



**MINUTES OF THE ABUJA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING
FAO OFFICE OLD CBN BUILDING GARKI II, ABUJA ON 08 FEBRUARY, 2018**

NO	PROCEEDINGS	Action
1.0	<p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>The meeting was presided by the new Acting Food Security Sector (FSS) Coordinator Ms. Michelle Hsu, she welcomed partners to the meeting and called for self-introductions.</p>	
2.0	<p style="text-align: center;">Review of Action Items of Previous Meetings</p> <p>There was no specific action points from last minutes and the minutes was adopted without remarks.</p>	
3.0	<p style="text-align: center;">EMERGENCY FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENT (EFSA) IN BORNO, YOBE AND ADAMAWA STATES 2017 AND EFSA 2018 BY WFP</p> <p>In October 2017, World Food Programme (WFP) and National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) with technical support from FAO, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, FEWS NET, ACF, and Save the Children conducted an emergency food security assessment (EFSA) to collect information on food security across 19,600 households in 62 out of 65 LGAs in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe.</p> <p>Please find attached the presentation by WFP for more details.</p>	
4.0	<p style="text-align: center;">DISCUSSION ON CURRENT PASTORALIST MIGRATION TREND AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT, BY FAO</p> <p>The presentation made by Mr. Hussein from FAO gave basic summary of pastoralist situation in Nigeria, the current crisis situation, the factors instigating the crisis in the North and recommendations to reduce the herders and farmers conflict.</p> <p>There were several strong reactions from partners on the issue of pastoralist as well as the conflicts between herders and farmers that the FAO Program Liaison Officer advised that the situation is very sensitive and that partners should be cautious.</p> <p>The presentation is attached for more information.</p>	

5.0 SECTOR UPDATES:

a. The acting FSS Coordinator informed partners that the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan was launched on 8 February 2018.

b. 2017 FSS in figures:

HRP 2017	FSS
PIN*	5,100,000
Target total*	5,100,000
Target (food)*	5,100,000
Target (ag./livelihoods)	2,100,000
Assisted (food)***	2,042,122
Assisted (ag./livelihoods)***	2,383,908
% cash/vouchers (food)***	43%
% cash/vouchers (ag./livelihoods)***	10%
Funding Required**	480,260,433
Funding Received**	224,546,365
Funding Gap**	255,714,068
Partners	61
% national partners	44%

*HNO/HRP 2017

**FTS as of 08 February 2018

*** as of December 2017

Currently there are 61 partners in the sector of which 44% are national partners and there is a need in 2018 to engage more partners and for resource mobilization for national partners.

c. Update from the Harmonization/Targeting Task Force: After two rounds of circulation since end of 2017, in the last Borno meeting, the Targeting Guidance Notes have been validated. Many thanks to the task force members who have contributed greatly last year to continue taking part in this important exercise to carry on the recommendations. On behalf of the harmonization/targeting task force, two action points have been agreed upon:

- With technical guidance from the Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) working group, to include costs/items associated with food preparations

	<p>(in particular, clean energy and efficient stoves) in the minimum food assistance package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In line with Do No Harm approach, to consolidate the existing partner assessment and PDM data and produce an analysis report on the pros and cons of per capita approach and per HH approaches when using different modalities and in different settings. <p>d. Update on Rainy season Planning Exercise: The two sector co-lead agencies have met at Maiduguri level to exchange lesson learnt and recommends based on 2017 to see how to mitigate the challenges in 2017. Key highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine and harmonize targeting criteria for agricultural and livelihood response • Nutrition-sensitive approach • More focus on the impact of activities on women’s livelihood and coping mechanism • Identify LGAs that had security constraints and might not be able to plant certain crops due to security measures and devise other means of support • Incorporate Logistic Sector’s lessons learned and recommendations from 2017 <p>An email will be sent out this week to all partners to convene the rainy season taskforce, which will also serve as the start of gathering inputs for the sector’s harmonization/targeting guides for agriculture & livelihoods component.</p> <p>e. Joint Partner Consultation on Joint Actions in 2018 by FSS and Nutrition Sector:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advocating Joint Approach for Nutrition and Food Security Assessment (JANFSA) for September 2018 b. Joint call for data collection for CH by the two sectors <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training session on joint nutrition and food security interventions b. Joint nutrition and food minimum package c. Joint prioritization and harmonizing targeting d. Engage with WASH Sector e. Encouraging joint proposal under NHF and other funding mechanisms <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Information Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. “Pilot” joint maps for specific locations/areas that both sectors have detailed ward/village level data b. Joint dashboard <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Monthly joint sector team meetings d. Joint update/participation in each sector’s respective meetings e. Joint resource mobilization <p>f. Gap/ Duplication Analysis and Response Planning:</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ward level analysis which requires GPS coordinates – FSS partner IM training took place in Borno; to be replicated in Adamawa and Yobe. b. Review of food assistance modalities for new arrivals and the procedures of incorporating them into General Food Distribution. c. Data collection on secured funding and the funding period; humanitarian or early recovery/developmental funding– particularly crucial for upcoming rainy season and lean season and potential funding gaps/prioritizations; d. Field level coordination/communication among NGO partners. <p>FAO reported that the last year FAO set up the rainy season planning exercise at Maiduguri level. This year FAO is planning to re-activate these activities to ensure that all partners involved in agriculture coordinate to avoid duplication.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>UPDATES ON ASSESSMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FAO: added that in the last meeting it reported that a study of the impact of crisis of some value chains in Borno State is still on going with special focus on livestock, (small ruminant) fishery (cat fish) and cowpeas. The objective of the study is to see how vulnerable household may benefit from these value chains. This study is supported by ECHO. b. FAO also informed the participants that a seed need assessment will be carried out to map the community seeds production initiative in the three northeast States and the opportunities for seeds vouchers/cash approach. This study is carried out in collaboration with the Institute for Agricultural research (IAR) from Amadou Bello University (Zaria, Kaduna States). The FSS organizations involved in seed production will be contacted (ECHO project). c. Cadre Harmonise: the analysis will hold on from 5th – 9th March, 2018 and the consolidation workshop will hold from 12th – 16th March, 2018. There are still facing funding gaps and meeting will be held on the 12th of Feb, 2018 to determine the precise centres localization of the analysis. <p>NPFS added that the challenges are huge and that they are looking at the way to organise the CH activity sustainably since depending on outside funding is posing problem and they are looking at how to the state will be involved fully. He stated as a follow-up, it is intended that during the consolidation workshop, the participants from the state will be provide with a letter to take to their Governors.</p> <p>FEWS NET: also commented that the CH funding has become very critical that they had to prepare 3 different budgets to suit the availability of funds. He urges partners willing to fund the process to do so.</p>	

	<p>CRS: further expressed the need for more advocacy from the government.</p> <p>d. FAO expressed the need to extend support to those affected by the herdsman killing in Benue state and other environs.</p> <p>e. Caritas Nigeria also appealed for support to mitigate the situation in Calabar, Cross-River state as a result of the inflow of Cameroonian refugees into Nigeria.</p>	
7.0	<p>PARTNERS UPDATES:</p> <p>a. USAID/DART: reported that is encouraging to see the sectors progress in 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Also to see that agricultural and livelihood interventions are being focused on as well as the rainy season activities. <p>b. NiMET reported that on the 6th of March 2018 they will release the 2018 climate outlook for Nigeria and that partners will be invited to the event. They will make a presentation at the next FSSWG meeting.</p> <p>c. FEWS NET: gave an update on the Food and Nutrition Security Early Warning System in Nigeria which he said is being developed by FAO, CILLS, NPFS, WFP and Fews Net. He stated the draft report has being sent to the Hon. Minister for Agriculture for his consent and to other relevant stake holders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That NPFS and FEWS NET have engaged the services of a consultant to review the draft report. He also mentioned that they want to bring on board all major stakeholders both at the national and state levels for them to make inputs as the technical partners. They also have funding challenges and that by February 22nd or 23rd presentation will be made to the stakeholders before submission of the final report to decision makers and donors. 	
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9.0	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>In the absence of any other business the acting FSS Coordinator concluded the meeting.</p>	

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