Chair

Mr. Brown Konabe, Director Food Security Branch DAL  
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Participants

Refer to Annex 1.

Agenda

1. Partner round table updates
2. Food distribution updates
3. Inputs to the Earthquake Agriculture Recovery Plan
4. AOB

1. Round table partner updates

CARITAS

- The faith-based organisation is supporting partner organisations with assessments of infrastructure health and education
- Interventions should not be creating dependency, but rather helping people to get back on their feet
- Caritas plans to install water tanks in neutral communal places like the church that can allow enemy tribes can drink water from the same source
- In livelihoods, Caritas is encouraging the distribution of local seeds
- The organisation will source local seeds from its former farmer networks in Jiwaka, Enga, Western Highlands and then distribute to their target locations in Hela and SHP
- In these 2 provinces, 31 communities are now targeted to implement multi-sectoral activities including livelihoods programs

IOM

- Second round of Displacement Tracking Monitoring (DTM) will be happening on the week of the 28th May 2018
- The results of this round of this DTM will verify the data for IOM’s implementation plan in the recovery phase
- IOM plans to distribute the following kits at care centres:
  1. Care centre kits
  2. Reconstruction kits
  3. Return kits
• Procurement for items of these kits are taking longer because the market cannot meet the demand of the quantity needed
• Two offices will be set up in Tari and Mendi for implementation in the next 4 months with a possibility of extension into 2020
• Partners are CPP, Exxon Mobil and Oil Search in Hela and SHP
• The agency is keeping its options open for food security activities and as much as possible avoid duplication

UNDP

• UNDP is working on conducting a context analysis to understand the nature of conflicts between the different provinces
• See if the conflicts are related to people’s livelihoods or is it land ownership, as well their accessibility to roads
• It has been recognized that it has been months after the shocking event of the earthquake and are now helping themselves to restart and recover their lives
• ILO is looking at livelihoods options

FAO

• Working on the recovery plan, developing and providing input, and is exploring options for funding given that the FAO was not given CERF to implement its activities
• FAO had to go through reports to verify gaps and recommend a way forward for implementation
• Generally, the earthquake does not damage food supply, it is really the gardens that affected people have abandoned that now need attention
• Partners added that the WESH Emergency Bill 2018 does not clarify on the specific aspects of food security

2. Food Distribution Updates

CARE

• CARE last distributed food to communities along the boarders of Western, Southern Highlands and Hela between the 7 and 14 May that should have lasted for a few days
• The distributions were at Huiya, Dodomona, Walagu and Mogulu; households 302, 192, 99 and 99; and food parcels 383, 168, 339 and 142 that summed up to 692 households
• It was mentioned that the current food supplies will come to an end so looking at the broader picture the organisation will not only do livelihoods but is also implementing shelter and WASH interventions.

WFP

• WFP apologized for not attending the meeting and sent in their food distribution update by email
• Between 13 April and 20 May, WFP reached 21,770 people (10,450 male, 11,320 female) with a total of 168.86 metric tonnes of food

3. Inputs to the Earthquake Agriculture Recovery Plan
• The group discussed that in terms of recovery needs, there is still information gap and if there was some assessments carried out, the findings hasn’t been shared widely hence the lack of data on agriculture, food security and livelihoods recovery.
• The 3W does not cover the comprehensive part of the partner plans like for example if food was distributed in one district, how much more work should be done in that district.
• Because time was catching up, the partners said to provide input by email by Friday 1st June, 2018.

Action Item

• Partners to provide input on the Recovery Plan by Friday 1st June, 2018

NEXT MEETING

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

ANNEX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST

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4. C Kelly, United Nation’s Development Program (UNDP)
5. Mirriam Mondia, FAO
6. Rebecca Bogosia, Australian International Agriculture Research (ACIAR)
7. Andy Agovaua- Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL)
8. Busisi Siwaka, DAL
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