SAG Minutes of Meeting

A. Meeting Information

Date: 4 February 2019  
Location: skype call
Opening Time: 03:00pm  
Closing Time: 4:10pm
Called By: SAG Group  
Chaired by: Bruno Minjauw

B. Attendees

- Bruno Minjauw, gFSC
- Cyril Lekief, ACF
- Angela Hinrichs, FAO
- Carine Malardeau, IFRC
- Elisa Persico, WFP
- Emilie Poisson, Impact
- Philippa Young, OXFAM

C. Agenda

1. Next gFSC Partners’ Meeting;
2. Riccardo’s mission in Chad ad Somalia on FAM;
3. Cluster Coordinators’ surveys; and
4. Any Other Business.

D. Points discussed and decisions taken

1. Next gFSC Partners’ Meeting

As decided during the last SAG conference call (22 January 2019), the next gFSC Partners’ Meeting is scheduled on 23 and 24 May 2019 in WFP Rome. The technical working groups are scheduled on 22 May 2019, same location. It comes to the attention of the SAG that the Partner’s Meeting coincides with UK bank holiday the following Monday (27 May 2019), therefore some participants could not be able to attend the event. Given the above, the SAG has decided the following:

i. The next SAG face-to-face meeting/retreat is moved from the 21 and 22 May to the 20 and 21 May 2019 – same location, Rome (venue to be confirmed).

ii. The next gFSC Partners’ Meeting is moved from the 23 and 24 May to 22 and 23 May 2019 – location in Rome to be confirmed according to availability of meeting rooms.

iii. The technical working groups will be anticipated to 21 May 2019 – same location as the gFSC Partners’ Meeting.
2. **Riccardo’s mission in Chad and Somalia on FAM;**

The goal of Riccardo’s mission to in Chad was to join the World Bank (WB) consultant and jointly work on the FAM workplan. It seems that the World Bank is taking the lead of this project advancing faster than WFP, FAO and UNICEF. Because of this situation, Riccardo has been asked to go to Somalia and keep working with the WB’s consultant on the FAM workplan. Currently, it’s not clear who will clear the FAM workplan and no further information are available. More details will be given by Riccardo at the end of his mission. The understanding is that the WB has no intention to fund any humanitarian agency on this project but, instead fund government plans. In term of food security, we don’t know if we will be involved or if it’s going to be government’s led projects. The mechanism used by the WB to predict famine is Artemis.

3. **Cluster Coordinators’ survey**

Currently there are two different tools used by the gFSC to collect information from, and to evaluate the Clusters on the field.

i. **Cluster Coordinators’ Performance Survey:** the goal of this survey is to asses and review the global Food Security Cluster's performance, collect feedbacks from the Cluster Coordinators on the field, and better identify their needs. As decided during the SAG face-to-face meeting in Paris, to be able to find better ways to communicate between the gFSC, country clusters and SAG, the SAG is proposing to revise the survey used so far, adding more sections and detailed questions.

**ACTION PLAN:**
- **By 15 February 2019:** SAG and gFSC to send comments on the proposed questionnaire/survey to Philippa;
- **By 25 February 2019:** Philippa will send the revised questionnaire to SAG for final comments;
- **By 4 March 2019:** Final version should be ready for SAG approval;
- **Mid-March 2019:** Start interviews with the selected Cluster Coordinators.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- 15/20 Cluster Coordinators will be selected from the existing one (around 30).
- The SAG will decide if the interview will be a one-to-one interview, where each SAG member will interview one Coordinator (for a total of 2/3 interviews per member) or if two SAG members will participate to the interview of each Coordinator.
- The interviewer will contact directly the Coordinator to set date and time of the interview. The gFSC will provide complete contact information of the selected Coordinators.
- The interview should last for 1 hour maximum.

ii. **Cluster Coordination Performance Monitor (CCPM):** the CCPM is a self-assessment exercise. The Clusters are monitoring their: (1) performance against the six core cluster functions set out in the Reference Module for Cluster Coordination at Country Level, and (2) accountability to affected populations. The CCPM is a country-led process, which is supported by the gFSC and it is ideally conducted by all clusters (and sectors) at the same time, though it can be implemented by individual clusters or a group of clusters.
The CCPM for 2018 has been sent to the Cluster Coordinators and the results will be available at the end of February 2019.

4. **Any Other Business**

- gFSC Annual Report: it will be finalized soon – hopefully by the end of next week (15 February 2019).
- Mid-term review: the final version, including Carine’s comments, should be already online on the gFSC’s website – the gFSC will check and revert.
- A dedicated SAG email address will be created soon, to enable the group to send out messages on behalf of the SAG.
- Bruno will share the result of the Global Network Report Workshop (Rome, 5-6 February 2019) at the end of the event.
- Global Network Against Food Crisis (Brussels, 2-3 April 2019): more information about the event have been request by the SAG. As of today, Bruno doesn’t have further details: he will share them as soon as available.