FOOD SECURITY SECTOR – oPt –
February 8th 2018 - Minutes of Meeting

Date, venue: Feb 8th, 10:00-12:00, MoA meeting room – West Bank
Facilitators: Marco Ferloni

Agenda:
1. Advocacy strategy – sharing and updates
2. FSS focal points (gender, advocacy) – nomination/renewal
3. FSS Cluster Coordination Performance Monitor survey – findings
4. Strategic Review of Food and Nutrition Security in Palestine – findings
5. Demolition response guidelines
6. Livestock working group – updates
7. SEFSec 2018 – updates
8. AoB

Attachments
1. FSS -Livelihood assets demolitions response guidelines
2. Assistance feedback form.

1. Advocacy strategy- sharing and updates

- Ahead of the HCT advocacy workshop planned to be held on 13th of February 2018, the FSS advocacy focal point (Action Against Hunger) presented the HCT advocacy strategy that falls under and reports to the HCT (main coordination body/Heads of Agency level), led by the HC.

- The membership of the HCT Advocacy Working Group (HCT AWG) includes representatives from the broad spectrum of agencies and organizations making up the humanitarian community: Cluster representatives/leads (1 UN, 1 NGO); e.g. Action Against Hunger for West Bank FSS other HCT Members, AIDA and PNGO.

- The AWG facilitates coordinated advocacy activities, and undertakes joint initiatives and events. Activities include reaching out to the public, institutions, and diplomats, at difference levels including government authorities, civil society and media.

- The HCT AWG focuses on modifications of policies and practices that contribute to generate humanitarian needs in the oPt. Key areas include preventing forced displacement and forcible transfer, and ensuring freedom of movement and humanitarian access.

- The presentation is available at this link: AWG presentation
2. FSS Advocacy and Gender focal points (nomination/renewal)

- Advocacy focal points’ major task is to facilitate sharing of information within the FSS, and liaise with wider national initiatives under the HCT Advocacy Working Group. Ideally there are 2 advocacy focal points, likewise for gender, possibly one local plus one international partner.

- The Advocacy and gender focal points will be representing the FSS in different meetings and fora and will deliver important advocacy messages also on behalf of the FSS.

- The FSS coordination team asked for nominations for the two focal points. At the meeting only AAH nominated themselves to play the role of FSS Advocacy focal point in WB. For the gender, ESDC, WE Effect, ACTED and RWDS nominated themselves to be the FSS gender focal points.

- Based on the nominations we received during the meeting, the FSS team will conduct rounds of consultation and bilateral meetings with nominees for the gender focal points, in order to agree who will be appointed.

- Interested partners for both (advocacy and gender focal points) still had the opportunity to show their interest by informing the FSS team before 21/2/2018.

3. FSS Cluster Coordination Performance Monitor Survey

- The Global Food Security Cluster launched the Country Cluster Performance Monitoring (CCPM) 2017 process in December 2017. The CCPM is designed to enable cluster partners to assess how their Cluster/Sector has achieved its core functions (as determined by the IASC). It focuses on six core and sub-functions of the Cluster, and the Cluster’s accountability to affected populations.

- As agreed, the findings will be discussed at FSS general meetings, where actions to improve performance will be planned, if they are needed. All sections of the surveys reported high level of achievements.

- For more details about the main findings of survey, please visit the FSS Web page at the following link: CCPM FSS

4. Strategic Review of Food and Nutrition Security in Palestine - findings

- This Review was prepared by MAS, commissioned and funded by the World Food Programme (WFP).

- The Review has confirmed that while the food security situation in the country has slightly recovered from each heights of humanitarian emergencies of the past decade, the underlying fragility and distortions in food and nutrition security continue to pose grave risks to the social welfare of the Palestinian people, especially in the Gaza Strip, and to national economic security.

- While the Palestinian government and civil society have considered the relevance of food and nutrition security policy and have made some efforts to address this issue, there are still many socio-economic challenges for eventually ensuring that basic needs of the poorest are addressed, for strengthening livelihoods and resilience, and for building a productive economy that can assure food security for all. These challenges are also addressed within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- For more details about the main findings of study, please visit the FSS Web page at the following link: Strategic Review MAS
5. Demolition response update

- The FSS worked in the last year toward ensuring a coordinated, timely and effective response to destruction of properties, especially agricultural livelihood assets, in order to prevent further displacement in the occupied West Bank.

- In this regard, the response aims to mitigate the impact of sudden, external man-made shocks resulting from infringement of IHL, which prevents households from continuing their traditional livelihood activities, and puts at risk their food security status.

- In order to ensure full coverage of all areas and FSS-related needs, FSS partners are invited to carefully plan their interventions in any affected areas of the West Bank and Jerusalem, with particular focus on Area C. The FSS made endorsed guidelines to facilitate a coordinated response mechanism.

- It was agreed that during 72 hours, partners should inform MoA, following the specific form shared at the meeting. As described in the guidelines, the section related to the HHs details will be filled out by the implementing partners under their responsibility of ensuring respect of confidentiality and informed consensus from the beneficiaries. Each FSS partners will implement this task according to its own internal procedure related to personal data gathering and informed consensus by the beneficiaries. The FSS team will present the guidelines to the Shelter demolition working group.

- The MoA is responsible for keeping HHs details confidential, according to MoA internal approved procedures.

- For more information, partners are invited to see the following documents:
  - FSS Livelihood assets demolitions response guidelines.
  - Assistance feedback form.
  - MoA commitment letter.

  All available at: FSS Guidelines Response to Demolitions

6. Livestock working group update

- The Livestock WG held a meeting in January 2018.

- During the meeting, the main outcomes were:
  - Fodder distribution is recommended only on ad-hoc basis in and specific cases in close coordination with MoA and the Livestock WG.
  - Animal shelter rehabilitation and construction still considered as top priority activity.
  - Water facilities rehabilitation activities considered as priority too.
  - Vet kit and/or any activities related to animal health still recommended as mentioned in the FSS HRP 2018 response matrix by acting in very close coordination with Vet. Service Dep. /MoA

7. SEFSec 2018 update

- Interested FSS partners are elaborating on the set of indicators to be included in the next data collection campaign, which will be conducted in June-July

- Meetings have been held in Gaza and Ramallah. All inputs from FSS partners have been consolidated and sent to PCBS for internal discussion, followed by sharing outputs with UN analysts in order to agree about the overall feasibility of proposed modifications. Involved partners will be partaken of the questionnaire revision.
• First general findings will be available end of September, beginning of October 2018.

8. AOB

• The FSS will trigger the preparation for updating the emergency and preparedness plan for the FSS, under the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group commitment. In this regard the FSS team will approach all partners to re-activate the Emergency and Preparedness WG in the coming weeks.

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