

MINUTES – FIELD LEVEL FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

8, March 2017

SITTWE, RAKHINE

Monthly Food Security Sector (FSS) meeting was held on the 8th of March 2017 in the RC Office from 10 till 12, in Sittwe. The meeting was attended by 18 partners, including 4 UN Agencies (FAO, WFP, OCHA, UNDP), 4 INGOs (ACTED, MAUK, Solidarites, ACF), GiZ, IFRC and ICRC.

The following Agenda was adopted for the meeting:

- Presentation by FAO of FSS online survey results
- Follow up exercise - FSS
- WFP presentation of mapping of CBT in Rakhine State and impact/analysis
- AOB

The meeting started with a round introduction of the attendees and the introduction of Pardie Karamanoukian, Food Security sector coordinator, who will be in Myanmar until the end of March to conduct a review of the FS sector coordination. She will be contacting several key partners in the sector to arrange bilateral meetings. She can be contacted on:

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1- Presentation by FAO of FSS online survey results

A presentation on the main results was given by the FSS coordinator. The online survey was launched end of December 2016 – beginning January 2017, which was sent to the FSS mailing list. A total of 19 individuals responded to the survey. The results of the survey are not considered statistically representative but only indicative to the situation of the FSS. For more information please refer to the meeting presentation.

2- Follow up exercise - FSS

Discussion on how to take the review of the sector coordination forward.

- Suggestions to have bilateral meetings with partners first and then if needed have a workshop with all stakeholders
- To include both humanitarian and development partners, as well as the government

Action point: FSS coordinator to schedule bilateral meetings with partners and plan for workshop if needed. Tentative workshop date: 23 or 24 March.

**** Update on Rakhine Assessment:**

- FAO gave an update on the Rakhine assessment that targets both household level assessment and farmers' needs study.
- The survey would target around 19,000 households, and would require a period of 6 to 8 months to complete, using mobile data collection tools
- No funding is currently available, and the approximate cost is around \$0.5 million.
- Concerns raised by partners is to make sure results of the study are out before the end of the year to be used for planning purposes.

3- WFP presentation of mapping of CBT in Rakhine State and impact/analysis

- The main interventions are being done in Zone 1, an increase since last year, targeting IDPs as well and in some place doing General Food Distributions (GFD) and Cash For Asset (CFA). Thus one type of assistance should be implemented wherever relevant.
- The project is Cash Based Transfers (CBT)/CFA including construction and renovation of water ponds, renovation of roads and dykes.
- Implementing partners include: World Vision, Plan International, Acted and CDN
- For more information, refer to the meeting presentation

Action points:

- Identify ways to increase women participation in such projects
- Partners request from WFP to clarify the reason behind the increase in the number of beneficiaries.

4- AOB

- 4W matrix: sector coordination to share with partners the reviewed 4W matrix.
- WFP: Presentation on the 13 new food distribution points inside camps. For more information refer to the meeting presentation.