Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} 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
\textit{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 members on their activities in 2017 (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. Inaugural 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. The chairman also introduced FAO’s new Food Security Cluster Coordinator under DAL’s chairmanship.

2. Approval of agenda

The floor approved the agenda.
3. Review and endorsement of meeting minutes #16

- Minutes were endorsed by the floor following review and a few corrections/editions.
- The chairman detached the agenda item on Seed Policy for review from the previous minutes as the designated Officer leading this agenda left.

4. Update from cluster members on their 2017 activities (Attendees)

**CARE International in PNG**
- CARE rep. Grace dialed in from Goroka and affirmed that CARE will remain as the Co-Chair NGO in the coming year.
- Furthermore, CARE announced a new position under its AHP/DRR project arrangement to be based in Port Moresby; and to be filled in by February 2018.
- Part of the reason for this position is to participate in FSC meetings and other disaster management fora.
- FAO’s Head of Office Mr. Shimizu acknowledged CARE’s initiative on behalf of FAO as the co-lead agency of the Food Security Cluster.

**Oxfam International PNG**
- This international NGO’s current Livelihoods HARVEST project, based in Goroka, implemented in selected sites in the Highlands through community based partners aims to improve the lives and income of families in the agricultural sub-sectors of horticulture and beekeeping.
- There was an external evaluation of Oxfam’s drought project and the report should be ready in March 2018.

**Church Partnership Program (CPP): Anglicare**
- ANGLICARE represented the CPP at this meeting.
- They are in mid-year implementation according to DFAT’s fiscal project calendar.
- The Church Agency Network- Disaster Operations (CAN-DO) comprising of 7 Australian member churches in PNG are at the design phase of a DRR project, developing a disaster response strategy as part of the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) arrangement.
- The consortium has appointed a DRR coordinator to represent the churches views in forums such as the FSC.
- The DRR coordinator, a member of Baptist Union (BUPNG), is FSC's focal point based in Mt. Hagen and currently represents views of upper Highlands HFSC stakeholders in the FSC Highlands arrangement.
- The Food Security component of this project is led by Caritas Australia.

**Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**
- The Cocoa Coordination Group is a livelihoods research project under ACIAR comprising NGOs World Vision, CARE and other partners focusing on improving livelihoods and increasing women’s economic empowerment in Bougainville.
There has been communication between the ACIAR and partner NARI with regards to climate change and disasters and their impacts on livehods of communities where these NGOs are currently implementing.

More discussion on this partnership arrangement will take place on February 7, 2018.

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)/ Australian High Commission (AHC)

- DFAT funded a survey on food security that will be be implemented by World Vision and International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) and to be piloted in Bougainville, Madang, East Sepik in January to February, 2018.
- The survey will focus specifically on food consumption.
- The mVAM survey is also another DFAT funded project that will continue in 2018.
- In terms of climate change, food security and building resilience, activities will become clearer in February 2018 and planned to be implemented in Manus and New Ireland provinces.
- Nige of DFAT announced that all food security related matters will be relocating to Rebecca of ACIAR.

International Office for Migration (IOM)

- The last food security activity this UN agency did was a master farmer training at Kandep Primary School in Enga province where 50 women farmers benefited.
- In this training, 1000 sweet potato vines were received by the beneficiaries.
- DAL was engaged to train communities in selected sites in these provinces.
- Beneficiaries received planting materials of greens, vegetables and gardening tools.
- From August to December 2017, not much was done.
- IOM plans to target Morobe, Milne Bay and New Ireland provinces in January 2018.

Disaster Management Team (DMT)

- The last DMT was held on the 1st December, 2017, the last time Roy Trivedy the 2017 UN Resident Coordinator (RC) chaired DMT.
- It was useful to note the key highlights of 2017, that was presented by cluster lead members.
- Food Security gave a comprehensive highlight and was appreciated by DMT members.

Disaster Assessment Tools

- The National Disaster Centre (NDC) intends to redevelop relevant and fit for purpose disaster assessment tools in the areas such as food security, protection and nutrition.
- Though it is an NDC initiative, the tool is not for NDC use only so it should be simple and user friendly.
- The Assessment Capacity Project (ACAPS) team were here to support this piece of work.
- The draft tool will be tested in February 2018 through a consultation process with partners.
- Followed by a final training of the tools designed to be conducted using a multi-sectoral approach.
The multi-sectoral joint assessment tool will only take place if provincial governments are not able to respond or the response exceeds the provincial capacity.

**Action point**
- Remap all food security and resilience activities by updating the 4W.

### 5. Update on Seed Multiplication Project (DAL)

- Seeds multiplied at Erap (Morobe), and the ones yet to be multiplied in Goroka and Mt. Hagen will be distributed through cluster members' farmer networks at no cost.
- Crops multiplied are corn, sweet potato beans, mung bean and cucumber.
- At Erap, the seeds have been multiplied at the DAL station and in Goroka and Mt. Hagen, the seed multiplication will be done through model farmers recommended by FPDA and DAL in the two provinces.
- Seeds were sourced from Trukai Industries as NARI was unable to supply enough for multiplication at the time the seeds were needed.
- Planting couldn’t progress in Mt. Hagen and Goroka because of the election period.
- Simon asked if any trainings will come with these seeds.
- Regina said yes, but resources will need to be identified to fund these trainings.
- Simon also asked if there were any contact person or trainers in Milne Bay.
- Regina responded with recommended Milne Bay PDAL officers in that province.

### 6. Update on mVAM survey by WFP

- The mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (mVAM) survey was completed in mid-December 2017 and the report should be ready in Jan 2018.
- Part of the survey was mapping the food insecure hot spots and was conducted with partners.
- WFP recommends partners to consider hot spots indicated by this survey for future programming.

**Action point**
- WFP is happy to share the Kira survey report with anyone interested.

### 7. Update from the Highlands Food Security Cluster (CARE)

- A HFSC meeting was held in Goroka in November 2017.
- CARE requested that there should be more presence of FAO/DAL at the HFSC meeting.
- Ken (FAO - Head of Office) assured that with new cluster coordinator on board- that shouldn’t be a problem in the coming year (2018).

**Action point**
- Meeting minutes of the last HFSC to be linked and shared via the FSC website.

### 8. National Food Security Policy and Action Plan (DAL)

- The Updating of the Policy and Action Plan started in 2015.
- There was provincial consultations and those consulted at the sub-national level were pleased and provided their input.
Both the Secretary and Minister for Agriculture and Livestock have given their support to take the policy to NEC for endorsement.

The food security policy awaits endorsement by NEC.

9. Inaugural Agricultural Summit (DAL)

- The summit was well covered by media.
- It was looking at common issues in PNG such as market research and extension services.
- DAL is working on writing up the proceedings of the summit.
- Ken (FAO) said it was quite a ground-breaking initiative.
- It was also impressive for the Minister Hon. Benny Allen to be at the event for 3 days.
- The Minister recommended that this summit should now become an annual event.
- The next one has been proposed to be held in Goroka.

10. Update on APEC Food Security Preparation

- There are more than 200 preparation meetings planned.
- One of them was the Information Senior Officer’s Meeting (ISOM) that was held on the 5th to 6th December 2017.
- APEC has a strong agenda on Food Security.
- The APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) will have a list of agenda discussed in August, 2018. They are:
  - Food security policy partnership.
  - Agriculture technical group.
  - Ocean fisheries working group.
- Priorities in this meeting will be:
  - Food security and climate change.
  - Women in agriculture and fisheries in support of women’s empowerment.
  - Digital Economy in agriculture (focus of January 2018 meeting).
- In the November 16-17, 2018 meeting, all presidents including the ministers for Mining, Trade and Finance will be in town and that will be a busy time for the GoPNG.
- All APEC meetings will be held in Port Moresby because all other provinces outside Pom are unable to meet the APEC international standards and requirements to host an APEC event.

APEC Disaster and Emergency (UNDP/DMT)

- There is also an Emergency Preparedness working group called the CCDA and NDC showcasing the preparedness and monitoring disaster space at APEC.
- Work for this technical working group will presented by NDC with support from DMT.

11. La Niña Alert Preparedness Plan (UNDP/FAO)

- There is a 70% chance of La Niña projection from December 2017 to January 2018.
- This is a weak La Niña meaning it does not meet the criteria of a strong La Niña.
- Information for this predicted disaster was drawn from projection and historical data.
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- Milne Bay is one of the provinces predicted to experience less rainfall.
- Coordinate with the provinces information from the weather service.
- What can the cluster realistically do in terms of preparation, with the potential areas impacted?
- Also making provinces do what they can do.

**Action points**

- The cluster to contact NARI and see what services are available for La Niña.

12. **Confirmation of date and frequency of next FSC meetings**

- Cluster members agreed that the FSC meetings will occur on a monthly basis.
- Members also agreed that the next FSC meeting will be in mid Feb. 2018.

13. **AOB**

- Discussions were generated around the PNG FSC website.
- The two sites mentioned were the food security cluster website and HR info site also linked [here](#) and [here](#).
- Though the website play similar functions, it was settled that FSC will continue to FSC.

**Action point**

- Cluster members will be sent the link to the website (also linked [here](#)).
- Cluster members will receive links of resources already saved on the website such as the PNG Rural Development Handbook (which is also linked [here](#)).

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**NEXT MEETING**

15 Feb, 2018 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM | DAL Main Conference Room | Waigani

**ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST**

1. Daniel Olen, DRR Coordinator, ANGLICARE PNG
2. Mirriam Mondia, Technical Officer, FAO PNG
3. Simon Kafu, Programme Officer, IOM
4. Busisi Siwaka, Information Officer, DAL.
5. Isimel Tuembe, Humanitarian Coordinator, Oxfam
6. Metekave Pupune, Programme Officer, FAO PNG
7. Regina Nukundj, Senior Food Security Officer, DAL
8. Ken Shimizu, Head of Office, FAO PNG
9. Brown Konabe, Food Security Branch Director and Chairman FSC, DAL
10. Rebecca Bogosia, Assistant Manager, ACIAR
11. Venkat Dheeravath, Head of Office, WFP
12. Gerard Ng, Humanitarian Coordination Specialist, UNDP
13. Nige Kaupa, Senior Programme Manager, DFAT/AHC
14. Grace Mondia, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, CARE
15. Helmtrude Sikas-Iha, Food Security Cluster Coordinator, FAO

Apologies
1. Sandrine Giansily, Program Manager, EU.
2. Francis Daink, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Planning, DAL.
3. Kaigabu Kamnanaya, Assistant Director, Risk Management, NDMO.
4. Kali Sete, Development Secretary, United Church PNG.
5. Michelle Kopi, Development Programme Coordinator, MFAT.