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

Date: 8th July 2020

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FSLC Virtual Room on TEAMS

1. COVID-19 context update for SSD and Africa:
   According to the Africa Center for Disease Control, the total number of infected cases is 494,652 and 11,652 deaths have been reported, as on 7th July 2020 in 54 African countries. South Sudan recorded 2098 cases with 924 being recovered and 40 death. Juba county has the highest number of infected cases, while Upper Nile, WES and Warrap states have recorded less number of cases.

2. Update on Country Cluster Performance Monitoring and Sub-national coordination:
   - Country Cluster Performance Monitoring survey is conducted every year to gauge the performance of the cluster in the previous year, on the core functions i.e. service delivery, strategic decisions, implement strategies, M&E, preparedness capacity, advocacy and accountability to the affected populations.
   - Quality of Assessment reports by partners on IRNA missions – Local partners are strongly recommended to use the tool, not only for FSL cluster but also for all clusters. FSCL appreciates CEFCOSS for their willingness to take the cluster assessment tools for the first time and returned within one week with their assessment report from South Fangak.

   **Support to the sub nationals:** Sub national strategy guide was revisited and the sub cluster was remapped for 2020. Division of labor & support to Greater Equatoria by the NNGO Coordinator, Greater Bhar El Gazal by INGO Coordinator and Greater Upper Nile by the Lead Agency (WFP) Coordinator. Accordingly, the coordination support extended to sub clusters, discussing their concerns, participating in state-level/county-level cluster meetings. New Food Security Assessment Officer will join FSL Cluster who will provide online support to sub nationals and Juba based partners, will review reports and feedback.

   - **Support to new entrant NGOs:** Quarterly meetings planned and initiated, last few new NGOs since COVID 19 and reverted to online platforms!

3. FSL Cluster SAG members & NGO Co-Leads (INGO & NNGO) Election in July
   FSL Cluster is announcing election for SAG (Strategic Advisory Group) membership and for NGO Co-Chair membership. FSL partners can apply nomination to contest, along with one-page profile of the organization. Following is the timeline for the same:
   - Announcement of election: July 8th (in the Cluster Meeting)
   - Nomination with 1page profile: July 20th
   - Eligible contestants make presentation in the FSLC meeting: July 22nd
   - FSL Partners voting online: July 23rd onwards
   - Final results will be announced on: August 5th

4. Update on the Desert Locust with focus on community engagement ahead of control measures
   FAO is working on Desert Locust Damage Assessment and targeting, in terms of geographical and beneficiary prioritization - priority counties & Payams (Magwi, Torit, Ikotos, Lopa/ Lafon and Kapoeta) affected by the DL & the HHs facing acute food insecurity because of the DL outbreak, considering wider issues of vulnerability and emphasizing on community assistance i.e. supporting early warning DL mechanisms (surveillance & impact assessment) and enhancing community sensitization and awareness. 5Ws reporting is integrated with a special matrix on DL reporting was shared with the partners who respond to DL infestation. Only 7 partners reported and it is expected that there will be more partners reporting on DL.


5. Air Operations – Logistic Cluster
   Air operations are reserved for locations not reachable by road or river, for rapid missions and on extreme life-saving priorities. Guidelines for rainy season aviation safety were explained. Also the responsibilities of the organizations and logistics cluster were explained in detail. Responsibilities for receiving flights explained categorically as one day before scheduled flight, before landing, during the stopover and before takeoff. Partners’ cooperation and support solicited.

6. Conflict, food security and conflict sensitivity
   Presenter couldn’t make it due to poor connectivity and it was suggested to share an audio presentation, so that the partners can follow the audio, as they watch the PPT that has already been shared with them (also uploaded in the cluster website)

7. SEADS Initiative
   FSLC screened a video clip of Gregory Gottlieb, Director of Feinstein International Center at Tufts University, describing why SEADS is important.

   Click here for the audio version of the cluster meeting: https://fscluster.org/south-sudan-rep/document/fscl-meeting-08-07-2020-recorded-video