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## MINUTES OF NATIONAL FSAC COORDINATION MEETING

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019  
**Venue:** RDP Offices, Sana'a  
**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance:** FAO, MOPIC, CARE, ACTED, YDN, TYF, BFF, SYDF, IRC, ECHO, EU Delegation, EECR Cluster, MC, CAC Bank, IMC, SFHRP, VHI, SOUL, LMMPO, ADO, ACF, SCI, OXFAM, IOM, NFDHR, YFCA, ZOA, NRC, RRD, YLDF, DRC, KFD, DA, NAMCHA, IRY, WC, SMEPS, SFD, IYCY, ITDC, CHR, RDP, HFY, SPARK, MAI, HAI

### Agenda:

1. Review of action points from the last meeting
2. Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard Allocation
3. FSAC 2019 YHRP (Strategy, Targets, Financial Requirements, Partners caseloads)
4. AOB

### 1. Review of Action Points from Last Meeting

- Actions points emanating from the last meeting were reviewed and meeting minutes endorsed

### 2. Fund (YHF) 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard Allocation

- It will now be called the Yemen Humanitarian Fund 1<sup>st</sup> Standard Allocation, 2019
- The aim of the YHF 1<sup>st</sup> Standard Allocation is to help cover key gaps in the existing operation and support the immediate scale-up of activities in 'red box' locations with the most vulnerable communities
- The three parameters for the YHF 1<sup>st</sup> Standard Allocation include:
  - Expanding high impact programs in districts classified as IPC 4 and above
  - Scaling up assistance in priority IDP collective sites



- Scaling-up first line assistance in areas of new displacement
- FSAC Priorities for the standard allocation
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Line of response - Emergency Food assistance (either cash or voucher transfers) for a minimum of 6 consecutive months/rounds to the same household
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Line of response - Distributing conditional and season-specific cash or vouchers/ Cash for work/ Cash for Assets to rehabilitate community infrastructure and assets
  - Inter-cluster monitoring including a food security component (+Nutrition+ WASH+ health components) as part of either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> line of response activities above
- Eligible Partners - Should be eligible partners for the YHF and have passed OCHA's due diligence and capacity assessment
- Maximum Funding Ceiling - will be based on the current OCHA HFU ceiling for FSAC partners (the ceiling will take into account all combined proposals in different sectors)
- Partners can propose multi-sector projects with FSAC, Nutrition, WASH, and Health components. All the four clusters will be focusing on the 45 districts for parameter one
- FSAC has submitted dossiers under **Parameter one and two** (Expanding high impact programs in districts classified as IPC 4 and above & Scaling up assistance in priority IDP collective sites)
- Parameter One (Expanding high impact programs in districts classified as IPC 4 and above)
  - Focus on 45 districts with populations in IPC phase 5 catastrophe
- Parameter Two (Scaling up assistance in priority IDP collective sites)
  - The focus of this parameter will be the 88 collective sites identified by the Shelter/ NFI/ CCM cluster as having food security gaps
  - FSAC has proposals on 42 collective sites with food security gaps (all food security needs are currently fully covered by WFP in all the other 46 collective sites)
- Priority will be given to the following projects from FSAC partners:
  - Demonstrated high impact projects in the 45 districts with populations in IPC phase 5 catastrophe
  - Demonstrated high impact programs in the IDP collective sites



- Existing and ongoing programs within the target locations
  - Existing track record
  - Active partners who submit reports regularly to the cluster
  - Capacity on the ground
  - Access to the proposed locations
  - Partners indicating the impact of previous and proposed projects (based on evidence and food security outcomes e.g. FCS, HDDS, HHS, CSI, LCIS etc.)
- All FSAC proposed projects **MUST** be coordinated at the hub level and get the endorsement of the respective Sub-Cluster Coordinator
- FSAC currently has a total draft dossier of 17 Million as follows:
- Parameter one - Expanding high impact programs in districts classified as IPC 4 and above
    - Total Budget - 12.6 Million
    - Target Beneficiaries - 141,260 individuals (only for the allocation). All the other food security needs all over the 45 districts are covered by WFP's emergency food assistance programs targeting at least a minimum of 1.6 Million beneficiaries
  - Parameter Two - Scaling-up assistance in priority IDP collective sites
    - Total Budget - 4.4 Million
    - Target Beneficiaries - 45,850 individuals
  - Parameter Three - Scaling-up first line assistance in areas of new displacement - FSAC did not submit any proposal under this parameter
- Next Steps
- Only NGO proposals accepted under FSAC since UN agencies have other sources of funding
  - The YHF Advisory Board (AB) meeting for the Cluster Defenses for the Standard Allocation will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January
  - **The AB will give feedback on the FINAL FSAC Dossier**
  - **OCHA HFU will open the GMS for proposals (with the requisite deadlines indicated)**



- Based on the AB feedback, FSAC will get back to all partners whose projects had been endorsed by the Cluster to make any necessary changes, which might include any of the following actions:
  - Revision of Targets
  - Revision of Budget
  - Removal of some projects
- Each proposal will then be reviewed by a technical/strategic review committee
- It is not a guarantee that all current endorsed FSAC projects will be automatically selected (**this will be based on the technical quality, strength, coherence of the submitted proposal**)
- Some poorly written projects might be rejected and re-allocated to other potential partners (already having endorsed projects)

### 3. FSAC 2019 YHRP (Strategy, Targets, Financial Requirements, Partners caseloads)

- The 2019 YHRP is still under finalization and in draft status
- All non-agricultural livelihoods activities that were under the EECR cluster will now be under FSAC in 2019
- FSAC and EECR will be sharing a transition plan with all their partners to ensure a smooth changeover
- A Livelihoods Working Group (LWiG) will be meeting on a regular basis to ensure that all emerging issues are addressed effectively
- The LWiG will also be providing guidance on all livelihoods related issues (agricultural and non-agricultural)
- The FSAC YHRP is based on the HNO with evidence-based needs emanating from the 2018 IPC results
- FSAC 2019 Objectives:
  - Increase access to food for highly vulnerable families across the country
  - Increase household incomes and rehabilitate food security assets in areas with high levels of food insecurity
- The Food Security and Agriculture Cluster **requires USD 2.2 Billion for 2019**. Of the 100 partners in the cluster, 54 are involved in first and second line responses.



➤ First line response

- Reduce severe hunger among highly vulnerable families by:
  - Distributing food, cash, or vouchers to severely food insecure families in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five
  - Distributing food, cash, or vouchers to vulnerable displaced and host families in high priority districts
  - Distributing conditional, and season-specific cash or vouchers and employing adults on public works schemes including projects that rehabilitate public infrastructure and community assets in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five
  - Distributing agricultural and fishery kits to severely food insecure rural households in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five
- The first line response will be monitored through the percentage of targeted households with Food Consumption Score (FCS) of > 42

➤ Second Line response

- Reduce severe hunger among vulnerable families by:
  - Distributing conditional, and season-specific cash or vouchers and employing adults on public works schemes including projects that rehabilitate public infrastructure and community assets in IPC phase three districts
  - Distributing drip irrigation kits and solar water pumps in IPC phase three districts
  - Restocking small ruminants and distributing beekeeping kits in IPC phase three districts
  - Supporting rural food processing and facilitating micro-enterprises in IPC phase three districts
  - Providing support to targeted households in IPC phase three districts to help establish micro businesses
- The second line response will be monitored through the percentage of targeted households employing emergency coping strategies



➤ Targeting

- Based on district-level Famine Risk Monitoring and Integrated Food Security Phase classification in all 333 districts, the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster is targeting:
  - 10 million severely food-insecure individuals in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five will receive food, cash or vouchers each month
  - 2 million vulnerable displaced and host individuals in high priority districts will receive food, cash or vouchers each month
  - 8 million severely food-insecure individuals in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five will receive cash+ agricultural, livestock or fishery kits
  - 1.5 million food insecure individuals in IPC phase four districts and areas with populations in IPC phase five will benefit from cash for work and employment in public works schemes
  - 5.3 million food-insecure individuals in IPC phase three districts will receive conditional, and season-specific cash or vouchers and livelihoods support

➤ 2018 achievements

- From January -December 2018, key achievements include:
  - Distributing food, cash, or vouchers to an average of 4.2 million severely food-insecure individuals per month in IPC phase four areas
  - Distributing food, cash, or vouchers to an average of 3.2 million severely food-insecure individuals per month in IPC phase three areas
  - Distributing agricultural, livestock and fishery kits to 1.7 million severely food-insecure individuals in IPC phase four areas
  - Distributing agricultural, livestock and fishery kits to 400,000 severely food-insecure individuals in IPC phase three areas
  - Providing longer term livelihood support to 160,000 individuals in IPC phase three areas



Action points:

- ❖ *EECR and FSAC Information Management Officers to meet and facilitate a consolidated updated FSAC mailing list (composed of FSAC partners + EECR partners) by COB Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019*
- ❖ *FSAC to circulate the meeting minutes to all FSAC and EECR partners*
- ❖ *FSAC to circulate the draft FSAC 2019 YHRP once finalized*
- ❖ *FSAC to circulate the FSAC dossier (amount and list of endorsed partners) once the AB approves the final cluster envelopes*
- ❖ *FSAC to circulate the 2019 YHRP partners caseloads allocations for all the different cluster activities:*
  - *District level Emergency Food Assistance Caseloads (highlighting WFP vs. non-WFP partners caseloads)*
  - *District level Emergency Livelihoods Assistance Caseloads (highlighting FAO vs. non-FAO partners caseloads)*
  - *District level conditional and season-specific cash/ cash for work/ employment in public schemes caseloads (highlighting FAO vs. UNDP vs. WFP vs. NGOs caseloads)*
  - *District level Longer term livelihoods support (highlighting FAO vs. UNDP vs. NGOs caseloads)*

#### 4. AOB

- There was no AOB for this meeting