Minutes Highlands Earthquake 2018/6

Thursday 7th June 2018 at 2-3 PM I Department of Agriculture and Livestock I Main Conference Room I Central Government Office (CGO) Building I 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. Situation and Partner Updates
2. Food Security Cluster Indicators
3. Community Survey
4. Reporting Changes
5. AOB

1. Situation and Partner Updates

Situation Update
- Partners were reminded of the security situation in SHP following the court decision of the Governor’s seat (deferred to June 20)
- In Hela, the security situation remains unpredictable and partners are implementing where they can

CARE
- As part of the Shelter/NFI distributions in the coming week in Walagu, the team will also conduct general observations of the livelihoods situation in the area
- In preparation of their livelihoods activities, CARE plans to collaborate with NARI on trainings for the lowland agro-ecological sites

ADRA
- ADRA planned to distribute their next round of food on the week starting on the 11th of June, using the SDA Aviation through Moro and Komo bases to reach beneficiaries in Adumari, Dodomena, Huiya and Walagu
- ADRA plans to cover a total of 1349 IDPs in this round of distribution

WFP
- WFP has conducted 29 out of 31 rounds of food activities and have reached 33 000 beneficiaries with a total of 252 MT of food.
- Whilst operations are ongoing, a new team of WFPs will be taking over starting on the 11th of June until early July 2018
The outgoing Emergency Coordinator (Mr. Dekker) introduced his successor Ms. Sayagh (who was also present) and in his final remarks requested the Food Security Cluster Actors to continue with recovery efforts in areas where WFP has distributed food as malnutrition is a concern at these sites.

**IOM**

From IOM’s last trip to the Highlands to conduct the Displacement Track Matrix Training, it was noted that food, seeds and tools were needed in the Poroma LLG.

In response, food partners who had done distributions in the area noted communities through community sensitization sessions were informed of this.

**FAO**

Ms Mondia stressed the importance of a sectoral assessment as the findings will inform FAO to map specific livelihoods needs of affected population and that FAO would be still interested in conducting an assessment (concurrently with distributions) to identify specific needs.

Also, partners were reminded to provided their feedback on unmet livelihoods needs in the communities they were programming in.

**Emergency Controller’s Office**

The Office of the Controller continues to distribute in Western Province. They have gone into distribution of Restarter Kits. These kits contain seeds, tools and shelter items.

Most of the distributions have been at the household level.

The Emergency Controller confirmed to meet with the Cluster Coordinator regarding the mapping of activities the next day (Friday, 8th June, 8am at his office).

**The Early Recovery Cluster /UNDP**

- Sent through their updates with apologies as they were unable to attend.
- The cluster is currently scoping information and identifying current sectoral activities as part of recovery to enable more evidence-based concepts.
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- Early recovery interventions will focus primarily on rehabilitation of damaged physical infrastructure and livelihood activities.
- Drafted a Quick Conflict Scan Note for Inter-Cluster Members and now extended to Recovery members to provide feedback.

### 2. FSC Indicators

Cluster indicators remain as: the number of people receiving food; the quantity of food distributed; the number of people receiving agricultural inputs; and the quantity of agricultural inputs and this should not limit Food Security Actors in reporting other information.

### 3. Community Survey using Kobo

- The Cluster Coordinator reiterated the purpose of the survey that it is a light monitoring tool to help track unmet needs and that if partners had challenges using the tool, she can be contacted to provided support on the usage.
4. Reporting Changes

- As the response phase transitions into recovery, the provision of inputs for the 3W and Situation Reports will change and that will take effect in July. Once the change takes place, partners will be notified accordingly.
- DAL also raised a concern that the current reporting of clusters did not cover all parties of the government. In reply, the Chairman said that the current reporting procedure ensures all relevant bodies in the Government are included. However, partners recommended that there can be more flexibility to include those from NDC that are missing out on the reports from Food Security Cluster through to DMT.

5. AOB

The Cluster Coordinator thanked Mr. Dekker for his contributions to the food emergency sector and welcomed his successor Ms. Sayagh.

Action Item

- Cluster Coordinator to meet with Emergency Controller to map their activities.

NEXT MEETING

21 June 2018 | 2 - 3 PM | DAL Main Conference Room | Waigani

ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST

1. Busisi Siwaka- Information Officer, DAL
2. Andy Agovaua- Special Projects Office and M&E, DAL
3. Willie D. Kunsei- Emergency Coordinator, ADRA
4. Tomoko Sato- Shelter Cluster, IOM
5. Robert Dekker- Emergency Coordinator, WFP
6. Shelly Sayagh- Emergency Coordinator, WFP
7. Mohamed Ugool (PhD)- WFP FSCC, Emergency Controller's Office
8. Mirriam Mondia, National Technical Officer, FAO
9. Helmtrude Sikas-Iha, Food Security and Agriculture Cluster Coordinator FAO
10. Brown Konabe, Director Food Security Branch, DAL