Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Online – MS TEAMS
DATE: 02 February 2021

EXPECTATION

1. Introductions
   • Introduction of ICRC new team
   • Introduction of WFP Nexus officer
2. Situation updates
   • Updates on FS activities from partners
   • Updates on livelihood activities (WFP)
   • Updates on farming and farmers’ needs in Alkufra (OCHA)
3. Information Management
   • FSS response for 2020 and 2021
   • Partners’ info sharing through 4Ws (ActivityInfo)
   • Qualitative reporting (stories, pictures, graphics, reports)
   • Food security related assessments
4. Expectations from FSS
5. AOB

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DISCUSSION

1. **Introductions**
   - Introduction of ICRC new team
     - The new ICRC team unfortunately were not able to join the meeting
   - Introduction of WFP Nexus officer
     - Anna Zingg, the acting Nexus Officer a.i., introduced the work being done, mapping existing initiatives and 4Ws on the 3 pillars, humanitarian-development-peace, to produce the dashboard, with a particular focus on Sebha. FSS partners are welcome to join and present during the Nexus WG meeting end of February.

2. **Situation updates**
   - Updates on livelihood activities (WFP)
     - Hydroponics pilot beginning of January in Sebha growing fodder for animals without soil and requiring less water. It is well received. Interest from farmers in other regions
     - Agriculture Information Networks, through Whatsapp groups, connecting more than 400 farmers and agricultural specialists across the south
     - WFP is doing a Climate Change and Livelihoods assessment. Call for Interest was sent out to FSS partners.
   - Updates on farming and farmers’ needs in Alkufra (OCHA)
     - OCHA East presented agriculture related challenges in Alkufra, following a meeting with the municipality.
     - Satellite imagery shows the reduction of the agricultural land since 2012.
     - Main challenges identified:
       - Financial support.
       - Lack of knowledge and experiences.
       - Lack of electricity.
       - Failure to provide pesticides in a timely manner.
       - Eliminating Nematodes disease in palm trees.
       - Lack of sufficient agricultural machinery.
       - The spread of diseases among animals.
       - The issue of agricultural quarantine.
       - Deficit in food security and the difficulty of providing it in Alkufra.
       - Bad road to Alkufra.
     - AP: FSS to share the presentation with relevant partners
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- Updates on FS activities from partners
  - **DRC:**
    - DRC provides bread vouchers in Gargaresh sites, where migrants, refugees and asylum seekers use as temporary accommodation. Monitoring the situation shows major population movements, especially new arrivals following the closure of detention centres, such as Zintan and Al Khoms.
    - DRC is receiving requests for food assistance from vulnerable refugees, and highlighted the need to understand the referral procedures for them to be registered for food assistance
  - **WFP**
    - WFP highlighted the expectation from FSS to coordinate the harmonisation of food baskets for the different responses.
    - Price increases have been reported for 2 weeks, mostly bread, attributed to a shortage of flour and vegetable oil due to foreign exchange. The situation is being monitored.
    - AP: FSS to call for a WG on harmonisation processes
  - **OCHA**
    - REACH will present on 09 February the key findings of the 2020 MSNA related to the South.
  - **IOM**
    - 3 rescue operations at the Disembarkation Points, providing snacks, energy biscuits and water, in addition to other basic needs.
    - AP: IOM to connect DTM colleagues with FSS for further info on DCs and DPs
    - AP: FSS Coordinator to push relevant partners for more info on DCs

3. **Information Management**

  - IMO shared a presentation on the 2020 achievements, including target monitoring by activity. An infographic will be shared and uploaded on the 2020 Year in Review
  - 4Ws reporting: ActivityInfo is being reviewed and a training of partners will be conducted when finalized
  - FSS is seeking qualitative reporting on impacts of the different activities (stories, images, graphics, reports, etc)
  - Assessments are important to inform the next response planning.
  - AP: Partners to share status and plans for FS related assessments.
4. **Expectations from FSS**

- As noted beforehand, some partners are expecting the FSS to coordinate the harmonization process of food baskets, referrals, registrations, response modalities etc.

- **AP:** Partners are urged to give feedback on what they expect FSS to coordinate this year.