Terms of Reference – gFSC Preparedness and Resilience Working Group (PRWG)


Background

The global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) aims to merge the two existing task teams on preparedness and resilience into a single Preparedness and Resilience Working Group (PRWG) with the aim to guide and support in-country food security clusters and its partners on necessary preparedness and resilience building through the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC). The PRWG will coordinate with inter-agency bodies, like the IASC Task Team on Preparedness and Resilience (TTPR), and related INGO initiatives or networks in operationalizing the guidance and tools relevant to food security.

Expected Results:

Better preparedness will enable the in-country food security clusters and its partners to be better prepared when disasters strike, mitigate the impact of shocks, provide more effective response, and support better recovery for food security.

Better articulation of preparedness, response and recovery, taking disaster risks into account at all times by all partners in food security, will contribute to building resilience of affected communities and countries.

Objectives:

The main objectives of the PRWG will be to:

1. Develop a common position and understanding on the role and contribution of the gFSC and in-country FSC in preparedness and resilience building in disaster prone countries or in different contexts and scenarios (i.e. protracted crises, sudden onset and slow onset disasters), determining the different entry and exit points of the in-country FSC through the HPC, including linkages to agriculture-based livelihoods, urban livelihoods and early recovery activities in food security).
2. Analyze good practices, tools and guidance on food security emergency preparedness/readiness and recovery programming that supports resilience, including the tools developed by IASC TTPR, compile the relevant tools and guidance, disseminate the recommended tools, and provide necessary guidance and support to the gFSC to operationalize them at country level
3. Advocate for gFSC’s contribution to preparedness and resilience-building in various humanitarian settings also by building on the advocacy works laid out by IASC TTPR and other inter-agency bodies in relation to the World Humanitarian Summit and Grand Bargain Commitments.

Deliverables & Timeline

See work plan 2017 attached
Chair/Co-Chair

As agreed during the November 2016 Global Partners meeting, gFSC will be chairing the WG, but with support of its members who lead particular work stream.

Membership

The WG currently consists of gFSC partners and FSC Coordinators/co-chairs. Membership is open to all cluster partners and may be expanded upon need and request from other cluster partners.

Current members include: FAO, WFP, ActionAid, CARE, NRC, CRS, Welthungerhilfe, Solidarites as well as FSC Bangladesh, FSC DRC, FSC Afghanistan.

Meeting schedule and frequency

The gFSC in Rome facilitates the WG meetings, i.e. they convene telephone/Skype conferences with the WG members once every two months. In addition, the WG serves as a platform for information- and experience-sharing, which included the organization of thematic conferences/webinars to present new initiatives or best practices. The WG will meet twice a year through face-to-face meetings before the bi-annual gFSC global partners’ meetings to review the progress and way forward. Major achievements of the WG will be presented in the global partners’ meetings to get feedback and seek guidance from the cluster partners.

Reporting

The WG, via gFSC focal point will report the work progress to the gFSC coordinator, who in turn will report to the cluster partners for necessary input and feedback. Reporting will be done in writing. The WG will also prepare necessary terms of reference and get clearance from the gFSC Coordinator if any technical expert or consultant is to be hired for some specific works.

Funding

The WG will operate through self-funding basis since there is currently no separate financing made available. If needed, external funding can be considered for specific work streams or activities.