SECTOR UPDATES

Syria Food & Agriculture Sector Meeting

16th July 2020
**Key Operational Updates**

**SHF:**
Syria SHF 1st Standard allocation launched with FAS envelop $9million out of a total envelop of $40million. Sector members can also apply under the multi-sector port e.g. for multipurpose cash transfers. Allocation strategy and supporting documents including sector specific guidance circulated.

**HRP Consultations:**
FAS has compiled feedback to questions/areas of clarification posed by the government and sent to sector lead agencies and OCHA for further action.

**HPC:**
Discussions regarding the HPC in particular the planning for assessments to inform the HNO have started. FAS in consultation with government regarding Food Security Assessments. The design of data collection tools completed while consultations still ongoing on the methodology. More details will be communicated in due course.
## Sector Achievements as of May 2020

### Food Assistance-SO1

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<th>Type of Activities</th>
<th>Sum of # of Total Beneficiaries Assisted</th>
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<td>Food Baskets</td>
<td>3,098,166</td>
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<td>Food Baskets without Wheat Flour</td>
<td>742,924</td>
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<td>Suplementary Food Items</td>
<td>50,611</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
<td>3,891,701</td>
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### Agriculture Livelihoods-SO2 & 3

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<td>Provision of services</td>
<td>1,338.00</td>
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<td>Vocational Tranings</td>
<td>17,310.00</td>
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<td>Small-Scale Food Production (horticulture, poultry-egg laying hens, market gardens)</td>
<td>36,210.00</td>
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<td>Infrastructure rehabilitation</td>
<td>39,978.00</td>
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<td>Agricultural Inputs</td>
<td>57,900.00</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation of infrastructure (Canals, irrigation systems, markets, storage facilities, bakeries, etc.)</td>
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<td>236,736.00</td>
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Sector Coverage as of May 2020

Syria Arab Republic
Damascus hub Food assistance reach Jan-May 2020

TOTAL REACH
3.3M

HNO ACUTE PIN
5.5M

Syria Arab Republic
Damascus hub Livelihoods assistance reach Jan-May 2020

TOTAL REACH
789K

HNO AT RISK
1.4M
Key Challenges

**Reporting**

i. Delays in submission of 4W data
ii. Data quality is still a challenge
iii. Many locations showing high coverage in several cases more than 100% while other locations have as low as zero coverage.

**Access**

i. Delays in implementation of projects
ii. Suspension of some life saving activities
iii. Relocation of projects from areas initially in need to other areas hence denying assistance in those locations.

**Economic Situation**

i. Increase in cost of living with WFP reference food basket increasing up to SYP 100,000 in some locations
ii. Depreciation in local currency value reaching up to 3200/USD on the informal market in June and then stabilizing at about 2500/USD by 30\textsuperscript{th} June. As of 2nd week of July, rate on informal market was about 2200/USD.
iii. Lebanese crisis continues to put more pressure on the Syria. The Lebanese Pound plummeted on the informal market in June from LBP 4,180/USD on 1st June 2020 to LBP 8,600/USD by 30 June. Lebanese traders are now unable to find the dollars they require to secure imports which in turn is impacting availability and pricing of Syrian imports.
QUESTIONS?