



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR – Palestine

August 30th, 2022 - Minutes of Meeting – West Bank & Gaza Strip

Date & venue: August 30th, 10:00-12:00, ZOOM

Facilitators: Hosni Barakat, Anas Musallam

Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Humanitarian Process Cycle –HPC- 20232. Scope of inclusion and targeting the PWDs in the FSS interventions. (HI approach)3. HF 2022 1st standard allocation update.4. A summary of needs/proposed response created by the Aug 2022 escalation5. AoB
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Meeting started welcoming the participants and presenting the agenda items by Hosni Barakat. Then the floor was given to Mr. Khaled Jaber from the MoA who welcomed the participants.

1. Humanitarian Process Cycle (HPC-2023)

- The HPC-2023 was officially kicked off in Late June. This was followed by series of meetings and consultations with different clusters and other local and international stakeholders in West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- This year, there has been -Globally- a call for a lighter HPC process. However, the HPC will remain a collaborative effort focused on producing a strong joint, inter-sectoral analysis and associated plans.
- In **Palestine**, it was agreed to: 1) Reduce the size of the documents by focusing on what is most relevant and eliminating duplication. And 2) Highlight the current and anticipated inter-sectoral needs and the associated response.
- Some key dates:

Date	Event
End of August	HNO Intersectoral Analysis Workshop
During August 2022	Internal discussions and analyze sectoral data, develop initial sectoral PiN and severity
Last two weeks of September	First draft of the HNO document and HRP workshop
October 4 th -14 th	Project Upload to the online system (hpc tools)
October 15 th -30 th	Vetting of project proposals
1 st week of December	Global Humanitarian Overview Launch

- [Click here to get the full presentation of the HPC 2023 road map on the FSS web page.](#)

2. Scope of inclusion and targeting the PWDs in the FSS interventions. (HI approach)

- Humanity and Inclusion (HI) presented their approaches and experience in inclusion of persons with disabilities in the FSS and livelihood sectors:
 - **Inclusive graduation** model was considered by covering the basic needs and supporting the economic resilience of the HHs to exit poverty through have access to sustainable income sources and soft capacity building.
 - **Support services** were provided by overcoming barriers and enhance participation of vulnerable groups e.g. providing assistive devices such as wheelchairs and mobility aids that enable a person with a mobility impairment to access the community.
 - **Specialize services** were provided by providing modification to the tools and adaptation to the homes and premises of BNFs and provide technical trainings and ad-hoc support.
 - Key elements of PWDs inclusion must do: **Participation, Addressing barriers, Empowerment and capacity development, and Data collection and monitoring.**
- In their 2021 interventions, 7,378 individuals were supported through Food E-vouchers, and 100 through IGAs.
- In line with the HI's Twin-Track approach that leads to the inclusion as ultimate goal there is other inclusion approaches that leads to self-reliance, equity and dignity of people.
- For more information about HI interventions visually, [click here to find the presentation.](#)

3. HF 2022 1st standard allocation update

- The first standard allocation of the Humanitarian Fund (HF) was launched, and organizations submitted their projects to the Grant Management System (GMS). And the FSS allocated budget is \$2.4M out of the total amount of the allocation (\$10M).

- 16 projects were submitted under the FSS in West Bank and Gaza; 7 projects were submitted by local organizations, 8 projects were submitted by international organizations, and one project was submitted by a UN agency.
- After the strategic review done by the Strategic Review Committee (SRC), only 5 projects were approved:
 - 1) Three projects in Gaza: ACTED, Oxfam and SC, with a total fund of \$1.65M, and
 - 2) Two projects in the West Bank: AAA and PARC, with a total fund of \$0.75M
- The 5 winning projects are in the final stages of starting the implementation; one of them has already started.

Org.	Project Activities	# of BNFs	Project Period	Project Budget (US\$)	Project Locations
AAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of agricultural tools ▪ Rehabilitating of Agricultural roads ▪ Rehabilitation of water pipelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 42,480 individuals 	7 months	301,643.70	Hebron Qalqilya Salfit
ACTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food vouchers ▪ MPCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 450 HHs (2,475 individuals) ▪ 299 HHs (1,645 individuals) 	8 months	499,866.02	All Gaza Governorates
Oxfam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food vouchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4,092 individuals (around 744 HHs) 	months	605,708.61	Gaza, North Gaza Middle Area
PARC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of agricultural tools ▪ Rehabilitating of Agricultural lands and roads ▪ Rehabilitation of water storages ▪ Installation of main irrigation pipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1,009 Individuals 	8 months	442,636.55	Jenin - Nablus – Qalqiliya – Tubas - Tulkarm
SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food vouchers 	737 vulnerable HHs (approx. 4053 people)	8 months	542,567.90	Rafah Khan Yunis

- Each of the five organizations provided a brief presentation about its own project. The presentation with more can be found on the FSS webpage.

4. A summary of needs/proposed response created by the Aug 2022 escalation

- The people in the Gaza Strip are witnessing a continuous decline in their living conditions. Their food insecurity is directly linked to households' inability to purchase food available on the market, and the food security situation in Gaza Strip continues to be characterized by high levels of food insecurity, with more than 64% HHs being food insecure for the last five years.
- The recent escalation in Gaza and the global commodities prices volatility due to the Ukraine crisis, as well as the disruption of supply chains, and the shortage of supply compared to demand in the post-COVID era, have a strong impact on the humanitarian aspects in Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis, wheat flour prices in Palestine have increased by 32 percent, vegetable oil prices by 15 percent, and fuel prices by 10%.
- The consequences of importing food and agricultural commodities, which severely affect vulnerable households, deteriorate the purchasing power for food and endanger the agricultural producers access to the key inputs (fertilizers, animal fodders,....etc). Because of the recent escalation, the MoA in Gaza initially estimated the overall damages and losses in the agriculture sector at 1 M\$.
- The FSS has prioritized two main activities to respond to the immediate needs caused by the recent escalation in August 2022 as follow:
 - Provision of cash assistance to Palestine families to cover their basic food needs and restore their coping capacities. The estimated cost of the needs is \$825K.
 - Immediate support to affected farmers, herders, and fishers to reactivate their production cycles. The estimated cost of the needs is \$1.0M.

5. AoB

- The Gender focal point in Gaza has resigned from her work and the gender focal point for the FSS now needs to be replaced. FSS urges partners if any organization is interested to have this role to communicate by the End of the week (Thursday, September 1st). interested partners to express their willingness to have this role.
- MoA stressed on the necessity of the coordination with the ministry before the implementation of projects to ensure no overlapping and to serve a wider group of farmers.

6. Action Points

- HI to coordinate with the disability working group (DWG) for providing awareness session to FSS partners on how to mainstream PWDs the FSS HRP 2023 planned interventions.

List of Participants:

As shown on the Zoom

N°	Name	Organization
1.	Hosni Barakat	FSS
2.	Anas Musallam	FSS
3.	Stefania DeGuiseppe	FSS
4.	Khaled Jaber	MoA
5.	Feryal Taha	MoA
6.	Ali Alkam	MoA
7.	Mosa Jadba	MoA – Gaza
8.	Omayma Shaltaf	AAA
9.	Wisam Shawwa	AAH
10.	Abdel Jawad xxxxxxxxx	AAH
11.	Manar Al-Sayed	ACAD
12.	Osama Jouda	ACTED
13.	Sami Zimmoo	ACTED
14.	Muneer Murtaja	AIDA
15.	Nael Al-Omour	Al-Fukhari Assosication
16.	Marian xxxxxxxxx	ARIJ
17.	Ibrahim Taha	BLDA
18.	Saed Al-Madhoun	CARE
19.	Abed Yasin	ESDC
20.	Aisha Salem	ESDC
21.	Ali Derbashi	ESDC
22.	Rana Saqer	GC – CHF
23.	Ahmed Sourani	GUPAP
24.	Mohammed Shamallakh	GVC
25.	Moayyad Daraghmeh	GVC
26.	Haitham Abu Sabt	HI
27.	Osama Hamdan	HI
28.	Usama Mukhallalati	ICRC
29.	Hanin Toman	IRPAL
30.	Jony Musallam	MAAN
31.	Ghada Al-Aryan	MC
32.	Khitam Hamayel	MoA
33.	Hani Al-Shawwaf	MoSD
34.	Ala'a Ghalayeeni	NDC
35.	Munther AbdelHadi	NDC
36.	Mai Abu Watfa	NPA
37.	Rinda Saleh	NPA

38.	Eyad Shwaikeh	OCHA
39.	Ahmed Abu Shammaleh	OCHA
40.	Waseem Ashour	Oxfam
41.	Mohammed Saed Rasheed	Oxfam
42.	Abdallah Al-Farra	PAAPD (Al-Nakheel Assoc.)
43.	Muqbel Abu Jaish	PARC
44.	Hani Ralawi	PARC
45.	Tamador Akel	PARC
46.	Muqbel Abu Jiesh	PARC
47.	Riyadh Junainah	PHG
48.	Abboud Al-Shareef	PUI
49.	Hazem Al-Madhoun	PUI
50.	Yasmin Al-Rayyes	QC
51.	Hussein Qanou	SC
52.	Khaled Naouq	SC
53.	Hana Abu Eyada	SIF
54.	SIF HoM	SIF
55.	Moayyad Bsharat	UAWC
56.	Ali Jabbarin	WFP
57.	Luay Qrenawy	WFP

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