Bi-Weekly FSL Cluster Meeting (Minutes of the Meeting)

Date: 15 Sep 2021  Chair: Alistair, FSLC Coordinator  FSLC Virtual Room on TEAMS
Meeting attended by 75 Cluster members.

1. COVID 19 context update for SSD and Africa – Monika (FSLC)
   South Sudan on alert for the resurgence of COVID-19 due to cases increasing for the past few weeks. Additional one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccines arrived in the country donated by USA through COVAX facility. As of Sep 6, 2021, unified electronic COVID-19 test certificate has been introduced, travellers are obliged to get tested for PCR at the certified labs (Crawford, Nojum, Med Blue, Queens).

2. Brief update of weather forecast - Mark (FAO)
   In Dekad 1 of September 2021, the country experienced a combination of high rainfall ranging from low to high including the dry spell. Kapoeta East experiencing low rainfall and dry condition. Flooding reported in Maban, Pibor, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Lafon including southern part of Nimule. In Jonglei, water in river Nile increased above 13.2 cm. All concerned stakeholders to take appropriate measures to protect lives and livelihoods in view of heavy rainfall, flood, and dry condition. [Presentation]

3. Introduction to Logistics Cluster Common Services – Blessing (WFP)
   Highlighted on the common logistics services (Common storage, Road transport, Air transport and river transport) which are offered for free to humanitarian partners to fill the logistics gaps in South Sudan. Some of the key challenges highlighted were
   - Request coming to logistics cluster from partners in the middle of rainy season, when areas are already flooded.
   - Partners not sharing their plan
   - Road convoy not possible in rainy season, thus put pressure on air transport.
   - Prepositioning not done in dry season
   For air transport the priority is the ICCG identified locations unreachable by road/river. There will be adhoc road movement to Tambura, so partners are advised to coordinate with logs cluster for any inputs to be prepositioned. [Presentation]. For any information on convoy, SRF check in www.logcluster.org/ops/ssp11a. southsudan.clustercargo@wfp.org.

4. Update on Needs Analysis Working Group
   Flooding at the moment not as bad as 2019/2020. To date 426,000 persons affected. [Presentation]. However, the situation is not likely to get better in coming years too. South Sudan Flood/Wetland Historical Overview.

5. Rapid assessment findings from Tonj North and Gogrial’s – Dushyant (REACH)
   Large population displacement in Tonj North, Gogrial East and West due to flood and insecurity. Households prevented from cultivation, harvested stocks to be exhausted by November 2021, prolonged food consumption gap and reliance on wild foods. [Presentation]

6. Update on FSLC

7. Contingency Planning
   Highlights on the contingency planning in South Sudan from Haile Aberra, Head of Programme, Juba Field Office, WFP, [Link to the Recording]

Next FSLC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.