FSS Gender Focal Point Group Meeting, 13 July 2021

Participants: Sahel Sanjid (RIC), Barbara Egger Maldonado (WFP), Hossain Rahman Raiyan (BRAC/FSS), Karishma Ahmed (iMMAP), Neamul Akhter (FSS), Nusrat Jahir (UN Women), Tapan Kumar Chakraborty (ACF), Uwimana Esperance (UN Women)

Agenda point 1:
Round of Introduction

Agenda point 2:
Barbara had asked for inputs from the participants of last meeting regarding challenges and solutions when implementing livelihood support activities. No inputs were received prior to this meeting.

Agenda point 3:
Checklist to assess Gender Equality Programming for Livelihoods from Gender Handbook was presented by Barbara. Key areas for consideration include:

a. Analysis of gender differences
b. Design (non-discrimination)
c. Training/capacity differences
d. Targeted Actions based on Gender Analysis
e. Actions to address GBV
f. Equal Access for women and girls to livelihood programmes
g. Monitoring and evaluation based on SADDD
h. Coordinate actions with all partners

Discussion
Challenges with collecting sex- and age- disaggregated data

a. Data sharing between organizations is challenging due to data protection concerns
   i. What agreements are there to enable sharing statistics as opposed to personal information
b. Authorities request for personal data of vulnerable groups
   i. To facilitate discussion to address these concerns
c. Majority of women targeted only want to learn tailoring – less opportunities to promote other livelihoods. Other opportunities include:
   1. Driving skills
   2. Pottery
   3. Agriculture
   4. Business
d. Creativity among communities needs to be enhanced to promote diverse livelihood options
e. Women wanting to do business cannot interact with male business owners
f. Livelihoods inside the camps, challenging without cash assistance
g. Limited movement of women in camps
h. Women do not have access to resources in host community
   i. Literacy and numeracy training
j. Recent BRAC and UNICEF skill development research results informed what marketable skills are
k. Market linkages need to be ensured to maximize impact of skills development interventions – follow-up and long-term interventions are effective after skills

5. How does participants see the involvement of private sector in women’s empowerment and equality?

6. Skills Development TWG meets every last Monday of the month. Interested partners to contact FSS focal point: joseph.falcone@wfp.org.

7. Barbara briefed the participants on Gender and Inclusion Action Plan (GIAP) and the ToR for the group as many participants newly joined the GFP

**Agenda point 4: AOB**

Barbara explained that she will be leaving Bangladesh at the end of the week (18 July) and that the discussion regarding the successor is ongoing. She mentioned the option to have a full-time person (FSS Gender Expert) taking over as FSS GFP organizer and covering many more responsibilities.