Unpacking FS dimensions

- 1st document to be developed => **Availability**
- The structure was discussed and agreed with the group
- The next document will be **Access**
  - Emphasis on the importance of understanding access diffirent forms of access
- + Adding example from the field E.g. from the field on practical examples on Availability
- Local NGO to present at the end of each document to share example on the FS dimension - likely a partner from NE Nigeria

ACTION => the doc will be circulated for inputs to the group – inputs to be sent by 1st of March

1. Multi- country monitoring system (FAO)
http://www.fao.org/emergencies/crisis/covid19/en/

- No existing system to systematically collect and analyse data within the Emergency & Resilience division
- *Ad hoc* ex-post emergency assessments by the Needs Assessments team (expertise on Post-Disaster and Damage & Losses NA) – now Working on some min. requirements: Not covering all countries (IPC+ areas, hot spots, etc), Data collection: Remote + face-to-face (mix models), data gathered at province level (but also Admin 2 level in some countries to use for IPC, etc)
- 1st round of data collection completed (now in the 2nd).
- Products: country reports, PPTs, interactive dashboard (data hub under development), data sets (to be available in HDX for orgs to use), cross-country report
- Longer term perspective: data collection should continue behind Covid-19, and part of this process is also recruitment and hiring of Local people
- Question on Venezuela: data collection ongoing, mainly qualitative info on the value chain, and a survey should be soon implemented for better understand the connection to international trade (info to be available on March)

2. Joint monitoring framework - UPDATE (see details in the PPT)

- JMF not only Covid related (not any more covid-centric) , it can be adjusted to other shocks
- Discussions and agreement between JMF and IPC GSU on including a component in the JMF for IPC assumption monitoring for IPC countries. Direct linkages between JMF in-country teams and IPC TWG members will be on a case by case basis - dependent on capacity/gap
- The tool/framework will be adjusted to capture the slight adjustments
- To remember :
  a. JMF does **NOT** recommend establishing concrete thresholds for automatic risk calculations – **the added value of the JMF is the human/expert analysis.**

b. The risk categories are **NOT** meant to provide precise numbers or percentage of people who will/are experiencing acute food insecurity.

- The process is similar to what has been rolled out last year (CXB, summer 2020; NES, autumn 2020)
- Country roll out:
  Possibility to continue in **CXB** and **NES**
  DRC: interested in using JMF in 2021 to monitor IPC assumptions
- Discussion / Q&A:
  - It was mentioned that JMF has big potential, hence it would be good to bring it to the attention of a wider community / stakeholders. It was asked what the plan is about it. The idea for the next months is to pilot this adapted JMF in connection to the IPC process, on a voluntary basis (countries that have capacities and consider it needed). Results will be shared, and discussion on scale-up / roll out can be done afterwards.
  - It was suggested for the JMF to support the analysis process in certain countries that do not have IPC, especially Syria.
  - Discussion on linking guidance for food security dimensions will be linked with monitoring systems, like the JMF

3. **Multipurpose cash indicators and interest from PQWG**

- As part of the Grand Bargain's commitment to "*increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming,*" the need for better and more consistent measurement of the outcomes to which MPC contributes was identified.
- Working group (UN, Donors, NGOs etc) has been examining indicators currently used, those under development, and real-life minimum expenditure baskets (MEBs) that informed MPC design.
- Aim = identify a core minimum group of indicators that have a sufficient level of familiarity and acceptance across humanitarian stakeholders
- Steering Committee for feedback CRS, USAID/OFDA and CaLP - Hiring Consultant to update the indicators based on feedback of their usage over past year

==ACTION => Will want to engage stakeholder across sectors on usage and appropriateness of indicators – interest of PQWG to be involved?==

4. **Repository tool – support to the field:**
   - Assessment tool repository can be update here:
     https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11BHTJzSOP0pdctyssTC6PTb7Zy7ygihvLk-44B_W2GA/edit?ts=5fd742b3#gid=1023192189
   - This could be a very good tool for supporting the thematic areas where info gap are noted or supported is requested;

==ACTION => Seeking input on the following==

   - ==Are there new categories of tools for inclusion (where are the gaps?)==
   - ==Are there existing tool/guidance collections you regularly use?==

Protection Task Force update

- HNO/HRP Tip sheet developed, shared and uploaded, available here: https://fscluster.org/programme-quality-working-group/document/tip-sheet-integrating-protection
- The PTF has now 28 official members from 11 different gFS cluster partner agencies: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s3B1R3ubl1cupa8yJ8eMh56LKOs15KEZe7FxZWnAY1I/edit?usp=sharing
- The PTF TORs have been finalised and is available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LwXgIjFaxnxABdc5S2SDWIp-8Hrl7ZoT/view?usp=sharing
- The PTF is currently focusing on activating a Helpdesk function for FSC teams and partners by clarifying how it works, creating a log of the support provided and mapping existing actors able to support the mainstreaming of protection, gender and crosscutting issues in the FS sector: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j_ehAo26Qs8YvtaS9xig7m53y0TYVodqHqpOWBZ754k/edit#gid=0
- A draft PTF workplan is available here (but it still needs PTF members contribution to be implementable): https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pbIMzwR042swEE3JpWRcJi6iJ8MnGvWv613MLXak0t4/edit?usp=sharing
- Next meeting in March, date to be confirmed
- New members welcomed especially if focusing on disability as the PTF is currently quite weak on that aspect – contact Stefano: stefanob@warchild.org.uk

Next meeting: **17 of March, 3pm (CET)**