Meeting minutes #17

Friday 8th December 2017 at 10:00 AM
Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Main Conference Room,
Central Government Office (CGO) Building, Waigani

Chair

Mr. Brown Konabe, Director Food Security Branch, Department of Agriculture and Livestock
Co-chair: Grace Mondiai, CARE Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Participants

Refer to Annex 1.

Agenda

1. Welcome remarks and introduction
2. Approval of agenda
3. Review and endorsement of last Minutes of Meeting
4. Update from FSC stakeholders about their current activities (Attendees)
5. Update on the Seed Multiplication Project (DAL)
6. Update on mVAM surveys (WFP)
7. Update from the Highlands Food Security Cluster (CARE)
9. Inaugral Agriculture Sector Summit (DAL)
10. Update on APEC Food Security Preparation (DAL)
11. La Niña Alert Preparedness Plan (UNDP/FAO)
12. Confirmation of date and frequency of next FSC meetings
13. AOB

1. Welcoming remarks and introduction

Mr. Konabe welcomed the attendees followed by a round of introductions.

2. Approval of agenda

The floor approved the agenda.

The floor approved that Ms. Helmtrude Sikas-Iha (UNFAO) took-over the cluster responsibilities from Ms. Mirriam Mondia (UNFAO) as the Food Security Cluster Coordinator and she accepted. The recruitment as explained by the chairman was an appointment by UNFAO and designated to co-lead the FS cluster with WFP in collaboration with the leadership of NDAL.
### 3. View and endorsement of last Minutes of Meeting

Minutes were endorsed by the floor following review and a few corrections/editions.

### 4. Update from FSC stakeholders about their current activities (Attendees)

- Members agreed that much of the drought related activities were winding up and/or being completed.

### 5. Discussion on WFP Concept Paper by stakeholders

- Apologies - WFP did not present the Concept Note.

### 6. Update on the National Seed Policy

- No development since meeting #14.

### 7. Update on the El Niño Agriculture Recovery Plan (FAO/DAL)

- Multiplication sites were selected in Lae, Goroka and Mt. Hagen
- Due to continuous unfavorable weather, implementation could not commence.
- Cluster members enquired about the lack of participation of NARI in monthly cluster meetings to provide an update on their activities, especially with regards to accessing available planting materials for distribution to affected communities.

**Action point**

- Chair to take action and ensure that NARI attends future cluster meetings to provide updates on disaster-related programs/activities.

### 8. Update on the Food Security Sub-Regional Focal points and Coordination Meetings (CARE)

- BA provided update on the Regional Food Security Cluster Meetings in the Highlands
- BJ presented an overview of CARE’s CDMT and an update on how CARE, IOM, UNDP, DPLGA and NDC will collaborate on this project
- BJ reemphasised CARE’s engagement in responding to the 2015-16 El Nino
- CARE staff engaged in active discussion on numerous food security related issues including: seed policy, lack of agricultural recovery in Enga, importance of national DRR plans and capacity building and lessons learned workshop.
- El Nino lessons learned workshop not scheduled, but UNDP trying for late March
- DFAT was working on its regional program for climate change and are involved in green climate fund (GCF) planning
### Action point

- BA advised that CARE will get back on the feasibility of CARE’s continued undertaking of co-chair role.

### 9. AOB

- 10.1 Discussed in agenda item no. 2.
- 10.2 Partners Cluster Performance Assessment Online Survey is complete.

### NEXT MEETING

**TBC | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM | DAL Main Conference Room | Waigani**

### ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST

1. Brown Konabe, DAL Director of Food Security Branch
2. Mirriam Mondia, FAO Technical Officer
3. Bennie Atigini, CARE Community Disaster Management (CDM) Facilitator
4. Brendan Jinks, CARE CDM Team Leader
5. Kali Sete, United Church Development Secretary
6. Wonesai Sithole, IOM EDM Coordinator
7. James Boyd Kuande, DAL Statistician
8. Soldier Buruka, DAL PR and Media Officer
9. Gerard Ng, UNDP Humanitarian Coordinator Specialist
10. Nige Kaupa, DFAT/AHC Program Manager
11. Freeman Manyavi, PNG Red Cross Society Development Manager
12. Ismael Robert, PNG Red Cross Society Program Manager

**Apologies:** Regina Nukundj (DAL), Venkat Dheeravath (WFP)