Following the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016, the Secretary General called for all actors “to return our focus to the people at the centre of these crises” because when we don’t, we are less likely to deliver humanitarian response that is relevant and appropriate to needs. Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) is an active commitment to take account of, give account to, and be held to account by the people humanitarian organisations seek to assist. It focuses on the rights, dignity and safety of all segments of an affected community, supporting our ability to identify the capacities, aspirations, constraints and unique needs by gender, age, and diversity groups as they evolve over time.

Food Security Cluster (FSC) co-lead agencies, FAO and WFP, and partners must seek informed consent from the affected populations by way of meaningful engagement. The affected populations’ views and opinions must be sought and factored into the planning and decision making process. This forms the basis of subsequent engagements that need to include systematic sharing of relevant, timely and reliable information regarding the organisation and its programs or projects. This lays the foundation for participation that creates ownership, accountability and sustainability. A safe and accessible formal mechanism where the affected population can channel their concerns is also a critical part of accountability.

The Food Security Clusters through the Cluster Lead Agencies are members of the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and therefore committed to integrating and promoting Accountability to Affected Populations in their responsibilities.

**AGENDA**

- Introduction, global overview on AAP discussion: David Loquercio (facilitator)
- WFP’s new AAP policy: Maria Alvarez
- Food Security Cluster example for mainstreaming AAP in cluster/sector coordination: Phyza Jameel
- WVI’s best practice example on mainstreaming AAP in Food Security interventions: Marumbo Ngwira
- Q&A

**BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Program Quality Working Group (PQWG)
Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) Webinar, 04 April 2017, 02:00-03:30 pm (CEST / GMT + 2h)
OBJECTIVE: Sharing experience on how best to mainstream AAP in Food Security interventions and Food Security cluster/sector coordination, raising awareness and showing different perspectives of AAP-mainstreaming

SPEAKERS

Maria Alvarez, AAP Programme and Policy Officer, WFP, Rome/Italy
Maria Alvarez is Accountability to Affected Population advisor at the World Food Programme. She leads the development and roll-out of guidance materials and tools on integrating AAP in WFP’s operations. She supports WFP country offices and partners in the field on implementing AAP and leads the documentation and exchange of lessons and experiences on AAP in WFP’s programmes across country offices, regions and the global level.

Marumbo Ngwira, Director Food Assistance Programme Development, World Vision International, Johannesburg/RSA
Dr Marumbo Ngwira is currently working as the Director for Food Assistance focusing on program development. She joined World Vision International in 2007 as Program Quality Advisor focusing on Accountability, Monitoring and evaluation and learning. From there she moved into managing Food Assistance learning and innovation focusing on technology and organisation learning.

Phyza Jameel, Accountability to Affected Population Officer, WFP/FSC cluster Iraq

David Loquercio, Head of Policy, Advocacy & Learning, CHS Alliance, Geneva/Switzerland
David Loquercio is head of Policy, Advocacy & Learning at the CHS Alliance. He leads the development of Core Humanitarian Standard tools and policies, such as the recent CHS self-assessment tool and the CHS guidance notes & indicators. He also supports country teams on accountability issues and currently works with OCHA in the Democratic Republic of Congo to operationalise their commitment to effective, relevant and timely humanitarian response. David steers the CHS Alliance research agenda and is executive editor of the Humanitarian Accountability Report.

How can we make this happen at programme level? This webinar will be an opportunity to present and discuss experiences and initiatives that Food Security Clusters, FSC lead agencies and partners are taking to operationalise AAP commitments.

Please join us on April 4th from 14:00-15:30 CEST to learn more and to share your views and experiences. The links to the webinar will be shared closer to date.

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