

MINUTES OF THE BORNO FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: Borno State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD), Conference Room

Date: 05 February 2019

Time: 10:10am – 11:50am

AGENDA

1. Welcome, opening Remarks and Round of introductions (5 min)
2. Review of action points and approval of minutes of the previous meeting (5 min)
3. Sector updates:
 - a. Key operational updates (15 min)
 - b. Updates on the FS response to the ongoing displacement (20 min)
 - c. Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019 and Humanitarian Response Strategy (2019-2021) (10 min)
 - d. Information Management Updates (10 min)
4. Debriefing on the Social Protection Cross-Learning Summit (SPECS) in Abuja (22-24 Jan.) by participants, led by the sector coordination team (20 min)
5. Partner updates (25 min)
 - a. Government stakeholders (MoA, PCNI, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, etc.)
 - b. Others
6. AOB (5 min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. Sector to share the SPECS relevant links to presentation/resources
2. Tearfund to share their market assessment in Michika and Madagali through the sector
3. Sector to reach out to AAP Working Group to support partners' feedback & complaint mechanism harmonization
4. Sector with support from partners to revise the harmonization and targeting guidance notes
5. Sector to follow up with SCI on proposed HEA training

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting commenced at 10:10 am and followed by self-introductions. • The meeting was chaired by the FSS coordinator while the Chair was on his way from other engagements. 	

<p>2</p>	<p>Review of action points and approval of previous minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tearfund to share their market assessment in Michika and Madagali through the sector – Pending 2. Sector to reach out to AAP Working Group to support partners’ feedback & complaint mechanism harmonization – Pending 3. Sector with support from partners to revise the harmonization and targeting guidance notes – Ongoing 4. Sector to follow up with SCI on proposed HEA training – Pending <p>After the review, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 Jan. was adopted.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Sector updates</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Key operational updates</p> <p><u>Updates on Rann</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 14 January, non-state armed group elements overran a military base in Rann town, Kala Balge Local Government Area in north-eastern Borno State, close to the border with Cameroon. The attackers set ablaze several houses and humanitarian facilities. • Dispatches to Rann for the January and February distribution were scheduled to start in mid-January but were put on hold. • Reports from local and Cameroonian sources indicate that about 9,000 people were displaced into Cameroon for several days, but returned to Rann, while several dozen have sought shelter in Ngala. • On 24 January a security assessment mission to Rann was conducted. The overall situation was calm, with most of the population having returned to Rann after their temporary displacement. Cameroonian Armed Forces are reinforcing security in the town. • On 26 January, the Multinational Joint Task Force and Nigerian military troops withdrew from Rann, leaving the town undefended. • As of 27 January, about 13,500 children, women and men were registered in the villages of Goura, Madina and Bodo in Cameroon. After a joint mission by the administrative authorities and humanitarian actors, the authorities requested that refugees be relocated to Goura village. As of January 28, the village of Goura has received about 35,000 children, women and men from Rann. WFP Cameroon is providing rations for 15 days to 13,500 refugees from Rann. • Preliminary reports on 28 January indicate that non-state armed groups attacked Rann once again, killing civilians and setting ablaze buildings. Partners have enough food on stock in Ngala and in Maiduguri to support any new arrivals in Ngala or Dikwa. <p><u>Sector and Partners’ availability during the election period</u></p> <p>ACF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have one day official break for staff to vote • February distribution ongoing • Monguno operations will be ongoing with lighter footprint 	

KABHUDA

- 3-day wet feeding to continue in Pulka
- Flag the concerns of the smooth transition between wet feeding and the following dry-ration distribution

WFP

- The situation in Pulka is being monitored closely with its partner SWNI
- Almost completed distribution for Jan & Feb, with contingency stock in place

INTERSOS

- Officially closing as from 14th February.
- Local staff remains to attend to any emergency
- Operations will be scaled down
- Food storage to remain open
- Jan and Feb distribution completed

SCI

- Jan distribution completed
- Feb ongoing this week and complete next week
- SCI will close the office next week
- Their local partners are on the ground to follow up.

CRS

- Will close operations on the 14th Feb.
- Close again on 18th and 19th
- Key staff obligated to go to Abuja
- Will rely on partners on the ground to maintain footprint

Cadre Harmonise (CH) 2019 preparation

- State-level analysis and Abuja level consolidation – Dates to be confirmed taking elections into consideration.
- Also due to elections and other unforeseen circumstances, WFP preparations for the EFSA is currently on hold until further notice.
- CH Borno State CH Board/Stakeholder meeting took place in late January.
 - Meeting comprised of SEMA, NEMA, Budget and Planning Department, Bureau of Statistics
 - 15-member CH committee were selected with Chairman and Secretary making a total of 17. The list of committee members will be signed by the NPFS next week.
 - The CH State Coordinator is yet to be selected.

b. Updates on the FS response to the ongoing displacement

The ongoing displacement has been captured in the Response and Gap Matrix. Please see the version as of 08 February:



Response and Gaps
 Matrix - ongoing dis

The table is for operational use only and captures information available at the moment of updating based on partners' reporting. It is a living document subject to constant revision.

According to the inter-sector Initial Rapid Needs Assessment at the Teachers Village Camp on 17 January:


- A blanket food assistance (in-kind or cash/voucher) for three months is recommended on the interim to cater for the immediate food gaps. Actors should undertake a rigorous verification of the list of new arrivals.
- Specific attention is required to address the food needs of unaccompanied children.
- Functionality of markets coupled with the urban nature of Maiduguri gives an opportunity to explore cash transfer programming and other livelihood opportunity amongst new arrivals on the medium and longer term.
- A more comprehensive market assessment and as well closely monitor arrival trends to further inform and support the roll out of cash-based assistance in the medium term.
- Targeting exercise is recommended to be conducted after the roll out of blanket food distribution to ensure the most in need are targeted, after which a transition into livelihood should be considered to ensure a restoration of productive assets.
- Provision of cooking fuel and other NFIs such as mats, cooking utensils is critical to reduce the practice of households selling food in order to buy non-food items and mitigate protection risks.
- Timely provision of fuel-efficient stoves for women to cook food for their family.

The FSS coordination team visited Monguno on 23 Jan. to support the efforts of partners on the ground in scaling up food assistance response to all new arrivals, both in camp and out of camp:

- The need for harmonization of the beneficiary registration process among partners using IOM data as the main reference.
- The need to work more closely with SEMA in Monguno to identify out-of-camp new arrivals was also highlighted.
- The need for existing partners to be able to scale up and cover new arrivals in their respective locations of coverage to avoid confusion/duplication.

Ongoing communication/coordination among the key food assistance partners in Monguno is crucial to mitigate overlapping of caseloads while addressing any gaps.

Discussions: In Monguno, one of the partners observed that there is some form of confusion/ disorganization in the camp especially on registration. Beneficiaries for other camps are coming over to receive to get double allocation. Partner highlighted the importance cross tallying of beneficiaries and use of IOM token card as a reference.

	<p>c. Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019 and Humanitarian Response Strategy (2019-2021) (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2019-2021 Humanitarian Response Strategy for Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states has been launched on 29 January, with a one-year plan targeting 6.2 million of the most vulnerable people for humanitarian assistance. The financial appeal for 2019 is \$848 million. The financial appeal this year has reduced from \$1.05 billion in 2018 to \$848 million, based on assessed needs and the realistic capacity to implement. Last year, donors provided 67 per cent of the funds, or \$700 million, enabling humanitarians to provide aid to more than 5.5 million people. For the FSS (p.24-26). In 2019, the financial appeal is \$263.3 million with 2.7 million people targeted. In 2018, out of the FSS funding appeal of \$435M, 76% (\$331M) are resourced. Access remains one of the biggest challenges; Restrictions on freedom of movement of the civilian population prevents the large-scale resumption of livelihoods; Many areas of Borno State are considered high risk for humanitarian actors, which when combined with the lack of safety assurances from all parties to the conflict, especially in the central and northern parts of the Borno State. <p>d. Information Management Updates</p> <p>FSS December 2018 products were presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> FSS Sector Dashboard - December 2018 FSS Cash Dashboard - December 2018 FSS Gap Analysis - SO1 Food Assistance – December 2018 FSS Gap Analysis - SO2 Agriculture and Livelihoods – December 2018 FSS Partner Presence – December 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The numbers presented are both HRP and non HRP (Non HRP includes government partners and others). From Jan. 2019 onwards, the sector will make revision to improve the IM products. Ex: provide the number of beneficiaries reached per LGA on partners presence map. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>Debriefing on the Social Protection Cross-Learning Summit (SPECS) in Abuja (22-24 Jan.) by participants, led by the sector coordination team</p> <p> FSS meeting February 05- SPECS</p> <p>For more info (detailed presentations/resources): https://www.specs2019.socialprotectionnigeria.com/presentations</p>	<p>Sector to share the SPECS relevant links to presentation/resources</p>

5	Partner updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA apologies for their absence. They have included Muna Garage to their monthly distribution caseloads. 	
6	AOB: This is Alex Nwoko (FSS IMO seconded through iMMAP) last day with the FSS before moving on to an international position abroad. We thank him greatly for all his teamwork for the sector.	
7	CLOSING: With no other business, the next meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.	

IN ATTENDANCE: 23 partners were in attendance, 34 individuals (4 Females & 30 Males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NNGOs
1. WFP	5. NRC	16. MCRP
2. PCNI	6. ZOA	17. GEPaDc
3. UNDP	7. CRS	18. CRUDAN
4. MOA	8. INTERSOS	19. IBCCN
	9. SCI	20. Majesty Foundation
	10. TEARFUND	21. ICEED
	11. ACF	22. IDS
	12. Plan	23. Kanem Borno
	13. TWB	
	14. CARE	
	15. IMC	