MAPUTO FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING MINUTES

DATE Thursday, 23rd July 2020
TIME 9.00 – 10.20
VENUE Microsoft Teams

AGENDA
1. Introduction (All)
2. Humanitarian situation updates- Cabo Delgado - (FSC)
3. Mozambique Food Security outlook Jun 2020 (FEWSNET)
4. Food Security Cluster Response Updates: Lean season outputs, current response and RFP (WFP)
5. FSC Response update (FSC)
6. AoB (All)

1. INTRODUCTION (FSC):
   ✓ The new FSC Information Management Officer, Mr. Joao Muianga who joined FSC team recently was introduced. Mr. Joao Muianga will be working together with William Lavell, Current FSC Information Management Officer.
   ✓ Partners were also informed of the movement of Apolonia Morhaim, Beira FSC Coordinator from Beira to Pemba to support operational coordination of current humanitarian situation in Cabo Delgado province.

2. HUMANITARIAN SITUATION UPDATES- CABO DELGADO (FSC)
   ✓ Humanitarian situation remains critical for estimated 211,500 IDPs and their host communities in Cabo Delgado; estimated 5,845 and 241 IDPs in Nampula and Niassa provinces respectively.
   ✓ 25,473 IDPs (6,867hhs) are in Metuge with 63% living in host communities.
   ✓ There is a planned relocation of IDPs to Ngalane settlement centers.
   ✓ Multi-sectoral interagency assessment/community engagement were conducted in Metuge on 9/13 July 2020 to inform relocation.
   ✓ The objectives of multisectoral assessment and community engagement exercises were to assess and identify main needs, vulnerabilities and available capacities of the clusters to respond to the needs of the IDPs and host communities.

   METUGE MULTISECTORAL ASSESSMENT
   ✓ Government made decision to relocate approximately 9,500 people (1,900) from Metuge to Ngalane resettlement centre.
   ✓ The assessment process were in two folds (1) Community Engagement Exercises and multisectoral needs assessment.
   ✓ Methodology: 20 FGDs in 5 different IDP sites in Metuge on 9th July 2020 and followed by Host Communities consultations on 13th July 2020 in Ngalane proposed resettlement sites.
   ✓ 20 humanitarian partners participated in the assessment.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS
Approximately 1,900 IDPs households (9,500-10,000 people) of Makua ethnicity displaced to Metuge and in dire needs of food assistance as they depend entirely on food support.

The IDPs are willing to undertake farming activities their main livelihood source pre-displacement however there are concerns about land access for IDPs to engage in agriculture for own consumptions and income.

Host communities (Maconde ethnicity) are willing to receive IDPs however there are concerns about likely insecurity movements may bring.

Ngalane site conditions: 2/3 of the land in the sites are privately owned. Altitude is about 13m higher than the overall low area of Metuge Sede and has natural drainage which is safe from floods however it lacks basic services (land for agriculture, health, water & sanitation, schools, electricity)

There is no markets in Ngalane settlement centers which poses challenges/ difficulties in accessing food;

Host community families’ main livelihoods include agriculture, hunting, petty trade to complement food.

**RESPONSE CAPACITY**

FSC response for 35,000 people in Metuge is as outlined below:

- WFP operation plan: 29,000 people
- IrisGlobal plan: 6,000 people
- Caritas: 840 people
- List of services and activities that can be provided by the different organizations
- CCCM meeting and the next steps will be defined for all actor

**DISCUSSIONS**

Questions were raised whether current food assistance were need or status base which was clarified as status base however there will be move towards needs base during the upcoming lean season.

Another question was related to the needs especially for food assistance which was clarified as adequate at the moment base on partners current capacity for food assistance.

**3. MOZAMBIQUE FOOD SECURITY OUTLOOK JUNE 2020 (FEWSNET)**

FEWSNET presented food security outlook for June 2020 to January 2021.

According to Water Requirement Satisfaction index (WRSI), estimates for grain maize production and field reports indicate crop failure in the southern parts of the country (Inhambane, Gaza and Maputo provinces) with WRSI below 50%. While performance of the main planting season in northern and central parts of the country were adequate.

According to WRSI and assuming planting dates of 1-10 January indicates crops planted between November 2019 and December 2019 failed in southern Mozambique (Gaza, Inhambane and Maputo provinces) and parts of central Mozambique.

In addition, cumulative rainfalls in Gaza and Inhambane provinces were less than long term mean and poorly distributed.

While cumulative rainfall in the central parts of the country was near average and in northern parts of the country especially Cabo Delgado above average.

Similar trend were also observed with prices of maize grains with Southern representative market close to reaching price ceiling for 20/21 by January 2020 while in central and northern below 20/21 price ceiling.

**FOOD SECURITY OUTCOMES**
Current outcomes (June 2020)

✓ Most rural households in central and northern Mozambique are relatively food secure;
✓ In the southern semi-arid areas and the southern portions of Manica and Sofala provinces, poor rural households are facing food gaps driven by the third consecutive year of drought (IPC Phase 3);
✓ In Cabo Delgado, poor households are facing food consumption gaps as a result of the impacts of ongoing conflict (IPC Phase 3).
✓ In urban and peri-urban areas, poor households who have lost the ability to engage in their basic livelihood activities due to COVID-19 control measures are currently facing Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes. According to SETSAN acute IPC done in May, 15% of people in Maputo and Matola are currently facing Crisis (IPC Phase 3).

Project food security outcomes (June to September 2020)

✓ The majority of poor households throughout the country will most likely face None (IPC Phase 1) acute food insecurity;
✓ in the semi-arid southern and parts of central areas, northeastern Cabo Delgado, very poor and poor households will likely face Crisis (IPC Phase 3);
✓ Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, in urban and peri-urban areas, the current area classification is most likely Stressed (IPC Phase 2). However, the most vulnerable households who have their income generation alternatives constrained due to impacts of COVID-19 are likely facing Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes.

Projected Food Security outcomes (October 2020 to March 2021)

✓ From October 2020 to January 2021, Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes will emerge in southern Tete province, and will deepen in southern region and Cabo Delgado with additional people facing Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes.
✓ In urban and peri-urban areas, it is anticipated that it will take longer than the scenario period for income and business activity to return to pre-COVID-19 levels following extended government restrictions. Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes will likely continue, particularly among the most vulnerable poor households who will require extra support to recover.

Discussions

✓ Clarifications were sought on the latest assessment in Cabo Delgado northern districts to which FEWSNET responded that the last official assessment was November 2019 however FEWSNET undertakes continuous monitoring of the situation (monthly basis).

4. **FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER RESPONSE UPDATES: OUTPUT INDICATORS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Outputs from Lean Season 2019-2020

✓ WFP presented outputs of November 2019/March 2020 FFA lean season food assistance responses through cash and in kind in 40 districts in 9 provinces through 18 partners as outlined below:
  - 134,000 beneficiaries assisted (Kenneth);
  - 900,000 beneficiaries assisted (Idai)
  - 223,000 beneficiaries under drought through cash and in kind modalities.
✓ Key Finding: On average, 36% of the person day (PD) used (approximately 4.8 million / 13.2 million). Reasons:
  - Cabo Delgado – Interrupted due to conflict (11% of PD)
  - COVID – March activities interrupted
  - Late beginning of activities. Late distribution of NFIs
Lack of engagement by Communities – Activities supervisor

- Type of activities: Mainly focused on agricultural activities, roads improvements and household assets.
- Agricultural activities included - Preparation of land, plantation, multiplication plots, etc which accounted for 50% of PD.
- Lessons learnt: Asset Planning tool considered key for future FFA programs and Follow-up exercise planned to measure the impact of these assets.

**WFP Food Assistance Response updates – WFP**

- WFP reached 193,588 beneficiaries with food assistance in Cabo Delgado, Nampula, Maniza and Sofala in June 2020 out of the planned 178,959 people (108% of the planned).

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**WFP Food Assistance plan for July to October 2020.**

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**Request for Proposal for Partnership**

**CP SELECTION:**

- July 17 - Launch of the application for submission of Proposals through the UN portal
- July 31 - deadline for submission of proposals
- August 1 - August 10 - WFP feedback to partners. Finalization of the proposal.
- August 10 to 14 - Presentation of proposals to the WFP financial committee for approval
- August 15 - Letter of intent with pre-approved budget
PREPARATION PHASE:
- August 17 to 21 - Orientation and training meetings with selected CPs.
- August 24 to September 15 - community consultations, identification and registration of beneficiaries. Formation of community committees. Identification of assets to be created, organization of work groups, awareness and training in food distribution and asset creation activities.
- September 20 - Asset creation activity component submitted to WFP for approval
- September 30 - FLAs finalized and signed
- October 1 to 15 - Operational progress processed and transferred by WFP to selected CPs
- October 15-30 - NFI acquisition and preparation

5. FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER RESPONSE UPDATES (FSC)
- 190,043 beneficiaries reached with food assistance in 22 districts in 4 provinces of Cabo Delgado, Sofala, Manica and Nampula by WFP, IrisGlobal and Young Africa through their cooperating partners (SEPPA, ANDA, YAI, CCM, WVI, INGC, FH and INAR).
- The main modality of the assistance is in kind general food distribution followed by CBT.
- For livelihoods, 1,024,195 beneficiaries reached with livelihood assistance cumulatively since beginning of planting season in October 2019 in 7 provinces and 46 districts by FAO, CESVI, OXFAM and CARE and their implementing partners (40 implementing partners).
- The main activity is seed kit distribution.
- In June only 13,032 beneficiaries were reached through livelihood assistance.

6. AoB
- FSC informed members that CLAs and FSC plans to undertake After Action Review for FSC response to cyclones and further details will be provided during the next meeting.

- **Attendance:** WFP, DFID, USAID, OFDA, UNICEF, SETSAN, FEWSNET, SCI, iDE, ACTION AID MOZAMBIQUE, ADRA, AVSI and FSC TEAM.
- **Next meeting:** Thursday, 6th August 2020 at 9.00-10.20am online