



SYRIA

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Strengthening Humanitarian Response

15th July 2021

1. Welcome remarks,
2. Introduction of new FAS coordinator (**Jameson**) - **3 mins**
3. Key updates on the 2021 HPC Timeline (**Mohie**) - **5 mins**,
4. Update on the SHF Allocation and Status – (**Coordinators / OCHA**) – **10 mins**,
5. Updates on the planned inaugural Agriculture Working Group (AWG) Syria HCT Hub – (**Jameson**) **5 mins**,
6. 2020/2021 Agriculture Seasonal Performance – (**Jalal FAO**) – **10 mins**,
7. New subsidized price for Diesel and bread bundle and its implications on Food Security – **Mohie (5 mins)**
7. Updates on the Euphrates Water Scarcity and Crisis – (**Mohie / Jameson**) – **10 mins**,
8. Planned IM and Data Collection Tools Training – (**Moteb/Ruba**) – **5 mins**,
9. AOB and wrap-up – **5 mins (Mohie)**,

3. Key updates on the 2021 HPC Timeline – (10 mins) **Mohie**

- By **15 October 2021** OCHA will be expecting HNO 2022 (narrative) CLA-approved sector chapter inputs,
- By **31st October 2021** HNO 2022 (narrative) draft will then be circulated by OCHA to for feedback from sector coordinators,
- By **mid-November 2021** , the HNO 2022 (narrative) will then be circulated for strategic level feedback, followed by initiation of GoS consultations.
- There are discussions with WFP VAM assessment teams and OCHA to see how FSA data may be incorporated into the HNO.
- NB: **HRP 2021** still under review and further consultations are happening. We will keep the sector informed.

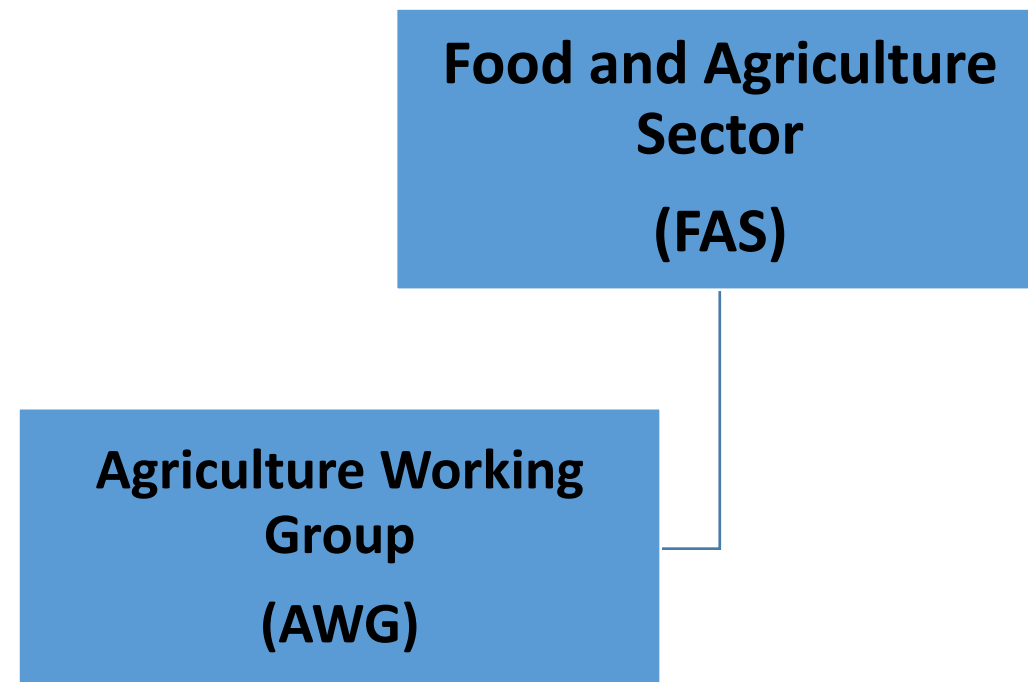


4. Update on the SHF Allocation and Status – (Coordinators / OCHA) – 10 mins,

- As you are aware, SHF launched the 1st Standard Allocation on the 13th of June 2021,
- The deadline for submission was 27th June 2021,
- Total fund allocated was **37,000,000 USD** with **8,000,000 USD** allocated to FAS,
- **16** proposals were reviewed by the Technical Review Committee (TRC),
- **OCHA** will be communicating with the partners in the coming days,

5. Planning for convening the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) Syria-Hub – 10 mins **Jameson**

- The AWG Syria-hub has now been initiated under the FAS,
- AWG’s focus is to facilitate the “scaling up” of on-going agriculture-related responses and enhancing the “technical soundness” and “effectiveness” of agriculture interventions,
- AWG will provide a platform for coordination, technical interaction and guidance on agriculture projects,
- It will also facilitate cross-learning and exchange of technical information,
- 10 organizations / members have expressed their willingness to participate,
- Inaugural meeting will be held on the **29th of July 2021.**
- Those willing to join the AWG, please send an email to Moteb and Ruba our IMOs.





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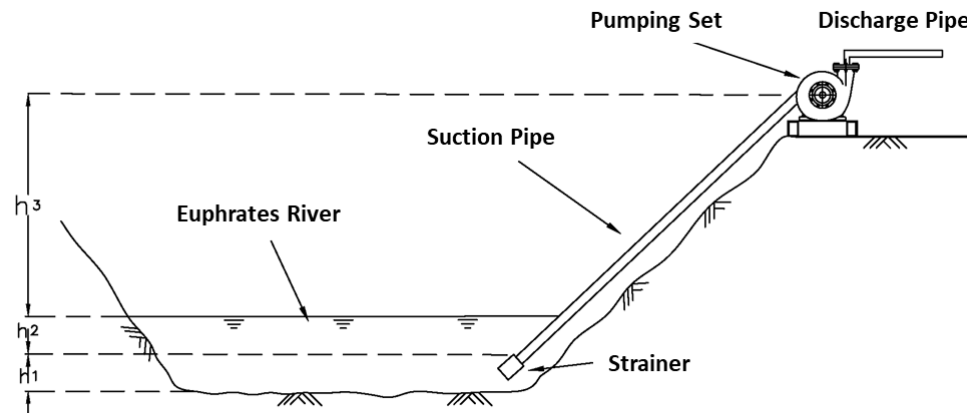
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6. New subsidized price for Diesel and bread bundle and its implications on Food Security – **Mohie** (5 mins)

- Effective 11th of July 2021, GoS announced a price increase of diesel from SYP **187** / liter to **500** / liter (an increase of 167%).
- The GoS also announced an price increase of bread, with a bundle now costing SYP **200** from SYP **100** / bundle (an increase of 100%).
- WFP, FAO and the sector is closely monitoring the situation as the prices increases will have knock-on effects on food security and agriculture activities during summer and winter (Diesel),

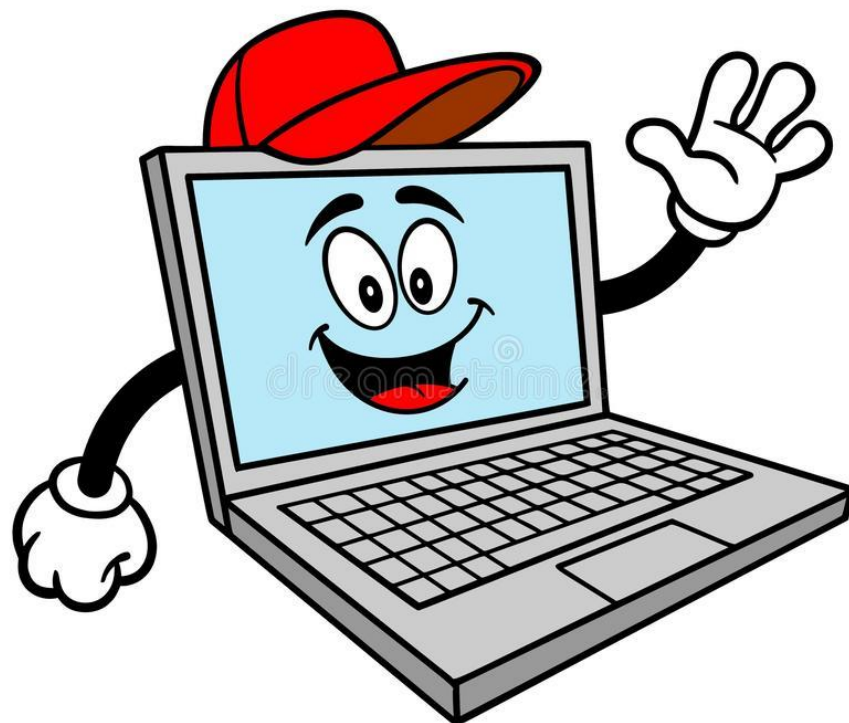
7. Updates on the Euphrates Water Scarcity and Crisis – **Jameson**

1. Euphrates River originates from eastern Turkey, and flows into Syria and Iraq.
2. Euphrates water essentially used for irrigation, hydropower and drinking water supply,
3. Agriculture consumes 70%,
4. Due to the low rainfall received in 2021, there is reduced water flow from **500 cubic m/sec** to just above **200 cubic m/s**.
5. Water shortage along **River basin** is and will impact agricultural production and threatens food security,
6. FAO, WFP and sector partners, including other sectors, are monitoring the impact of the reduced water flow,
7. There is a kick-off meeting today with sector coordinators to brainstorm on the Response Planning and Needs.





Planned IM and Data Collection Tools Training - **Moteb / Ruba**





Questions

