Livestock Technical Working Group

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 16th October 2020  
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FSLC (Jitsi) Virtual Room

On behalf of Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster and the LTWG, greetings extended to the LTWG members on World Food Day-2020. This World Food Day marks the 75th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in an exceptional moment as countries around the world deal with the widespread effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s a time to look into the future we need to build together.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Livestock Vaccination Campaign** (Sept 2020 - April 2021) - FAO (10Mts)
2. Update on **Livestock Emergency Response Desk** - FAO (10 Mts)
3. Key highlights on **Livestock Implications in Panyijar** - Flood Assessment by VSF-S (15Mts)
4. **Mitigation actions for Floods** in anticipation of perennial flood disasters - FAO (15Mts)
5. High alert status for **Rift Valley Fever** – FAO (10Mts)
6. Updates from LTWG Partners - (15 Mts)

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1. **Livestock Vaccination Campaign** (Sept 2020 - April 2021)

   It was updated that, so far, 21 LOAs have been signed and in some unreachable locations, more information is needed. It is important that livestock partners on the ground to provide inputs and necessary information, especially on current context concerning livestock, to FAO that would help in response planning through LOAs.

2. **Update on Livestock Emergency Response Desk** – FAO

   Livestock Emergency Response Desk facilitates the process of addressing emergency livestock response needs that are reported. The livestock emergency response desk receives alerts on a weekly basis and partners are encouraged to report accordingly. July-October 2020, the desk received 28 alerts from across the country and most of the alerts already investigated in Greater Mundri Counties (WE), Rumbek East(Lakes), Fashoda, Malakal South (Upper Nile) and investigation in Balliet and Akoka is triggered. (Brief presentation attached)

3. **Key highlights on Livestock Implications in Panyijar** - Flood Assessment by VSF-S (15Mts)

   Following reports of heavy rains, flooding and consequent displacement of people, destruction and submerging of homes, basic life support amenities and properties including livestock; a rapid assessment was conducted by VSF-Sussie in collaboration with RRC/ROSS including liaison with counterpart agencies on ground. The assessment was aimed to ascertain the extent of flooded affected areas, impact on the communities, livestock situation, its implications, and response, also the mitigation measures on COVID-19 Pandemic. (Full report is enclosed)

4. **Mitigation actions for Floods** in anticipation of perennial flood disasters

   Partners to report of treatment/vaccination online on weekly basis & cold chain partners should update status when requesting for vaccines, Updates on flood impact, disease alerts and other emergencies. There is a need to discuss the geographical targeting further (some locations in Jonglei had no PPR outbreaks but trade in small ruminants led to new outbreaks). FAO & partners engaged in vaccination and treatment of Livestock for the flood displaced agro pastoralist from Terekeka county and Jonglei State (in areas around Juba). FAO direct implementation mission will be launched to Pibor(GPAA) to conduct a livestock treatment campaign in response to the flood disaster

5. **High alert status for Rift Valley Fever** – FAO

   Increased risk of occurrence of Rift Valley Fever RVF in South Sudan, due to heavy rains and flooding: Joint actions by both animal and human health Actors (Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Health, FAO, WHO and our partners). Planning meeting scheduled next week, to identify the required action etc.

Encl:

1. **Livestock Implications in Panyijar** - Flood Assessment Report by VSF-Sussie
2. Brief presentation on **Livestock Emergency Response Desk** by Dr. Louis, FAO (South Sudan)