



North East Nigeria (Borno, Adamawa & Yobe) Rain Season Planning

Agricultural Livelihoods Taskforce – Rain Season Planning Guidance Notes (Version 3 Updated 23 May 2020)

Agenda

1. Updates on rain season planning/distributions
2. Presentation on Partner Coordination on Rain Season Planning

Updates

One partner in the previous meeting held on April 22, mentioned having started distributions of agricultural inputs for the 2020 rain season. Another partner had signed various agreements with the respective state governments. However, during this meeting, majority of partners have reported that they are in the process of procurement of inputs for the upcoming rain season.

During this meeting, the sector mentioned that for planning purposes, partners who are categorized in CH phase 3 are the ones targeted for livelihoods support (SO2) since they are in “**Crisis**” given that the focus is to protect livelihoods as a result of them being *marginally able to cover their minimum food needs by exhausting livelihood assets or using crisis coping strategies*. Households under CH Phase 2 are “**Under Pressure**” given that the *households have minimally adequate food consumption but cannot afford some basic non-food expenditures without engaging in irreversible coping strategies*”.

Partner Discussions

Partners mentioned that there is a ‘thin line’ between some CH 3 and CH 2 populations, especially those at the boundary who are likely to be transitory between CH 2 and 3 levels, given that they are either ‘marginally able to meet food needs or minimally adequate food consumption, but cannot meet some basic non-food expenditures, without exhausting livelihoods assets or using crisis or irreversible coping strategies respectively’.

Partners discussed and agreed that in areas where the land access reports indicate relatively good access while taking into consideration the population size, targeting for rain season planning should focus on CH phase 3 and CH phase 2 beneficiaries. Targeting of the CH 2 populations should be emphasized given the current context of COVID-19, that access to inputs is reduced among the population including CH 2 whose livelihoods assets are also at risk. By targeting some of the CH 2 households as well, this does not only provide support to livelihoods of households who may likely drop into phase 3, but also ensure increased production to increase food availability.

In areas where land access is limited in relation to the population, partners should focus on CH Phase 3 only to avoid providing seed to households who do not have land and other capacities to plant. There is a risk that such inputs could end up being sold in the market or cooked by some households.

Partners should use this opportunity to ensure that their planning for input support will be efficient, by targeting locations (LGAs) where there is need in relation to access to land relative to the population.

The access to land for agriculture figures available do not necessarily provide details on how much land each household can access, but rather a proportion of households that reported access to land. Therefore, all partners should ensure that the households they will support have access to land. This according to partners can be done with through sampling visits of some household, with the support of the agriculture officers and local leaders.

Action Points

- Sector to share the updated analysis indicating the access to land, in relation to the population and planned targets by the various partners while providing respective populations in CH Phases 3 and 2 in each of the LGAs.
- Partners in locations where access to land is considered high may consider including support to both HHs in CH3 and CH2. However, partners operating in locations where access to land is considered low as a generic guidance, should target only households in CH Phase 3. Partners can contact the sector for the excel sheet analysis to incorporate the percentages of land access in relation to the population
- Partners to ensure that all the households that they intend to target have access to land.

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