to support the farmers, across Darfur, especially in ED. We have on-going projects from which we might be able to start activities, as situation evolves.</p> <p>UNDP: UNDP has been working with FSL cluster coordinator in the revision of the HRP. UNDP plans to provide emergency income to affected population via debris management as well as the provision of seeds and inputs to farmers to save the planting season under PC1 activities.</p> <p>Save the Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save the Children has developed a multi-sectoral response plan following the outbreak of the current conflict. Priority areas for FSL includes food assistance, agricultural livelihoods (seeds and tools), livestock and MPCA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSL cluster requested partners to share their updates via simplified 5Ws to be reflected on FSL dashboard as well.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCI has wider operational presence in Sudan (NK, SK, CD, ND, WD, RS< BN, Khartoum) and will maintain those areas for the current response and possibly new areas with large number of IDPs; - Working on ways to restart or modify some of the current projects that has been paused following the conflict; <p>IOM: IOM is still in the planning stage looking at MPCA and other livelihood support. We are beginning with the Eastern states and Blue Nile and also exploring options in the Kordofans. A major hurdle is how we can ensure payments are received by national implementing partners due to issues with liquidity and access to FSPs.</p> <p>Concern Worldwide: CWW still working on response plan, still exploring logistics routes for potential supplies such as seeds etc especially when the rainy season is around the corner. Some of our operation areas not accessible, some with no connectivity. CWW is also planning for MPCA too.</p> <p>Logistics Update – Log Cluster: All Log cluster updates and documents can be found on below mentioned links. https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a , https://logcluster.org/document/sudan-road-distance-map , https://logcluster.org/document/sudan-concept-operations-11-may-2023 , https://logcluster.org/document/sudan-importation-and-customs-processes-impacct-wg-bulletin-2-21-may-2023 , https://logcluster.org/document/sudan-logistics-cluster-meeting-presentation-khartoum-23-may-2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further Log Cluster related questions and queries can be shared with Fiona at fiona.lithgow@wfp.org
<p>AOB</p>	<p>FSL Whatsapp Group Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Here is the link to join the Whatsapp coordination Group. https://chat.whatsapp.com/EbuRTQDcZrs0frbjmDqbAH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSL Cluster Fill FSL Sudan Whatsapp group Registration https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rtkqRtnXBkK4dHGx4HI3bwWzIT_AQn5Ctm9OKK7EobRUMU1ZVzk0MjQzUE9FVUFEOU5ESVvK4V0IOVS4u

Annex 1 – Participants List (FSL Khartoum, Sudan on 25 May 2023)

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