

TOR for the AAP ad-hoc Working Group

The Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) is an active commitment to take account of, give account to, and be held to account by the people humanitarian organizations seek to assist. It also focuses on the rights, dignity, and safety of all segments of an affected community, identifying the capacities, aspirations, constraints, and unique needs by gender, age, and diversity groups as they evolve over time.

1. Purpose of the FSAC AAP ad-hoc Working Group

The Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) wants to address the Accountability towards Affected Population (AAP) through an ad-hoc Working Group (WG), to provide FSAC partners with a guidance on streaming accountability as a part of their core values, achieving measurable results and being accountable to all stakeholders.

The main purpose of the FSAC AAP ad-hoc WG is discussing AAP policies already elaborated and rolled out by FSAC partners and, based on them, formulating harmonized FSAC AAP Guidelines.

2. Main responsibilities

- To develop FSAC AAP Guidelines, to ensure that crisis-affected women, men, girls and boys - of all ages and diversity backgrounds - have equitable and safe access to:
 - Appropriate, relevant and timely information.
 - Two-way communication channels, aiming at collects feedbacks and complaints.
 - Means to participate in decision-making having an impact on them, including fair and transparent systems of representation, and active involvement in the design, monitoring, and evaluation of programmes.

This will be done by:

- Collecting AAP policies and tools.
- Mapping best practices about: info-sharing: feedback and complain (including the prevention from sexual exploitation and abuse, PSEA)
- Identifying basic tasks and structure of APP related staff.

3. Participants

- Participants should be FSAC partners having elaborated and rolled-out AAP policies.
- Each partner should nominate a focal point. Focal point's contacts should be shared with the FSAC.
- FSAC team will lead and facilitate the FSAC AAP ad-hoc WG.

4. Tentative calendar

- FSAC will conduct the first ad hoc WG meeting in December 2022. Then, two meetings in January 2023. WG members can decide to hold one additional meeting at the end of January or beginning of February.
- The elaboration of the first draft of the FSAC AAP Guidelines should take 2 months (December 2022 and January 2023). By Mid of February 2023 the document will be presented, discussed, revised (if needed) and approved by the FSAC partners through a FSAC national cluster meeting.