



FSAS Partners National Monthly Virtual MEETING

April 12, 2022

Agenda

1. Food security and market situation analysis – WFP/AM updates including impact of the war overview.
2. Activity-info updates (LCRP, ERP...)
3. LHF new allocation updates: status of the Expression of Interest
4. Impact of the war on projects implementation: a quick round table
5. ERP revision process
6. FSAS Core Group renewal
7. Monitoring of ad-hoc Ramadan activities: what is in place within the FSAS coordination.
8. Partners key updates (round table for new activities launched and other relevant communications)

PARTNERS ATTENDING: 59 participants from 39 agencies including the Sector Coordination team ACFSpain, ACTED, ADRA, AM, ANERA, ASI, AVSI, AzmSaade, B&Z, Care, Caritas, Concern, DPNA, Echo, FAO, FSF, ICU, Insan, IR Leb, IR-WW, LEB-Relief, MCC, Merath, MoA, NRC, PiN, RI, SCI, shareQ, SIF, solidarites, UN, UNDP, UNHCR, URDA, WATAD, WFP, WHH, WVI.

Recording link: [here](#)

1- WFP RAM: Food security and market situation analysis

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- A decrease of 21 percent is registered when comparing the first quarter of 2022 to 2021, 29 percent to 2020, and 36 percent to 2019
- Stock levels slightly dropped by end of March 2022.
- Scarcity in products increasing in March 2022 . Previously stable since September 2021 (after peak of fuel crisis)
- Lebanese Lira (LBP) lost more than 90 percent of its values since start of crisis; High of USD/LBP 33,000 reached in January 2022.
- Food SMEB recorded a nine percent increase between January and February, at LBP 619,000 per person
- Complications between suppliers requiring payment in USD and stations selling in LBP and not being able to exchange full amount back to USD through the Sayrafa platform.
- **Impact of the Ukrainian Conflict on Food Supply and Prices**
 - 20-25% of the global wheat export not available in the market due to conflict/sanctions (Russia Federation or Ukraine ranked amongst the top three global exporters of wheat, maize, sunflower seeds and oil);

- Export bans/partial export bans by several countries;
- Availability of fertilizers and increasing cost might affect agricultural inputs
- Increased fuel and shipping prices (shipping prices having increased x10 since covid19);
- Wheat remains the only commodity subsidized at the LBP 1,500 rate.

2- FSS September updates

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- Partners' progress update in March 2021. For more information, please refer to the slides, or check the sector's [dashboard](#)

3- LHF new allocation updates: status of the Expression of Interest

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- 9 projects were submitted by 8 organisations
- EOI deadline is on Friday April 15th COB. The submission of the EOI maybe considered as a key factor during the vetting process to evaluate the coordination effort showed by applicants.
- Applicants were asked to provide their consensus to share their plans with other Partners, in order to trigger critical district level coordination efforts, potentially leading to joint applications or revision of plans. The FSAS Team will follow this up with concerned Partners.

4- Impact of the war on projects implementation: a quick round table

Partners raised the following points:

- They are struggling to find raw materials (oil, flour and sugar) to bakeries. As mitigation measure, some pilot projects have initiated to secure flour from local resources.
- Fuel prices have increased as a result of the war.
- Food prices heavily increased affecting the SMEB.

5- ERP revision process

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- **Strategic Objective:** Address the unmet immediate basic needs, including food needs, of the most vulnerable Lebanese and migrant populations.
- **Activity 1:** Emergency food and basic needs assistance (cash or in kind)
- **Activity 2:** Emergency food assistance through various modalities
- **Activity 3:** Basic assistance through cash
- **Next Steps:**
 - Validation of existing FSAS objective and activities
 - Organisations with projects under the current ERP will receive a communication asking for reviewing their projects until Dec-2022. The Process of projects extension/validation is not defined yet.
 - Organisations with ongoing projects reported to the FTS but not under the current HRP will be contacted in order to evaluate the opportunity to include those projects under the HRP
 - Finalisation by end of April beginning of May as far as the overall figures are concerned.

6- FSAS Core Group renewal

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- Core group members meet on monthly basis and join any ad-hoc meeting.
- The main responsibilities of the members are:
 - To provide strategic guidance on issues raised by sector coordination team
 - Provide strategic oversight on advocacy initiatives
 - Lead on the development of the Sector strategy
 - Provide strategic direction on the prioritization of resources within the Sector and on the division of labour amongst the Sector's partners
 - Provide support and introduce common procedures for assessing and identifying the most appropriate modality
 - Validate common processes related to the Sector's response

The election process is as follows:

- Organization interested in becoming part of the Core Group submit an Expression of Interest to the National Coordinators;
- Expression of Interest are collected and disseminated among members of the Sector's working groups for their review;
- A survey is launched with the list of organization applying to the Core Group;
- Through the survey, members of the working group cast their vote;
- Voting is limited to one person per organization;

7- Monitoring of ad-hoc Ramadan activities: what is in place within the FSAS coordination.

- Kobo survey launched to better coordinate activities among partners
- Partners to share their projects' details before the 8th of April

8- Partners key updates

- Suppliers required only cash dollars, which can ignorantly delay the procurement process
- Caritas launched new project for youth employment and MSME support. Floor is open for any organisation who are interested in partnership. Project duration is 2 years, and covering Bekaa and Mount Lebanon (contact: joseph.bouassi@caritas.org.lb)

Newbies to the sector's meeting:

- Marwa Mokdad, Avsi
- Joseph Bou Assi, Caritas
- Alia Farhat, Al Majmoua

9- AOB

- Upcoming National meeting: May 10 at 11:00 – 13:00
- Upcoming Bekaa regional meeting: May 25 at 11:00 – 13:00
- Upcoming BML-South regional meeting: May 26 at 11:00 – 13:00
- Upcoming North regional meeting: May 31st at 11:00 – 13:00