Recommended Agriculture Working Group: Survey Results and Proposed Way Forward

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Background

- Repeated calls for a new working group on agriculture (2018, 2019)
- Nov 2019 Global Partners Meeting agreed to undertake a survey to determine whether there is a felt need for a new WG on agriculture
- Survey was designed by a small group of gFSC members, plus gFSC Support Team
- Survey was implemented among FSC in-country teams and gFSC members in March 2020
- Results were presented at SAG meeting in April 2020
Survey respondents (N=201)

Involvement with FSC

- FSC coordinator at national or local level: 17%
- FSC member at national level: 68%
- gFSC member or observer at HQ or international level: 15%

Organisations

- International NGO: 38%
- National NGO: 36%
- International Organization/United Nations: 18%
- Donor: 3%
- Government department or organization: 4%
- Academia/University: 1%

Current role

- Project cycle: Design, planning, implementation, M&E: 27%
- Needs assessment and/or feasibility study: 20%
- Coordination: 21%
- Specialized technical support unit or department, including decision-making about intervention type: 15%
- Proposal-writing, fundraising and/or fund allocation: 17%
Seeds and crop-based interventions

Have you played a supporting role in relation to Seeds and crop-based agricultural interventions in emergency, protracted and/or transitional contexts?

- **No**: 40%
- **Yes**: 60%

**OVERALL:**
- 54% reported a need for additional guidance
- 39% reported that information is adequate
- 8% don't know

Have you been able to access adequate technical guidance for the various aspects of seed / crop-based agricultural interventions?

- Information is adequate
- Need for additional guidance
- Not sure / Don't know

**PC:** Needs assessment for seed / crop-based agricultural interventions
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**PC:** Decision-making / feasibility regarding different types of interventions
- Decision-making / feasibility regarding different types of interventions

**PC:** Sourcing and procurement of appropriate inputs
- Sourcing and procurement of appropriate inputs

**PC:** Implementation modalities for different intervention types
- Implementation modalities for different intervention types

**PC:** Monitoring, including post-distribution assessments and post-harvest assessments
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**TI:** Identification of appropriate crops / seeds / tools and other inputs
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1. **TI:** Marketing and market linkages
2. **TI:** Identification of appropriate agronomic practices and/or technologies
3. **TI:** Post-harvest processing and storage
Livestock interventions

Have you played a supporting role in relation to livestock and livestock-based agricultural interventions in emergency, protracted and/or transitional contexts?

- Yes: 52%
- No: 48%

Have you been able to access adequate technical guidance for the various aspects of livestock and livestock-based agricultural interventions?

- Information is adequate
- Need for additional guidance
- Not sure / Don't know

OVERALL:
- 63% reported a need for additional guidance
- 27% reported that information is adequate
- 10% don't know
Fisheries and Forestry interventions

Have you played a supporting role in relation to fisheries interventions in emergency, protracted and/or transitional contexts?

- Yes: 16%
- No: 84%

Have you played a supporting role in relation to forestry interventions in emergency, protracted and/or transitional contexts?

- Yes: 16%
- No: 84%
Conclusions

- Survey results highlight the need to provide guidance on Agricultural interventions (especially for Seeds/Crops and Livestock sub-sectors).

- Results were presented in April to the SAG, who agreed to establish the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) - no official start date due to C19.

- SAG recommended to discuss the AWG establishment at the May Global Partners meeting.

- If necessary, those to be involved in the AWG will continue to support the newly created C19 WG (especially for guidance on seeds and livestock).
Next steps

• Official launch of the Agriculture Working Group with invitation for interested gFSC members to join

• Establish AWG membership

• Call for applications for the chair and co-chair

• Election of the chair and co-chair

• Establish links with other WGs (e.g. PQWG, COVID, etc.) and initiatives (SEADS)

• More detailed analysis of the survey results to inform ToR and workplan

• Organize a working session to define Terms of Reference and Workplan

• Establish AWG Terms of Reference
To sign up as a member of the Agriculture Working Group, please use the Google sheet indicated in the chat box.

OR

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