



## FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING for NWR

TIME, DATE, VENUE: 13:30-15:00 PM - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Plan Office, Bamenda

### AGENDA

- 1- Introduction and Welcome
- 2- Review of Previous Meeting's Minutes
- 3- FSC Coordination Updates (Partners Mapping 2019)
- 4- FSC Partners Updates (WFP's Response Plan; Other Partners' Updates– GFD, Emergency Livelihoods)
- 5- Nutrition Cluster Updates
- 6- AOB

**PARTICIPANTS:** COHEB Int'l, Change Care Foundation, Cameroon Medical Women Association, LUKMEF, Youth Outreach Programme, BERUDA, African Initiative for Development (AID), AHA, Demtou Humanitarian, ASWA-RUDEP, NOWEFOR, BGG, Mission 21, CAEPA-Cameroon, IVFCam, RUWEF, SSUDAHSER Foundation, SOPISDEW, PUHM, MOHCAM, CUAPWD, COHESODEC, Plan International, IUSPD, ASWEDA, HEDECS, Positive Vision Cameroon, Sustainable Action for Community Development, SIRDEP, GFDLP, Justice and Peace Commission/Diocese of Bamenda, Caritas Bamenda, Kesa Farms, Bihndumlem Humanitarian, COMINSUD, GRACARO, Grace Vision, IMSSRAD, OCHA, ODDRIC.

### ACTION POINTS:

- FSC Coord to finalise and send revised 4/5Ws template to Partners for regular reporting (frequency: monthly)
- FSC Coord to share final call for EoI for filling in the position of co-chair of the FSC in NWR.
- Once and when the DTM and EFSA/mVAM results are released, FSCC to include an item on the agenda of FSCC meeting (27 March- TBC)- an independent analysis of the results, to be presented by Mr Ben Fultong, former WFP's CD (rtd, now UN Consultant on Food Security and Livelihoods).
- Caritas Bamenda, Justice and Peace Commission/Diocese of Bamenda and Catholic Relief Services to give a presentation on lessons learned on its soon to be launched e-voucher programme for Food Security, possibly at the next FSCC meeting.

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

- 1- **Introductions:** The 1:30minutes meeting brought together 48 participants, representing 39 Partner Organisations.
- 2- **Review of Previous FSC Coordination Meeting:** Results and findings of needs assessments (mVAM/EFSNA, DTM, and HDDS/HHS) are still being finalised and will be shared as soon as they are released. Action Plans based on these findings were developed, within FS Cluster.
- 3- **Partners Mapping 2019:**
  - The mapping of partners present in the NW/SW is ongoing. To date, it was reported that FSCC has recorded 30 organizations in the SW and 39 in the NW, amongst which are local NGOs, CIGs, INGOs, FBOs, CBOs, and associations. About 16 organizations are operational in both the NW/SW regions carrying out food security activities. With the latest data on partners' presence in NWR, it appears that numbers continue to grow, now at 45 Partner Organisations in Food Security.
  - A dashboard and map of partners' presence will soon be produced, based on data which will be shared by Partners, showing those which are functional in the NW/SW, and the types of activities (FA, types of livelihoods). So far, less than 50% of Partners have filled in the template. Resource mobilization, effective planning of distributions and coordination of partners by geographic zones, all depend on this data, hence partners who have already shared their data were thanked, while those who have not yet done so, were encouraged to share their data.
- 4- **FSC Coordination Updates:**
  - Briefing Partners on the Inter-Cluster Coordination (ICC) meetings which have taken place: clusters have been identifying common capacity building needs, and have been sharing information on their respective response and coordination activities, particularly in NWR, and scaling up plans for SWR.

- FSCC briefed Partners on the recently set up Network on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), which will be coordinated by focal points from all UN Agencies, INGOs and Clusters.

### WFP's Plan of Humanitarian Response in NW/SW:

FSCC echoed the key messages shared by WFP Head of Field Office during the last FSC Coordination Meeting held in Buea, i.e., on the benefits of good coordination and sharing data on food assistance and livelihoods for food security. This also means that sharing needs assessments, and operational constraints, etc is another way to avoid overlap, understand gaps, and plan effectively future responses, together to address food insecurity, which is real in the two regions.

- In terms of some of the food security and malnutrition challenges, WFP HofO highlighted that for example, when houses and markets are burnt down, this leads to pressures on food availability and malnutrition. As part of its response, WFP has carried out food distribution as from November 2018, up until now. There have been serious issues of access, however, the more WFP and its cooperating partner (Reach Out) are moving ahead the more they are experiencing new dynamics and accessing new statistics of beneficiaries and partners.
- The plan is to begin WFP's responses in the NW around April, depending on access, security, food availability, and since there is a more or less clear picture of the capacity of the NGOs operating in NW, and given that numbers and locations of IDPs are gradually being known, WFP plans to serve more than 100,000 individual beneficiaries, on a gradual basis. The foreseen modality is distribution of direct food assistance (540g/person/household/day).
- WFP will depend on strong and effective partnerships with local and international NGOs, and that is why WFP supports capacity building needs of all FSC Partners to ensure all are literate in mainstreaming of gender/protection, and sensitivity with humanitarian principles and most importantly, PSEA, among others.
- WFP is speeding up the process of selecting potential Cooperating Partners to work on GFD in NW/SW scaling up plan. WFP will depend on current and evolving needs revealed by results and data on IDPs and affected host communities in NWR to begin GFD. Mezam, Menchum and Ngo-Ketunjia have so far been identified as divisions which will receive FA in the first phase.

### Other Partners' Updates – GFD, Emergency Livelihoods activities (February 2019):

**Caritas-** Food Distribution at Parish level (in Mankon) took place in the week of 18-22 February for IDPs who came from Weh and Benakuma and from other villages in the region, but registered in Mankon – Bamenda. In Bayele (Nkwen), hundreds of IDPs families have been presenting themselves on a daily basis at the parish and Caritas is currently conducting new registrations. In the Caritas Bamenda Office, new IDPs have been coming in everyday and distributions going on.) In Mankon, more than 200 IDPs and in Bayele, more than 500 IDPs were registered. Food and non food items will be distributed to the new IDPs on Saturday 2 March.

**Bihndumlem Humanitarian:** Encouraged Partners to cooperate and called on those working in Wum to meet her for cooperation/coordination and data sharing. The Organisation has been taking food to children (about 20 children, about 40 to elderly people and about 80 families in Ngoh) that have been recently wounded by gunshots Wum/Menchum and currently in hospital in Wum.

**Change Care Foundation:** for the month of February, CCF reported that it has distributed the following food items: 4kgs of rice, Maggie, 2 litres oil per household, to 25 IDPs HHs in Meta Quarter, Bamenda, and has refined and harmonised its vulnerability criteria and is closely working with Caritas Bamenda in their distributions.

**ASWEDO** has been supporting 20 IDPs HHs in Bamenda 2 (in Anakuma, Chinde, Dinin Quarter). In February, it distributed 25 Kgs of rice and 2-3 litres of groundnut oil to each of the 20HHs. On 27 February, the organisation distributed grants of 50,000 XAF to each of the 8 vulnerable IDPs women, as income generating grants to empower and lift them out of poverty. The beneficiaries of these grants have been making pastry. In the near future, the organisation intends to introduce a small poultry farming project for IDPs women in Anakuma.

**Bridge Gender Gap Global** has recently recruited new staff to meet specific food security and nutritional needs of vulnerable IDPs women in Benagudi. For February, BGG has been able to distribute food items to 18 women. BGG has mainly provided food assistance to pregnant women and lactating women with newly born babies and has been providing nutritional advice as well.

### LIVELIHOODS Updates

**CUAPWD** has provided capacity building and skills training to 40 IDPs living with disabilities, as a way to reduce their multiple vulnerabilities around access and increase their self-reliance through home-based business. The idea came after CUAPWD realised that disabled IDPs face challenges when they have to go to distribution sites for assistance of food, or non-food items and engage in livelihoods activities far away from their homes or their villages. The organisation has trained 40 IDPs in soap making and home-made detergents et feeds for animals, and has provided start up capitals of 35,000 XFA to each of the 40 IDPs, straight after the initial phase of the training. The second phase is covering basic management skills of small businesses, including bookkeeping.

**Youth Outreach Programme** has been providing skills training to IDPs young women in pastry making, beads making, and in crop farming (home gardening). The training programme is still ongoing (twice a week at YOP office) and also includes other skills and tradecrafts such as production techniques of making body lotions, soaps, washing detergents. To date, skills training has been provided to 104 IDPs women and nearly 60 percent of them have completed the training programme and have started producing soaps and detergents and are currently commercialising them onto local markets in Bamenda.

**Cameroon Medical Women Association** also shared that they have been providing some relief assistance, including food, to a small number of vulnerable women living with HIV/AIDS. We give medical packages. To IDPs we give then access to medical treatment, free medical consultation. Recently, CMWA gave rice, soap, pads to about 40 children in Bafoussam.

### 5- Nutrition Cluster Updates:

Due to the fact the Nutrition Cluster Coordinator is currently travelling, hence unable to hold the Coordination Meeting in Bamenda for NWR Partners, the following messages were shared with FSC Partners, because many of them are also Partners of the Nutrition Cluster:

- Partners who are currently undertaking or planning to undertake livelihood projects (e.g urban gardening or poultry) are encouraged to share information on their design documents, with Nutrition and Food Sec Clusters so that such projects can achieve the twin objectives of improving household incomes and improving nutrition outcomes. Nut Cluster can assist in making those projects nutrition sensitive. Also, Partners who are undertaking or planning to undertake nutrition activities (screening, treatment of malnutrition and IYCF) to contact Nut Cluster Coordinator – [rwanyama@unicef.org](mailto:rwanyama@unicef.org), and share with Nut Cluster and FSC of any concerns of malnutrition cases – any visible forms of malnutrition (by indicating the area/location and other details).

### 6- AOB

- The FS Cluster website (Cameroon/NWSW page) was shared. Partners are encouraged to share their activities, needs, assessments, and photographs of distributions in the field to be included in Cluster's Bulletins, Dashboards, and other IM products that the website can be populated with ongoing response efforts into the NWSW crisis.
- The deadline for 4/5Ws data collection is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. FSCC will share the revised version of template.
- CRS, in partnership with Caritas Bamenda and Justice and Peace Commission/Diocese of Bamenda, intend to implement an e-voucher pilot programme for 300 HHs vulnerable IDPs in Old Town (Bamenda 3). Registration of beneficiaries will take place in the first two weeks of March. The e-voucher programme will include Food Assistance and NFIs. Each individual in a HH will receive an equivalent of 6.5USD for food items and between 54 to 59USD for NFIs. Vendors have been identified and community engagement and vulnerability criteria are currently being refined. E-voucher distributions will begin in early April, to enable beneficiaries to begin purchasing in Mid-April.

The meeting ended at 15:00. Date for Next FSC Coordination Meeting for NWR is Wed 27 March (TBC).

