Regional Food Security Sector in Rakhine was called in Sittwe on 10th of August, to see the progress around coordination in the floods 2016 response and way forward on the overall coordination among food security sector partners in Rakhine. The meeting was attended by 20 participants from 11 institutions, including 4 UN Agencies, 6 INGOs, and 2 government officials. The meeting was attended by representatives of State Agriculture and Livestock Departments.

The meeting encompasses the following agenda items;

1. Round of Introduction and review of previous meeting minutes;
2. Update on Floods Situation in Rakhine;
3. Mapping of Food Security Partners in Rakhine;
4. FAO Presentation on their Upcoming Project;
5. WFP-VAM update on Food Security Information;
6. Rolling out of GBV Guidelines

1. Review of last FSS meeting Minutes;
   • The draft terms of reference for FSS in Rakhine will be shared through email before the next meeting; for comments and further inputs;
   • The technical guidance on livelihood interventions is drafted and update is included in the meeting today.
   • Total of 16 partner organizations recorded interested to take part in the deliberations of FSS in Rakhine; consultations are going on and more partners will be invited to join FSS.

2. Update on Floods 2016 Response:
   • Maps were generated for the flood affected areas in Rakhine, to support better understanding of the stretch of floods among the affected townships in central Rakhine; the vulnerabilities were portrayed in affected villages/village tracts to overlay those areas which are affected during both 2015 and 2016 floods;
   • Following the request of previous meeting, a template of technical guidance was presented to the participants. The effort was to provide basic technical guidance on food security sectors (agriculture, livelihoods, food assistance etc). The template included the choice of crops in the coming winter planting season, simple technical guidance on recommended varieties, activity calendar, fertilizer requirements and some indicative cost of activity. The chart is supposed to help food security partners in programming agricultural interventions in the affected townships. The livelihoods partners were requested to provide inputs for the possible livelihood interventions and cash based programmes in the area;
• Responding to a query on the possibility of cash programs, participants were informed on the ongoing multi-agency feasibility study on cash based interventions in Myanmar. The partners in Cash Working Group will make use the findings, Food Security Sector will work closely with CWG to use it effectively in the strategy of food security sector;

• DRC informed on their recent cash feasibility study in Rakhine and willing to circulate it among food security partners in Rakhine;

• The need of livestock interventions was also highlighted in the flood affected areas, however livestock damages were not properly portrayed in the initial assessments, and partners and LBVD were requested to provide more detail insights on the situation and possible support packages in livestock sub-sector;

• Round of update from FS partners informed that;
  o WFP with their implementing partners (Plan International) completed their food assistance package among 45,000 people in the 55 flood affected villages of Minbya; the challenge of planned vs actual beneficiaries is something usual in an emergency environment; after due discussion it was decided to keep a margin (%ages) for the lists of beneficiaries/affected population provided to plan response in a pragmatic manner and secure a more realistic/harmonized number for affected population and target beneficiaries;
  o WFP is planning to follow cash for assets (CFA) activities in the same affected areas, assessments are going on and detail plan will be shared in upcoming meetings;
  o FAO re-iterate the support of 1500 bags of compound fertilizer in the recent 3 flood affected townships, to help encourage yields; detailed presentation on FAO another project in the same area is included as a separate agenda item;
  o Oxfam International informed on their possible agricultural livelihood support (winter cropping season) to 10 recently affected villages in Kyawktaw and willing to bilaterally coordinate their interventions with other active partners in the area; Oxfam was also encouraging the idea to program around a longer term and multi-sectoral strategy among active partners that short term seasonal activities could be effectively leading to more durable solutions;
  o IRC supported 90 farming families with paddy seed for re-plantation in 5 villages of Minbya.

• The meeting was also informed briefly on the upcoming Myanmar Humanitarian Fund (MHF) standard allocation for underfunded sectors in HRP 2016; Sectors/Clusters are working with MHF Secretariat to agree on a realistic allocations among different sectors; partners will be updated on the propositions and activities within different sectors to secure funding;

• A reserve allocation for the current flooding situation in Myanmar is also under consideration, and partners will be informed accordingly on the decision of MHF Advisory Board to proceed accordingly.
Action Point:
- Partners to provide inputs/comments on the technical guidance template, for CC to further work it through Department of Agriculture and Technical Agencies;
- DRC to provide their Cash Assessment for further circulation among FSS partners
- FSS partners to provide further detail information on the situation of livestock in the affected areas and that need to work further through LBVD for devising response;
- FSS to work further with WFP/Plan International on the harmonization of data for affected population

3. Mapping of FSS Partners:
- An analysis of mapping exercise was shared with the participants, portraying the presence of FSS partners in different geographical zones of Rakhine;
- Analysis of MIMU database identify 15 organizations working mostly long term development of agriculture and livelihood sectors;
- ICRC and IFRC also provided information on their recent flood response and regular engagements within the livelihood sector; the data will be exclusively used for improving coordination among FSS partners for mapping and experience sharing;
- Oxfam International informed on their recovery project from floods 2015 affected areas in 16 villages of Kyawktaw. First phase of activities happened between end 2015 and beginning 2016, and second phase is planned for vegetable gardening seeds and poultry re-stocking
- MIMU database, bilateral consultations and random tracking with active organizations provided some initial picture of organizations working in food, agricultural and livelihood sub-sectors. Though, it is not helpful of running a proper needs/gaps analysis in the respective sectors for emergency response, as well as experience sharing and showcasing from the development partners;
- It was proposed to initiate a dedicated sector specific 4W matrix among FSS partners in Rakhine, not only to analyze the presence capacity of partner organizations but to identify area of harmonization between emergency and long term development partners; the activity was endorsement unanimously for further follow up;

Action Point:
CC to work out a template of 4W matrix for FSS in Rakhine and share with partners for their comments and endorsement.

4. FAO Presentation on their Project:
- FAO Programs facilitated a presentation on their upcoming project in Rakhine, “Improvement of Agriculture Livelihood and Resilience for Conflict and Flood Affected Communities in Ethnic Minority Areas”;
The main outcome sought for the project is “Improved household food security and increased resilience to floods and cyclones in conflict and natural disaster prone areas”;

Provision of agricultural inputs, asset rehabilitation and replacement, disaster risk reduction are the three main components of the project and planning to reach more than 12,000 families in Rakhine and Chin;

In Rakhine only, 69 villages are planned to cover within 5 townships of Ponnar Kyun, Kyauk Taw, Mrauk-U, Minbya and Buthidaung;

FAO will coordinate closely with active organizations, government counterparts, and work closely with the affected communities for better targeting and selection process;

FAO project was commented positively, however responding to the comments on project activities on resilience and DRR, it was clarified that the project will strengthen the concept of resilience in the region and provide the platform for further understanding along the same lines;

Some organizations (Oxfam and ICRC) are already present in the same area with identical interventions, it was highly recommended to improve bilateral coordination with these organizations for an effective coverage.

**Action Point:**

*FAO Program will coordinate their activities with active organizations in the area (Oxfam International, ICRC) for creating complementarities and avoid overlaps.*

5. **WFP-VAM Update on CFSVA:**

WFP VAM Unit updated on their proposed assessment in Myanmar, Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA); it is a baseline survey provide in-depth analysis of food security and respective vulnerabilities in a given country; factors affecting food security situation like food supplies, markets, livelihoods, coping strategies, health and nutrition status of the communities are some of the standard indicators analyzed during CFSVA; further guidance on the tool can be found on WFP global website;

The CFSVA is planned for Rakhine; tentatively starting in September and preliminary results are expected to be shared during the month of October;

WFP-VAM is seeking the support of FSS partners in different phases of the survey; the TORs of the assessment will be shared among FSS partners for their understanding and comments, the support of FSS partners during enumeration will be highly appreciated as well as the results will be shared through the same forum for validation and better analysis.

**Action Point:**
The TORs of CFSVA to be shared with FSS partners in Rakhine for their understanding and further inputs.

6. Gender Based Violence (GBV) Guidelines:

- GBV Guidelines were endorsed by Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in 2015;
- The roll out of GBV guidelines was initially agreed in 11 countries; Myanmar is one of the selected country and Food Security is one of the selected sector for effectuate these guidelines;
- An implementation support team has been assigned globally to help sectors in the roll out in their respective response strategies;
- The support team is proposing a 1 day orientation workshop with FS partners in Rakhine (Sittwe) during the 3rd week of September; potential partners from Nutrition and Livelihood sectors are expected to join;
- Further and exact details will be shared among FS partners and nominations from respective partners will be ensured.

Next Meeting: tentatively planned on 6th September 2016.
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