Thursday 28th 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
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Participants

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Agenda

1. Revisiting Cluster Recovery Information Needs and Gaps
2. Partner Updates
3. AOB

1. Revisiting Cluster Recovery Information Needs and Gaps

As part of the discussion to better understand the impact of the earthquake and communities’ changing needs for food security and agricultural livelihoods, it was noted that partners will continue to monitor that in their respective implementing locations.

Partners reiterated that their working targets are the areas where they have distributed food and will continue there with agricultural livelihoods activities. Also, most of them expressed how difficult it is to distinguish the most from the least affected beneficiaries when it comes to relief or early recovery provision of agricultural livelihoods in these areas.

Cluster partners discussed a list of potential headings that still require data and if possible by quantity. They range under the descriptions of food security, agriculture, livelihoods, impact of earthquake on local economy and copy strategies. In relation to that, the Emergency Controller’s office was optimistic about conducting an assessment and asked if the assessment was still necessary now that VAM is collecting the same set of information. WFP and FAO said to discuss this further after the meeting.

In conclusion, the current VAM round captures the information needed. On the contrary, the cluster acknowledges the fact that the mobile survey has its limitations. Moving forward, partners were called on to share reports that captures damages to villages especially the ones that can inform planning for early recovery and recovery activities. It was also noted that Margarima LLG, Nipa Kutubu, Mendi Munuhu and Koroba Kopiago Districts are areas that require agricultural assistance. The discussion on whether a sectoral assessment is required remains in discussion because of community assessment fatigue, security, if it is timely and other reasons.
2. Partner Updates

ADRA
Planning to go to Bosavi on the week of the 9th of July. From Mt. Hagen, SDA aviation will assist to fly in food that will be distributed in Huiya and surrounding communities.

IOM
Though IOM is concentrating on NFI distributions, IOM the agency will continue to track and monitor the displaced population and in this activity, take note of the changes in need of people in the care centres. As part of shelter distributions, 400 kits shelter kits were distributed by CARE and 42 remain in the warehouse.

Emergency Controller’s Office
Continue with distributions of Starter kits in Honabi, Western Province and the same assistance will be provided in the Gulf Province and was starting in 3 weeks-time.

ExxonMobil
ExxonMobil has distributed seeds, vegetative cuttings (of staples and vegetables) and spades to 762 households in the Hides and Komo area. They pointed out that Margarima is an area they will not be impelmenting in.

WFP
WFP has completed its final round of food distributions in Dodomona (Western), Walagu (SHP) and Huiya (Hela). With that, WFP discussed the remaining needs of the area with partners currently programming there such as CARE to build on WFP’s accomplishments. They also extended the same sentiments to FAO to contribute in that area.

They have identified that more planting material especially OP corn seeds need to reach people in Walagu, Dodomona, Huiya and Adumari because their staple (sago) were mostly destroyed by the earthquake. The communities clustered around the main community care centres mentioned above have been noted that they need more recovery assistance to help help restore their staple food.

Other than food security, there are two health workers (new graduates) at Dodomona Health Centre who have been engaged with this government facility since the beginning of this year (2018). These two health workers can be contacted to find out more about the situation in the area. From their experience, the community leaders are cooperative and are willing to provide local assistance.

3. AOB

A question was posed for a Security Contingency or Emergency Plan to cover partners when caught in between tribal fights (or security issues) especially when the local government concerned is non-existent and where there is a need to support the evacuation of humanitarian staff caught in such situations. Hopefully, this can be captured in future preparedess plans.
**Action Item**

FAO and WFP to iron out VAM discussions relating to cluster information needs.

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**NEXT MEETING**

TBC | 2 - 3 PM | DAL Main Conference Room | Waigani

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**ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST**

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2. Eva Kuson, Communications, ACIAR
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5. Willie D. Kunsei, Emergency Coordination, ADRA
6. Busisi Siwaka, Information Unit, DAL
7. Sally Lloyd, Program, WFP/Strickland Foundation
8. Dr. Mohamed Ugool, FSC Coordination/WFP/Emergency Controller's Officer
9. Sarah Kende, P&GA-CDS, ExxonMobil
10. Helmtrude Sikas-Iha, FSC, FAO
11. Brown Konabe, Food Security Branch, DAL