

# **Meeting Minutes (April 2023)**

Title: FSC Myanmar National Coordination Meeting

Location: Online via Zoom

Date: 25.04.2022 (Tuesday)

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

Meeting Chair: Laurent GIMENEZ (Cluster Coordinator)

Meeting Co-chair: Chirine Homsy (Cluster Co-Coordinator)

### **PARTICIPANTS**

23 Organisations including 2 donors, 1 red cross, 14 INGOs, 1 NNGO and 5 UN Agencies, (44 individuals) attended in the meeting.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Presentation of Revised Humanitarian Coordination Architecture by UNOCHA
- 2. Presentation on FAO/WFP R5 Assessment
- 3. Presentation of PSEA at the Frontline by WFP
- 4. FSC key achievements on the field since last FSC coordination meeting
- **5.** AOB

# **SUMMARY OF MEETING DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

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#### **6. Presentation of FAO/WFP R5 Assessment**: presented by WFP and FAO

- Result of WFP/FAO round 5 assessment about Monitoring the Impacts of Shocks to Agricultural Livelihoods and Food Security in Myanmar was presented, and the data represent at all State/Regional level except Naypyitaw and achieved small sample in Kayah, Tanintharyi, and Chin.
- Data were collected through the CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) from 3,948 households (1,950 Agri HHs and 1,998 non-Agri HHs) during 10 December 2022 to 27 January 2023.
- Overall trends of food insecurity situation are decreased from R4.
- In term of shock, the trend declined in R5 in compared to R4 that the households not affected by shocks are increased from 36% to 52%.
- Rural households are mostly affected by shock especially in Chin, Kayah and Sagaing where the active armed conflicts are present.
- Household income doesn't change much. But the livestock producers in rural areas are worst
  off and about 1/5 reported a larger decrease in income compared to the same period in last
  year.
- Main drivers behind food insecurity included the education, low/unstable households' income, and households with U5 children and disabilities.
- Reduction of area planted still a concern, particularly for rice and pulses which is associated with difficulties in accessing seeds and conflict/violence at the moment of planting.
- The most frequent crop production difficulties are access to fertilizer, lack of water, crop damages, plant diseases and access to labour. Rakhine is where is the worst production outcome.
- In term of livestock, it decreased animal heads compared to last year
- Both crop and livestock marketing difficulties are declined in R5 but the high transportation costs and low scale prices are remained.

#### 7. Presentation of PSEA at the Frontline: presented by WFP

- WFP and IOM developed the "PSEA at the Frontline" in collaboration with TWB.
- Targeted to frontline and field-based workers.
- The tools based on feedbacks received from over 3,000 frontline humanitarian workers in over 80 countries.
- Conducted the field testing in 5 countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Colombia, South Sudan, and Turkey).
- Available in 22 languages including Myanmar language (s) with different materials like highly illustrated print material, audio messages, and multimedia tools.
- Equip frontline humanitarian workers and partners with the knowledge and awareness to recognize and report sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Encourage frontline workers and partners to become strategic allies in preventing sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Download the materials at this link, PSEA at Frontline

# 1. FSC key achievements on the field since last FSC coordination meeting

## Responses

 During March, 1 UN agency and cooperating partners reached about 534,400 beneficiaries (87% of monthly distribution plan) with food/ cash/ rice plus cash in Magway, Rakhine, Kachin, Shan, Kachin, Bago, Chin and Kayah. Among them, about 57% were served with cash or mixed rice plus cash modality where they can access functioning markets. However, several other

Assessment Presentation

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- thousands of IDPs from Shan (South) and 28,000 beneficiaries from 58 villages in Northern Rakhine state could not be reach due to the lack of approval from the state authorities.
- Another 1 UN agency conducted monsoon season distribution with farm inputs (fertilizers and vegetable seeds) in Kayah, Kayin, Shan (South) and Yangon. For upcoming monsoon season, planned to distribute vegetable seeds and fertilizers to 7,800 HHs in 4 townships in Rakhine State along with cash distribution to 4,000 HHs. Cash for work activities will also be supported in Rakhine.
- 1 INGO partner started a new project in January and targeted to 14 villages in Bhamo township in Kachin state with livelihood activities. In Sagaing Region, another 1 INGO and its partners have reached to 7,800 IDPs with cash for food and 3,350 beneficiaries with cash for food plus other NFIs (Item kits, Kitchen kits and shelter kits). Another 1 INGO has been continuing the regular food distribution (cash for food) in Northern Rakhine, and distributed first round of MPCA to IDPs and reached around 1,000 HHs in Sagaing Region.

#### 1. AOB

The FSC election for 2-year period will be conducted in July 2023.