



Meeting Minutes (August 2023)

Title: FSC Myanmar National Coordination Meeting

Location: Online via Microsoft Team

Date: 08.08.2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00PM - 5:00PM (Yangon Time)

Meeting Chair: Gilbert Sang (Information Management Officer)

PARTICIPANTS

32 Organisations including **3** donors, **20** INGOs, **2** NNGO, **1** Red Cross and **6** UN Agencies, (**61** individuals) participated in the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Geospatial Application on Food Security and Sustainable Landscapes (ADPC)
2. Sustainable Supply Chain Platform (Tun Yat)
3. FSC Gap Analysis for Q2 2023 Highlights (FSC)
4. FSC key achievements on the field since last FSC coordination meeting (Partners)
5. AOB

SUMMARY OF MEETING DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

PROCEEDING	Action Point/ Remark
<p>1. Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting commenced at 3:00 PM and was chaired by the Information Management Officer. The meeting chair welcomed the participants to the meeting and presented the agenda for the meeting. 	
<p>2. Geospatial Application on Food Security and Sustainable Landscapes, presented by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the ongoing flagship program known as SERVIR Southeast Asia was discussed. The program is a joint initiative of USAID and NASA, and the SERVIR Southeast Asia (SEA) hub is hosted within ADPC. ADPC as an intergovernmental organization is being hosted by the MoFA Thailand. The program focuses on geospatial applications for food security and sustainable landscapes across several countries, including Myanmar. Described the program's goals, which involve connecting space data to decision-making processes and addressing development challenges related to climate change. Provided a detailed overview of the various services and activities being carried out under the SERVIR Southeast Asia program in Myanmar. These activities included land use change, forest and crop area mapping, crop condition and yield estimation modeling, drought and crop impact forecasting, and food security assessment. The ongoing flagship program has expanded its geographical scope to include additional countries like Indonesia and the Philippines. The program aims to contribute to food security assessments and enhance anticipatory action for disaster and climate resilience. The team is working on mapping exercises for land use changes, forest monitoring, crop area mapping, and drought and flood impact forecasting. The presentation highlighted potential collaboration with MIMU, WFP and other relevant organizations for data sharing and capacity development and discussed the plan to make data and information generated through the program fully accessible for public use. Questions were raised about the timeframe of the program and food security assessment, and the integration with other initiatives like MIMU and LIFT. The program's duration is five years, running until 2027. The collaboration will continue even after the program ends, with a focus on transferring technology and knowledge to Myanmar for sustained food security assessments. The food security assessment will initiate during mid of 2024. Shared the two reports on crop mapping in Myanmar and tools developed under SERVIR program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rice Area and Production Estimates for the 2022 Monsoon Season Rice Area and Production Estimates for the 2021 Post-monsoon Season Tools for drought, Flood and Cyclone Tracking 	<p>Presentation: Geospatial Application on Food Security and Sustainable Landscapes</p>
<p>3. Sustainable Supply Chain Platform, presented by Tun Yat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tun Yat was founded as an agricultural and financial technology company in Myanmar in 2017. 	<p>Presentation: Sustainable Supply Chain Platform</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The company aims to address challenges faced by smallholder farmers by building an Ethical transparent and sustainable supply chain platform with four missions: financial access, income security, gender inclusion, and mitigating climate risks and market price issues. • The areas where Tun Yat operates were outlined, including 8 townships in Magway, Ayeyarwaddy, and Shan State, and providing agricultural machinery supply and farm inputs. The transition to a sustainable supply and change platform was highlighted. • Challenges faced by farmers were discussed, including limited access to quality inputs, lack of bargaining power, and the need for education and technical support. • Explained Tun Yat's solution, which involves linking financial providers, quality input suppliers, and capacity-building efforts for smallholder farmers. • The mechanism for the sustainable supply chain platform was explained, involving receiving funds, engaging village committees, collecting orders, negotiating with suppliers, and distributing inputs to farmers. • The company issued 440,000 USD as USD as sustainable community fund to 7,400 farming households in the areas operated. • The process of community proposal, fund distribution, credit point issuance, and the buying process for farmers was detailed. • The company anticipated to issue 1 million USD to 20,000 Farmers for next 2 years. • Lastly, the organization structure of Tun Yat and partners were highlighted. 	
<p>4. FSC Gap Analysis for Q2 2023 Highlights, presented by FSC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snapshots of FSC achievements from January to June 2023 were presented. • The information was based on monthly FSC 5W reports which were shared by partners. • As of June 2023, the FSC had successfully reached 1.2 million beneficiaries, comprising for 46% of the annual targeted 2.6 million beneficiaries under both HRP and Flash Appeal. • While SO1 and SO2 achieved 45% and 59% of their annual targets respectively, SO3 only reached 14%. • Notably, there existed a cumulative gap of 1.4 million beneficiaries. • In the context of Mocha Response, a collective effort by 7 reporting partners resulted in reaching a total of 205K beneficiaries (41%) out of the intended 500K target. 	FSC Gap Analysis
<p>5. FSC key achievements in the field since last FSC coordination meeting</p> <p>Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July, FAO reached 24,461 beneficiaries in 4,870 households across 6 townships in Rakhine and 2 townships in Ayeyarwady. They provided crop production inputs including vegetable and paddy seeds, as well as fertilizers such as organic and non-organic compost, NPK, and tarpaulins. • WFP and its cooperating partners were able to reach approximately 484,600 beneficiaries through food, cash, and rice plus cash distributions across Rakhine, Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Chin, and Bago. These numbers encompassed the second-round distribution to 3,800 IDPs in Pinlaung and 14,200 in eastern Bago. Furthermore, around 11,000 IDPs from Rathedaung, whose data was transferred from ICRC, commenced receiving WFP assistance following the verification process. Despite having a distribution plan targeting 500,000 individuals affected by the cyclone, WFP awaited approval from the national DMC until the end of July. • Save the Children: focusing on Kayin, Chin, Kayah, Shan and Magway (excluding the intervention work jointly done with WFP in Rakhine). Total of around 9,000 households 	

<p>supported with cash for food and around 600 households with productive grants for agri/micro business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July, a partner assisted 14,196 households (49,795 people) in 22 townships across 9 states/regions with food assistance. Furthermore, they extended their support to 611 households (2,868 people) across 6 townships with agricultural assistance, as well as 364 households (1,290 people) in 8 townships through livestock support. • In Kachin State, a partner conducted farmer field school training for 25 farmers. Another partner delivered nutrition training in 2 villages, along with nutrition distribution in 6 villages within Bhamo township. Additionally, they facilitated Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance for 3 villages in Shwegu township. • In Shan (North), one partner distributed cash for 90 beneficiaries in Kutkai township and 56 beneficiaries in Namtu township, and 104 beneficiaries in Namkhan township. • In Magway, one partner is planning to initiate a food distribution project in Gangaw township. • In Sagaing, a partner is continuing the ongoing multi-purpose cash distribution activities in some townships and preparing to expand to new townships. • In Sagaing and Magway, another partner provided food assistance through in-kind as cyclone response for 750 households in Yinmarbin township in Sagaing and Kyaukhtu township in Magway. • In Rakhine, one partner disbursed cash assistance to 650 households in Ponnagyun township. They also planned to distribute Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance to individuals affected by cyclone Mocha, targeting Ponnagyun, Pauktaw, Kyauktaw, and Sittwe during August. A different partner provided food assistance, reaching 600 households in Kyauktaw, Rathedaung, Buthidaung, and Maungdaw townships in Rakhine. Another partner conducted the distribution of paddy seeds across 9 townships. Another different partner offered Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance to 1,350 families in Kyauktaw township and organized training sessions for 150 farmers on home gardening and supported 100 farmers in preparing ponds for fishing and stocking. • In Chin state, a partner distributed nutrition and food packages to 1,000 vulnerable individuals across Mindat, Falam, Tonzang, and Tedim. Additionally, they extended Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance to families affected by cyclone Mocha in Kanpetlet, Mindat, and Matupi townships. 	
<p>6. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) has released a call for proposals to select a partner to implement its Digital Ecosystem and Agriculture Market (DEAM) initiative, designed to support and improve the digital service platform for the agricultural sector. 	