Meeting minutes #18

Thursday 15th December 2018 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 Mondai, CARE Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Participants
Refer to Annex 1.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of agenda
3. Review and endorsement of last Minutes of Meeting # 17
4. Update on Kadowar Feeding Plan and Recovery (FAO)
   a. Food and Agriculture Sectoral Assessment
5. Minimum Survival Food Basket- Kadowar (FAO)
6. FSC System Policy (DAL)
7. Highlands Food Security Cluster (CARE)
8. Update from Attendance
9. Update on APEC Food Security Preparations
10. Confirmation of date of next FSC meeting
11. 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.

3. Review and endorsement of meeting minutes #17
4. Update on Kadowar Feeding Situation and Recovery

- There is a feeding arrangement in place that is taken care of by the East Sepik Provincial Disaster Office and funded by the Governor’s office.
- Food is supplied every two weeks for 564 people, adult males 127, adult females 137 (including the 7 pregnant women) and 278 children (this includes the 5 breastfeeding babies).
- The number of heads in each household ranges between 3 and 10.
- The current food package contains the following items, rice, tinned fish, tinned meat, sugar, salt, oil, water, biscuits and noodles and are distributed as per the number of heads in each household.
- This feeding arrangement will go on until June 2018.
- There are available local or garden foods and coconuts that can be bought from the locals to compliment the current store food ration and lack greens and vegetables.
- With regards to recovery, the Kadowar Restoration Program is now in place with a food security component (mostly long-term plans) in place.
- The province is working on getting the land issue resolved as this has hindered the progress of the long-term action plans for this program.
- PDAL is working on detailing the food security and recovery plan of the Restoration program.
- PDAL and selected districts have planned to implement the food security component of the plan.
- They have requested for clean planting materials to multiply on government land while the land issue is resolved.
- These seeds and planting materials will be transferred to people at the Care Centre when they fully take ownership of land.
- Fuel or firewood for cooking is a need hence will be brought to the attention but is something that the provincial disaster office can take care of.
- Though the need for a sectoral assessment surfaced in the discussions, and the need to identify marketing opportunities, it is a long-term agenda and can be attended to when the current land issue at Dandan is resolved.

Action point

- For now, a food basket is required to support the need to distribute a nutritious food ration for each household at Dandan. FAO in collaboration with the Nutrition cluster will look into revising the PNG standard food basket.
- For actors in the livelihoods recovery space with regards to long-term action plans, agricultural inputs such as clean seeds and planting material, gardening tools, fish fingerlings are needed to enhance recovery activities at the resettlement area.

5. Highlands Food Security Cluster

- The HFSC lead members were unable to attend this meeting.

6. FSC System Policy

- There were discussions around the need to incorporate the FSC into the national systems.
Members acknowledged that the idea is great and will be a good platform to leverage once it is anchored within the government system

**Action point**
DAL and FAO in consultation with relevant department and agencies to further discuss legitimizing the Food Security Cluster Mechanism into the national system

### 7. Update on APEC Food Security Preparation Stakeholder’s Workshop

The workshop took place on the 14th February in Port Moresby

It was noted that food insecurity in times of disaster and emergency in the resilience and climate change sectors is a priority area in the discussion proceedings of the Senior Officials Meetings or SOM1-3 this year

At the workshop, stakeholders were informed of the policy priorities, initiatives and deliverables for APEC PNG 2018 including logistical arrangements that so far all is good

The APEC food security week from 4-10 August will be a big event and is currently going to run concurrently with other activities

DAL Food Security Branch encouraged stakeholders in the sector to join this week and showcase their activities

Members of the FSC interested in taking part in the activities during the APEC food security week, can be channelled through the FSC Coordinator or the FSC Chair Mr. Brown Konabe and/or his Deputy Mrs. Regina B Nukundj for further actions

**Action point**
DAL to get back to interested cluster members regarding registration process to participate in the APEC food security show

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**NEXT MEETING (Tentatively scheduled for):**

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

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**ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST**

1. Peter Murorera, M&E Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
2. Busisi Siwaka, Information Officer, Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL)
3. Rebecca Bogosia, Assistant Country Manager, Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR)
4. Anna Yamanea, Women in Agriculture Development Unit Coordinator, DAL
5. Kaius John, Livelihoods Manager, Oxfam International
6. Isimel Tuembe, Humanitarian Coordinator, Oxfam International
7. Gerard Ng, Humanitarian Coordination Specialist, United Nations Development Program
8. Brown Konabe, Director -Food Security Branch, DAL
9. Regina B Nukundj, Senior Officer, Food Security Branch. DAL
10. Helmtrude Sikas Iha, FSC Coordinator, FAO PNG  
11. Timothy Philip, Operations, FAO PNG  

**Apologies**  
1. Francis Daink, Deputy Secretary, Policy and Planning, DAL.  
2. Kali Sete, Development Secretary, United Church PNG.  
3. Michelle Kopi, Development Programme Coordinator, MFAT.  
4. Adrian Morgues, PNG European Union  
5. Robert Lutulele, Fresh Produce Development Authority  
6. Sonia Yeung, WASH Manager, World Vision  
7. Allan Oliver, World Bank  
8. John Hosea, DRR Coordinator, Church Partnership Program  
9. Grace Mondia, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, CARE International in PNG,