



gFSC Programme Quality Working Group (PQWG) Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) Programme Quality Working Group (PQWG) is to improve the relevance, quality and timeliness of responses coordinated by the Food Security Cluster.

The working group focuses on two core themes in the context of current emergencies and protracted crises: (1) Promote access to and understanding of available tools and best practices (e.g. early warning systems, anticipatory action, standardise response, joint monitoring and evaluation, response analysis, etc.) (2) Programme quality issues, people centric issues, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), Protection for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), gender and protection. and other relevant cross-cutting dimensions. Under core theme 2, a specific task force on Protection has been established as part of the PQWG.

Core theme 1: Promote access to and understanding of available tools and best practices for programme quality, including joint initiatives, standards, assessment and response analysis in the areas of food security, vulnerability and livelihoods.

Core theme 2: Programme Quality

Promote best practices and lessons learned from programme implementation in order to increase programme quality through learning and adaptation.

This core theme will focus also on various cross-cutting dimensions, such as AAP, PSEA, gender and protection in order to mainstream the best approaches and practices into partners' programme cycle and the Humanitarian Programme Cycle.

Method of Work:

A focal person in the gFSC support team will support the working group chair(s) to manage and ensure the communications with the working group through:

- Regular e-mail correspondence, including updates on partners' activities, events, knowledge sharing and learning activities;
- Webinars on specific thematic areas of interest;
- Teleconferences on demand;

Membership

In order to execute the programme of work outlined for the gFSC Programme Quality Working Group (PQWG), it is essential that members engage systematically in the objectives agreed upon by members and to fulfil the roles and responsibilities for participation.

Members of the PQWG are self-selected representatives of organisational members of the gFSC. Participants in the PQWG are expected to have programme experience in the area of food and nutrition security and be in a position to take decisions on policy and guidance documentation on behalf of their organisations.

It is also essential that once members commit to the programme of work, consistent and substantive engagement is adhered to in order to follow through on the agreed upon work plan. Agencies in lead role of implementation of work plan activities should endeavour to provide useful solutions, tools and guidance for field level issues that are in the realm of cluster work. Agencies in support roles on implementation of work plan activities should show commitment, provide input and assist those taking an active lead.

Rules of Participation

N.B. Views expressed by participants during meetings will not be treated as the formal position of the organisation they are representing. Verbal contributions at working group meetings can also be assigned an information sharing level. Members who wish their contributions to be considered as formal should clearly state this before making their point.