The Food Security Cluster seeks to work jointly with the Government of PNG and non-government partners in Papua New Guinea to establish a common platform for coordination of food relief and medium-to long term food security interventions that are integral to the national drought response effort.

**Strategic Approach**

- Provide predictable and timely, sector-specific technical expertise and support to the Government-led national drought response in PNG;
- Provide capacity support at National and Provincial levels to the Government of PNG and non-government actors in the form of coordination and information management staff, guidance, and trainings;
- Ensure a coherence and collaboration in all relief and response actions implemented by government and non-government actors to improve the scale and efficacy of the national drought response;
- Provide information management services to ensure regular and comprehensive reporting and mapping of actors’ presence, coverage of existing interventions, situational reports and bulletins;
- Serve as an advocacy mechanism to boost resources committed to drought response in PNG by creating linkages between donors, government and non-government actors;

**Partnerships:**

The World Food Programme and FAO, UN co-lead agencies of the Food Security Cluster at the global level, offer their full partnership and support to the government of PNG to facilitate and improve coordination of drought response actions in the food security sector.

It is fully recognized by both WFP and FAO that all coordination must align with existing Government of PNG institutions and related mandates. In addition, it is equally recognized that coordination must include non-government actors with ongoing programmes, staff and distribution networks at field level, in order to implement a response that reflects national coverage of the needs of affected populations.

The Cluster must be leveraged to establish strategic partnerships between the Government of PNG and non-government actors in order to maximize the efficacy and impact of drought assistance in the food security sector.

Key partnerships proposed to support cluster leadership and coordination activities include:

- **Cluster Leadership: Government of PNG**
  - **Department of Agriculture and Livestock**: Bearing the mandate for Food Security, DAL leadership will provide guidance and ensure alignment of the response with the Food Security Policy, Agriculture Sector Recovery Plan, and National Agriculture Sector Recovery Team.
  - **National Disaster Centre**: Bearing the mandate for delivery of food relief, NDC leadership will provide guidance and information on national standards, prioritization of relief, and alignment with national food assistance mechanisms.

- **Cluster Coordination Support, Facilitation and Technical Expertise**
  - **Food and Agriculture Organisation**: Provides technical backstopping, capacity support and expertise on interventions in the agriculture sector.
  - **World Food Programme**: Provides technical backstopping, capacity support and expertise on emergency food assistance interventions.
Church Partnership Programme: Provides a critical linkage to Papua New Guinea’s largest, community-level presence and distribution network, through the 7 largest Churches in PNG.

- **Cluster partners (contributing members)**
  - NGOs
  - Donors
  - Private Sector
  - Red Cross Movement (ICRC, IFRC)
  - Churches

**Key Deliverables:**

With the coordination support provided by WFP, FAO, and the Church Partnership Programme, the Food Security Cluster offers the following deliverables to the Government of PNG to bolster the effectiveness of food security sector interventions in the ongoing national drought response. These can be increased or reduced as necessary.

- **Staffing:** FAO and WFP, as UN cluster leads, will ensure completion of the listed deliverables through provision of internationally-qualified technical experts in the following areas:
  - National Cluster Coordinator
  - Sub-National (Provincial) Cluster Coordinator
  - Information Management Officer

- **Mapping:** GIS expertise/personnel will be provided to produce maps as necessary, including (but not limited to):
  - Cluster partner presence maps (national and provincial level)
  - Food assistance coverage maps (% affected population reached, at national and provincial level)
  - Gap/location mapping (populations not assisted, information gaps)
  - Mapping of intervention types (food relief, agriculture recovery)
  - Mapping of overlaps in assistance
  - Mapping of ongoing and completed assessments

- **Reporting:** Reporting will be designed to provide relevant and accurate information to decision-makers in Government and others involved in drought response. This will include:
  - Periodic Cluster Bulletins, including consolidated operational updates and planning outlook;
  - Infographics summarizing food sector responses to date (includes dashboards, graphs, charts etc)
  - Periodic consolidation of reporting by cluster partners on ongoing response activities
  - Monthly tracking of assistance delivery against targets
  - Support to cluster leadership & partners in drafting strategic plans, donor proposals, etc.

- **Assessments**
  - Identification and training of Cluster partners
  - Coordination of field assessments
  - Consolidation and reporting of assessment outcomes and results
  - Linkages to WFP’s Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping unit (VAM)

- **Guidance**
  - Written guidance and/or training on design and delivery of food assistance modalities
  - Guidance on operational planning (budgeting, beneficiary selection, monitoring)
  - Minimum standards – ration sizes, provision of appropriate seeds and tools, etc