Thursday 10th May 2018 at 2-3.00 PM  
Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Main Conference Room,  
Central Government Office (CGO) Building, Waigani.

Chair  
Mr. Brown Konabe, Director Food Security Branch DAL  
Co-chair: Helmtrude Sikas-Iha FS Cluster Coordinator

Participants  
Refer to Annex 1.

Agenda

1. Current response update  
2. Round table partner updates  
3. Target locations and updates  
4. Protection considerations  
5. Code of conduct  
6. 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.

1. Current response update  
   - The response to date had reached 60,000 people and that had received 200 MT of food  
   - According to the 3w partners WFP, CARE and ADRA have planned food distributions that will be ongoing for the next 2 months

2. Round table partner updates  

WFP  
   - They distributed in 4 care centres with around 5 distribution points around the Mendi area  
   - They are also distributing food from Mendi base
• WFP has plans for a second round of distribution

Emergency Controller’s Office/Food Security
• There was a 4 days distribution that took place in Daru
• This distribution reached a population of 2 300 people
• The package included 10kg rice and 15 cartons of tuna for families in Daru island and covered other parts into the mainland
• The Government of the Philippines donated 56 metric tonnes of rice to the GoPNG

Shelter/IOM
• The agency has organised for the first batch of NFIs into Mendi and are waiting for the rest of the supply
• IOM encourages implementing partners to work through and with district authorities
• Has plans to set up and train farmers in agriculture

Early Recovery/UNDP
• The early recovery team are working on intermediate and long-term recovery needs
• In doing so, the team is working on identifying recovery information gaps to inform recovery plans

Special Projects/DAL
• The special projects office is an office in the DAL office that represents the sector at the government national disaster meetings hence his role serves as the connection between DAL and NDC

Food Security/FAO
• Distributed open pollinated (OP) corns, cucumber and pumpkin seeds at Urila, Poroma LLG, Nipa Kutubu district
• At the Urila care centre, it was noted that 34 families were still living at the care centre while the other 127 families have returned to their homes but return to the care centre during the day, from time to time, in the hope to benefit from relief distributions
• Most of families in the care centre reported abandoning their gardens for awhile and needed to return but with clean seeds

3. Target location and updates from these sites

• WFP also made note that seeds and tools are also seen as emergency assistance as well a recovery initiative in enabling value chain development for farmers
• With regards to seed distribution, the challenge is if people staying in care centres will grow the seeds they receive through distributions
• Also, tools and trainings were encouraged as part of the cluster interventions
IOM has data on displaced people that can be shared if needed – it is in the DTM reports
- There were more concerns on the need for data to inform recovery activities
- Understanding the needs of affected communities and then supplying that need in recovery is important
- There was a suggestion that to get some questions to partners to collect the information needed if there is lack of information on agriculture that these partners can collect whilst distributing
- Though it was encouraged to use key players on the ground, it was also noted that partners will have issues that these networks have and consider when planning

4. Protection considerations/ code of conduct

UN WOMEN
- Protection concerns should be addressed by designing and delivering sectoral activities such as the food and agriculture where they are designed and delivered taking in the appropriateness, accessibility and also minimizing unfair distributions
- There was discussion that most of the data coming is not disaggregated by sex hence partners will have to ensure this in their activities
- The code of conduct has been drafted but needs the community development logo for use by partners
- UN Women will inform partners through the intr-cluster group when the COC is ready

5. Community Messaging

- Partners can send in messages to the food cluster and then forwarded to crisis working group who will then air the messages

Action points
- The draft Earthquake Agriculture Recovery Plan to be circulated to cluster partners for input
- WFP offered the mVAM survey to collect next round of data for the cluster – cluster coordinator to follow-up

NEXT MEETING

24 May 2018 | 2 PM to 3 PM | DAL Main Conference Room | Waigani

ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST

1. Jay Mendoza, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
2. Mohammed Ugool Food Security - World Food Program
3. Robert Dekker- World Food Program
4. Andy Agovaua, Department of Agriculture and Livestock
5. Busisi Siwaka, Department of Agriculture and Livestock
6. Philomena Emilio, United Nations Development Program
7. Tracey Terry – FAO
8. Simon Kafu, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
10. Anggie Burchill, UN Women
11. Brown Konabe, Director, Food Security Branch, DAL
12. Helmtrude Sikas Iha, FAO PNG