

**IPC Technical Working Group and Assessment Working Group Combined Meeting
Kabul, February 23, 2022**

Minutes of Meeting

Type of Meeting	IPC TWG and AWG combined meeting
Date and Location	23 February 2022
Chairperson	FSAC
Note Taker	IPC
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Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Minutes

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1	Opening and welcome remarks	FSAC
<p>The FSAC Coordinator welcomed all TWG members to the meeting. He explained the objectives of the meeting. All TWG members introduced themselves and organization they were coming from. The FSAC Coordinator also introduced the new NGO Co - Chair to the TWG.</p>		

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2	New IPC TWG composition and introduction of the new TWG members	FSAC /IPC
<p>Due to the changes in operation of some IPC partners reduced or stopped their participation or involvement in the activities of TWG. The IPC secretariat decided to re-assess the composition of IPC TWG with the aim of further strengthening and enhancing the functioning of IPC TWG in 2022. FSAC various partners to ascertain the reason behind their reduced participation, while ensuring the partners increase their involvement in IPC activities. To further strengthen IPC TWG membership, FSAC and IPC Secretariat approached ANCC, REACH and Cordaid - considering their meaningful contribution in previous rounds of IPC analysis - to understand their willingness towards having a permanent IPC TWG membership. ANCC and REACH have warmly welcomed the trust of IPC secretariat and are happy to contribute by seconding their technical staff to the IPC TWG.</p> <p>A brief presentation on the key roles and responsibilities of the IPC TWG was provided to the meeting participants. Moreover, the TWG members agreed to proceed with the IPC activities particularly, with the IPC analysis workshop and its findings endorsement process without significant involvement of the de-facto authority.</p> <p>Action point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Against Hunger (AAH) to engage FSAC and IPC Secretariat on how best to strengthen their involvement in the IPC TWG. • The IPC Secretariat will continue its operations without significant engagement with the de-facto authorities, following the same approach as adhered in the previous round of the analysis workshop. • New technical working group members will be introduced in next TWG meeting. 		

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3	Quick update on PLSA	WFP
<p>The FSAC Pre-Lean season Assessment (PLSA) has been completed. The data collection was undertaken by a third-party service provider, overall 340 enumerators including 45 female enumerators were recruited for the field work. The assessment covered the entire country including 34 Province and 11 major urban centers, in total 45 analytical domains were covered. The training was conducted from 15 to 18 January 2022 in Kabul and the data collection was expected to be completed within two weeks after completion of the trainings but due to three sets of reasons (security, physical access and delay in obtaining consent of the de-facto authorities) a delay of 10 days occurred in the process. Currently the data collection was completed after surveying 11300 HHs and 400 Markets. The data will be cleaned and the tabulated and findings will be shared by the first week of March 2022.</p>		

Action points:

- The PLSA tabulated data will be shared by WFP by end of the first week of March 2022.

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4	Post Analysis Monitoring update	FSAC

The post analysis monitoring report has been finalized by the technical working group and the report is currently under review by FAO/WFP management. The final report will be shared after endorsement hopefully by next week. Despite deteriorating situation, significantly price increase, moderate La-Nina condition, below average precipitation and the significant reduction in conflict, the assumption for project are still valid. As of now, there is no adequate data to come up with new IPC figures, it is therefore expected that the upcoming IPC analysis will demonstrate how the food security situation looks like and will also produce new IPC figures.

Action points:

- The Post-Analysis Monitoring report will be reviewed and endorsed by the management within a week

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5	Identifying potential data sources to be utilized in the upcoming IPC analysis workshop	IPC/FSAC

The IPC secretariat has already started the discussion with the partners which undertake national level assessment namely REACH which is undertaking the Whole of Afghanistan (WoA) assessment and FAO that is undertaking a Livelihood Assessment. As per discussions with REACH the Whole of Afghanistan assessment is going to start by end of February with the final dataset being made available by mid-March, 2022. A partial dataset indicative of situation would be shared prior to the IPC analysis workshop.

The FAO livelihood assessment has not started yet, and it is expected to start in the next two weeks. Given the importance of these two assessments FAO and REACH are requested to speed up their data collection processes and share their initial findings to the IPC analysis workshop.

Action points:

- IPC to follow up with the Nutrition Cluster on the availability of nutrition smart surveys.
- To follow up with FAO to speed up the assessment process.

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6	Tentative dates for the IPC analysis workshop and next steps	IPC/FSAC

The TWG estimates that the entire analysis process from the actual analysis workshop to the endorsement of IPC product may take about 20 days. Due to this expected time period there was overall agreement on tentative date of the analysis workshop to be 13 to 21 of March. However, to ensure inclusion of all relevant datasets and the ongoing assessments FSAC is going to discuss with FAO and get back to the TWG members with the final confirmed dates for the analysis workshop.

Action points:

- The tentative dates for the analysis workshop would be the 13th to 21st of March, 2022. FSAC to discuss with FAO and get back to the TWG members with the final confirmed dates for the analysis workshop.
- Once the dates confirmed, IPC team will send out the invitation to the partners in order to introduce their analyst.
- The analysis will cover two periods, the current period will cover the months of March- May, 2022 and the projection period will continue from June- November, 2022.

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7	Discussion on feasibility of IPC AMN	IPC/FSAC
The discussion on conduction of IPC AMN did reach to a conclusion due to the fact that discussions among the AMN experts are still on at the GSU level.		
Action points:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To follow up with the GSU on their advice to conduct IPC Acute Malnutrition (AMN). 		

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8	GSU's mission to support the upcoming IPC AFI workshop	IPC/FSAC
The IPC TWG requested the IPC GSU to extend their support by conducting a mission to Afghanistan so as to have an in-person GSU participation in the IPC analysis workshop. The IPC Regional Coordinator for Asia warmly welcomed the IPC TWG's request. He agreed to support the analysis workshop by ensuring an in-person participation of GSU members depending on feasibility of the mission to Afghanistan.		
Action points:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSAC to follow up the feasibility of IPC GSU colleague's mission to Afghanistan. 		