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

**Date:** 1 Sep 2021  
**Chair:** Isaac, FSLC INGO Co-Coordinator  
**FSLC Virtual Room on TEAMS**  
Meeting attended by 61 Cluster members.

1. **COVID 19 context update for SSD and Africa – Monika (FSLC)**  
   Nearly 60,000 of AstraZeneca vaccines have arrived in South Sudan through COVAX facility. The vaccines expire at the end of Sep 2021. Ministry of Health has warned of third wave of coronavirus due to surge in cases which are mainly DELTA variant. As of 31 August 2021, 56,989 vaccines have been administered.

2. **Brief update of weather forecast - Mark (FAO)**  
   In Dekad 1 of August 2021, the country experienced a combination of high rainfall ranging from low to high including the dry spell. Anomaly maps indicate that rainfall amounts have been declining in the past three dekads (dekad 3 July, dekad 1 Aug and dekad 2 Aug). In the next week (31 Aug – 7 Sep 2021) moderate (50-100 mm) rainfall is expected in most parts of the country while moderate temperature (20-32°C) in all parts of the country. Based on the flood susceptibility maps, riverine low-lying areas along the Nile are at risk of flooding due to rise in water level. Northern Bahr el Ghazal received more than 100 mm of rainfall leaving most parts flooded. The risk of flooding continues as rainy season progresses. Moderate to high rainfall support crops however, below normal to dry conditions affect crop performance as seen in Kapoeta East where crops are drying with poor performance. [Presentation](#).

3. **Update on Rift Valley Fever – Dr. Nimaya (FAO)**  
   South Sudan is endemic to Rift Valley Fever (RVF) especially the eastern banks of the Nile river. Joint Risk Assessment (JRA) conducted in May 2021 also identified RVF, Rabies and AMR as priority zoonotic diseases in South Sudan. Following heavy rains and flooding, it is advised to increase surveillance on RVF. A rumour of RVF has been reported from Fashoda which is under investigation. It is advised that all concerned stakeholders report if abortions seen in animals and any suspicious cases as well and prepare sensitization messages. [Presentation](#).

1. **FSLC Update**  
   **Results from ATWG Survey Training Needs (Justus)**  
   A survey was conducted in July to identify the Agricultural Training Working Group training needs. A total of 126 responses were received from NNGOs, INGOS, UN and other stakeholders. The 13 different trainings have been listed based on priority needs received. The training needs identified will be discussed in ATWG with FAO and IRC and further plan will be worked out. [Presentation](#)

   **GBV Strategy for FSL Cluster (Nyachangkuoth)**  
   Presented strategy on Gender Based Violence to guide the FSL partners on reduction of GBV cases by observing GBV policies, raising awareness and gender sensitive approach that women’s and girls’ basic needs are met, including access to GBV prevention and response services. Explained the five verticals (Introduce, Incorporate, Intervene, Interface and Introspect) GBV component in any FSL project. [Presentation](#).

   **SSHF Update (Isaac)**  
   17 partners (8 INGOs, 8 NGOs, 1 UN) have been selected for SSHF Standard Allocation 1 to support in 23 counties. 9 of them are signatory partners. All EO agreement has been done and budget cleared. [Presentation](#)

Next FSLC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.