



Minutes Minutes (May 2021)

Location: Microsoft Teams

Date: 11.05.2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:30PM - 5:00PM (Yangon Time)

Meeting Recording: [Link](#)

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. FSS IM products based on 5Ws
3. FAO /WFP's Covid-19 impact assessment
4. Key FS Achievement
5. Follow-up
 - 5Ws reporting (3 May)
 - Excel table about FS response capacities (3 May)
 - Multi-agency assessments
 - Surveys (FSS satisfaction survey + cross-cutting issues surveys)
6. AOB

DISCUSSIONS

1. Introduction

- The workshop commenced at 3:30 PM with welcome speeches by WFP FSS Coordinator
- WFP presented the new staffs and each participant also introduced themselves.

2. Presentation of FSS IM Product based on 5Ws

- Presentation was taken by Louis Parker (gFSC Information Management Officer) using Power Bi Sample Iterative Dashboard
- Presentation of the Partner Presence interactive map (example of South Sudan)
- Presentation of the global Food Security Cluster website
- Presentation of FS cluster dashboard (example of Libya)
- FSC dashboard will be effectively useful in planning and coordination in local and global level
- Each 5Ws report will be verified and finalized at each level
- Integration of local partners remains

- Key IM Products in Dashboard include the details information which are related with the WFP Strategic Objectives based on 5Ws (Please check the sample details info in [here](#)). In the Dashboard, there are five things such as
 1. Partner Present Dashboard
 2. Monthly Response Dashboard
 3. Unique Beneficiaries Dashboard
 4. Gap Analysis Strategic Objective 1
 5. Gap Analysis Strategic Objective 2 & 3

3. Presentation of FAO /WFP's Covid-19 impact assessment (by WFP and FAO)

- WFP and FAO have conducted the food security survey in Myanmar since last years.
- Survey title is [Agricultural, livelihoods and food security monitoring in the context of Covid-19](#) (for more information please see the meeting presentation) <https://1drv.ms/p/s!AtHAExNsP3Xenjdazq5eKJztYYZt?e=mbBcyZ>
- **Key Conclusions are**
 1. Although with possible bias introduced by the survey modality, the economic shock induced by COVID-19 restrictions is perceived as the likely cause of income interruptions.
 2. Incomes later resumed, but cash constraints prompted some strata of the population to adopt coping strategies, most notably using savings and reducing expenses. The likely reduction in the demand for food was transmitted along the food system and represented a shock for crop and livestock producers.
 3. Food insecurity seems linked to the reduction of income and the interruption of income flows. The main source of food is markets. Therefore, shocks on household's income and market functionality can have a larger effect on households' access to nutritious food.
 4. The reduction in the market demand for food may have driven farm-gate prices below farmers' expectations. Both the traders' and households' surveys converge in finding accessing markets a major difficulty for producers.
 5. The most affected states (facing worst food security outcomes and more production and marketing difficulties) are Shan, Rakhine and Chin.
 6. The consequent cash constraints faced by producers is a reason of concern for the outcome of the 2020-2021 agricultural season.
- **Key Recommendations are**
 1. **Food assistance for the most vulnerable households and scale up of existing safety net programmes** throughout 2021. In particular for farmers, transfers could be conditional to the purchase of inputs (such as seeds and fertilizers), coupled with the necessary technical assistance. Where feasible, use of cash modalities to counterbalance cash constrains.
 2. **Rebuild the agricultural livelihoods, develop production and marketing.** Safeguard productive assets, technical support will be needed in most affected areas. An area for developing rural areas seems the development of processing and marketing linkages for specific products. The findings that a significant proportion of producers had to destroy part of their production could signal (besides the non-profitability of current marketing opportunities) the peculiar need of highly-perishable products in developing demand and supply chains, such as cold-chains.

Surveillance: Maintain and strengthen existing price and market monitoring activities
+ Food security surveillance

4. Key FS achievements

- Inputs to be shared by email using the OCHA Humanitarian Update template.
<https://1drv.ms/x/s!AtHAExNsP3Xenj7mp-Rf1K798hut?e=8zCala>
- The period covered is 15 April – 17 May.
- Please don't send your inputs later than COB Monday 17 May so it gives time for consolidation before submitting to OCHA on 19 May.

5. Follow-up

- Excel table about FS response capacities (Excel sheet, suggested deadline 8 June)
<https://1drv.ms/x/s!AtHAExNsP3XeniljRsXzkWaJS2py?e=ITRxGm>
- Surveys (FSS satisfaction survey + cross-cutting issues surveys) deadline to be set (suggested deadline 8 June for both surveys)
 1. Cross-cutting issues survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CRPQ2L>
 2. Satisfaction survey:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rtkqRtnXBkK4dHGx4HI3b-mzRqOjmjJNgKem6_OJt-VUNDI4V0xSSElyQTITVVJTOUJURFk3S1FaQy4u
- Both surveys were translated into Myanmar so it can be shared with all staffs and implementing partners. Each survey should take less than 10 minutes to be completed.

6. AOB

- MHF Project Design Sessions (Monday 17 May 2021 (English language) and Tuesday 18 May 2021 (Myanmar language) from 14h00 to 16h00, Yangon time)
- Please inform FSS-co in case the provided links are not functioning or if others challenge reencountered during registration.
- Inter-agency effort to look at local procurement/quality control for in-kind food baskets
- DRC switches from cash for food to in-kind food distribution due to the limited availability of cash but quality inspection/quality control remains a challenge in Myanmar. FSS partners are encouraged to share their experience regarding food basket quality inspection.
- Possibilities for multi-agencies food items order for better price and better quality (regional procurement). Any interested partners can contact FSS-co & DRC/Yaman Salam. We can organize the ad hoc meeting for that topic.
skype: [yaman.salam](https://www.skype.com/join/ymansalam)
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- Food security assessment (DRC to share the assessment tools)
- DRC has developed a light tool for continuous monitoring of food insecurity in Rakhine, Shan, & Kachin. The market information tool will provide trends regarding price and main items availability. Deeper assessment may be conducted in case of any red flags
- **MHF Allocation Timeline**
The MHF proposes the following tentative allocation timeline which could be accelerated, subject to the timely support from the different stakeholders involved in the process:
 - Consultations and preparation of the allocation strategy paper (call-for-proposal): **21 April-2 May 2021**
 - MHF Advisory Board's review of the allocation strategy paper: **3-5 May 2021**
 - HC endorsement of the allocation strategy paper: **6 May 2021**
 - Period of submission of project proposals: From **6 to 31 May 2021**

- Strategic Review and pre-selection of projects: **8 June 2021**
- HC preliminary approval of pre-selected projects: **15 June 2021**
- Start of project implementation: **1 July 2021**

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