1. COVID-19 context update for SSD and Africa:
According to the Africa Center for Disease Control, the total number of infected cases is 1,593,472 and 38,884 deaths have been reported, as on 14th October 2020 in 55 African countries, with 1,319,118 recoveries, which is 4% of all cases reported globally. South Sudan recorded 2,798 positive cases, with 2,604 being recovered and 55 deaths. (Source)

2. Impact of COVID 19 on poor households in Rajaf – Benjamin (IRD):
Impact Relief and Development, the national NGO presented the outcome of COVID-19 impact assessment they had conducted recently, to identify gaps and to profile the most vulnerable HHs and to explore the impact associated with economic hardships, floods, insecurity and disrupted livelihoods in Rajaf (Juba). This has been the first of its kind, by a national NGO, profiling 748 HHs (3,876 individuals) that include 623 women-headed families, elderly, separated & unaccompanied children, orphans, pregnant & lactating mothers, and critically food insecure HHs in the urban residential areas of Gumbo, Lologo I & II, Kazire, and Kadoro of Shirkhat. (Click for full presentation)

3. Improving the quality of food security assessments and introduction of our new FSAO
Food security assessments help us to understand the food security and nutrition situation, helps the government and humanitarian partners in identifying the vulnerable population and in deciding the most appropriate. Poorly conducted food security & nutrition assessment leads to poor targeting and implementation of inappropriate assistance, also, there is need to monitor the different phases of the assessment – planning, training, data collection and analysis. There’s a need for capacity building and training on how to use the iRNA tools, especially to FSLC Partners, national, state level and county level sub clusters focal points. (Full presentation here)

4. Flood response
   a) FSLC bilateral funding ‘rapid’ response so far
   21 partners responding using bi-lateral donor funding (reported in Sept/Oct.) in 24 counties across Jonglei, Lakes, NBEG, Warrap, Unity & WES (Food Assistance: 72,815 people, Livelihood support (Veg. & fishing kits): 33,615HHs. FSLC Reporting template is getting circulated for livelihood & food assistance response data collected, fortnightly.

   b) RRF funds + high priority counties: Ayod, Duk, Twic East, Bor South + Aweria
   IOM/RRF New Award, runs for 15 Months, launched in August, administered by IOM, with the support of USAID/OFDA, funds emergency, lifesaving projects that run for three months, to increase disaster affected populations’ food security through providing relevant inputs and training. Targets 37,500HHs (225,000 Individuals) includes 23,000HHs for FSL support in 4 counties of Jonglei State through 3 Partners, ALSI for Ayod (7,000HHs), WWoH for Duk (7,000HHs), and SAADO for both Bor South and Twic East (5,000 and 4,000HHs) respectively. Currently IOM/RRF is working on the proposals, scheduling due diligence and then submits to Review Committee for final decision. CRS’s flood response in Aweria (Lakes) with the support with in-kind from FAO (fishing kits and seeds kits) to 4,500 flood affected.

5. Example of good FSL integration with other sector/ clusters
ACROSS, the national NGO implemented a multi-sectoral lifesaving humanitarian assistance in Ianiya (800HHs) and in Lotimor (300HHs) integrating FSL, WASH and nutrition. In Kapeta north, 600HHs with FSL and WASH, while in Kapeota East, 1800 HHs reached with FSL, WASH and protection, integrated projects, by ACROSS. Women and girls have easier access to water and improved nutrition and livelihoods, created provisions for new boreholes and latrines improve sanitation and reduce GBV. Some challenges are, limited partner’s capacity in nutrition program, lack of harmonization of selection criteria for beneficiaries between FSL and nutrition partners and low level of replenishing of nutrition supplements. Harmonization of beneficiary selection criteria for Nutrition and FSL and to have shared roles and responsibilities came as strong recommendations. Click here to download the presentation.

6. HNO/ HRP process & timeline – Alistair (FSLC)
   - The main changes in HNO, as compared to 2019 explained, with 2020 HRP and cluster objectives, i.e. emergency food assistance, emergency livelihood & livestock recovery & resilience
   - 2020 HRP in numbers - 6.7 million PiN includes refugees; $645 million: $495m (WFP); $70m (FAO); $80m (NGOs) and 91 partners
   - 2020 COVID-19 and Desert Locust addendum, adapting the HRP/ Cluster Objectives mentioned above - Implement CO1, CO2 (expand caseload) & CO3 (reduce caseload): “in a way that prevents the spread & transmission of COVID 19 (compulsory use of new SOP & guidelines”;
   - HRP timeline October 2020 – February 2021, including IPC between October 26th – November 6th and cluster peer review on 10th November 2020. Click here to download the cluster presentation.
AOB:

- **Updating FTS tracker** – FTS is managed by OCHA and provides a real-time overview of humanitarian funding, so that the entire community can make better strategic decisions about how funds are allocated and how to adjust and prioritize our humanitarian response. A brief reminder on FTS reporting was given by the Cluster IMO, that, both HRP & Non-HRP partners are to report any funding received for implementing HRP / COVID-19 addendum activities. These two plans are available on FTS and partners can specify which of the two partners wish to report their funds.

- **Safeguarding Awareness Week (12th – 16th October 2020)**
  World Vision South Sudan observes “Safeguarding Awareness Week”, a symbolic moment to galvanize staff around, to protect and safeguard all those in need - an unwavering commitment from each and every one, individually and as a partnership, renew our commitment to preventing, reporting and responding to exploitation, abuse or harm. Every single employee must do everything in his/her power to ensure every child and adult is protected from harm, especially sexual exploitation and abuse. It’s a 5 days event with a special theme for each day to discuss and reflect on. Kaya Collect runs a free course on Safeguarding Essentials for humanitarians. ([Access the course here](#))

FSL Cluster meeting presentation / cluster updates on 14/10/2020

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