Beneficiary Targeting for Agriculture & Livelihood Activities

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North East Nigeria Response
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## EFSVL Interventions (FY 2016 – 2018)

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Purpose of Beneficiary Identification

a defined and agreed acceptance criteria based on need, vulnerability and to determine the type and level of support required:

• **who** has been impacted, to determine the scale of response
• **how** they’ve been impacted, to determine the priorities of response
• **their needs** and **vulnerability**, to determine the type of response with regards to available resources
Beneficiary Selection Process

1. Introductory meetings to community leaders, government authorities and local coordination to other humanitarian actors + **security risk + needs-based assessment**

2. **Formations of community committee** and **selection of community volunteers** includes orientations of Oxfam ways of working and capacity building support activities

3. **Community meetings** for beneficiaries criteria for identification/selection/targeting plus set-up **Complaint and Response Mechanism**

4. **Household Survey** [Profiles, Food Sources and Consumption (FCS, HDDS), MUAC, Food Garden/Crops Production, CSI] using **Mobenzi Platform** a systematic and accurate approach

5. **Selection** based on **agreed criteria between communities committees and Oxfam**: including **verification/validation/cross-checking** and posting (if security situation allows) of preliminary and final beneficiary list (period of at least 5 days)

6. **Token/Voucher Card Distributions** managed by Oxfam and Community Committees/Leaders with final validation/verification check for every distribution

7. **PDMs, field monitoring, continuous collections communities feedback and responding complaints**: basis for adjustments/changes of targeting criteria
Recommendations and Lessons Learned

• Geographical coverage must be focused on the areas and populations most in need where prioritization of the most vulnerable is necessary, not only the most accessible areas.

• Beneficiary selection and targeting guidelines/process should be explained in details to communities – widely disseminated and understandable communication.

• Understand the power dynamics at community and household level both in camps and host communities.

• Not rely solely on lists provided by political or other influential actors including community or group leaders.

• Oxfam designate the MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) and Protection, as independent team to cross-check/verify/validate the surveyed/registered beneficiaries.
**Recommendations and Lessons Learned**

- Due to fluid security situations or changing context - **flexibility of funding** is important to target and respond the emerging needs e.g. new arrivals, new displacement

- Required **better coordination** within and in-between sector/cluster – ensure more comprehensive coverage, clearer prioritization or rationalized relief efforts (**selection stage to distribution**)

- **Facilitate access to information** for all e.g. inclusion and participation to most vulnerable group

- **Periodic/timely monitoring** and re-planning to review the targeting criteria and selection process e.g. PDMs, Complaint and Response Mechanism

- **Utilize the technically sound indicators of food security and livelihood** to justify the harmonization for targeting approach

  [http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/11._indicators_handbookv4_1.pdf](http://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/11._indicators_handbookv4_1.pdf)
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Partners' experience sharing on beneficiary targeting for agriculture & livelihood activities