

MINUTES OF THE BORNO FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: Borno State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MoANR), Conference Room

Date: 31 March 2020

Time: 10:05am – 11:05am

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. Preparedness and Response for Covid-19 threat (20 min)
4. Sector updates (15 min)
5. Partner updates (15 min)
6. Government stakeholders (MoA, NEDC, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, NCFRMI, etc.)
7. Others

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FSS will continuously share guidelines and updates on COVID 19 with partners
2. The sector to follow up on MC food assistance phase out in Bama host communities – Ongoing
3. The sector to verify the food gaps in Madinatu and African Mission Camp with SEMA, partners and other sectors – Ongoing
4. The sector to finalize the list of FSS focal points for key LGAs in Borno State, looking for partners for MMC/Jere areas - Ongoing
5. The sector to share the Expression of Interest and draft TOR for the position of FSS Co-coordinator/NGO Co-Lead – PENDING
6. Sector to follow up with partners on potential gaps reported in yejua axis, Gongolong, Malashari, El-Meskin, and Gusheri.
7. The sector to share guidance notes on the COVID-19 for Food Assistance

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions The meeting was opened by the Chair and followed by self-introductions.</p>	
2	<p>Review of action points and approval of previous minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sector to follow up on MC food assistance phase out in Bama host communities – Ongoing 2. The sector to verify the food gaps in Madinatu and African Mission Camp with SEMA, partners and other sectors – Ongoing 3. The sector to finalize the list of FSS focal points for key LGAs in Borno State, looking for partners for MMC/Jere areas – Ongoing 4. The sector to share the Expression of Interest and draft TOR for the position of FSS Co-coordinator/NGO Co-Lead – PENDING 5. Sector to follow up with partners on potential gaps reported in Yejua axis, Gongolong, Malashari, El-Meskin, and Gusheri – ONGOING (With partners) 6. WFP to share the joint market assessment report - PENDING 7. Sector to convene Harmonization TF to further work on a harmonized approach to MEB – PENDING 	<p>Pending items from the meeting will be part of the action points for the next meeting</p>

	<p>8. Sector to share Final CH fiche report – DONE</p> <p>After the review, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th Marched were adopted.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Preparedness and Response for Covid-19 threat (20 min)</p> <p>The sector set up a FSS COVID-19 Taskforce – Food Assistance which developed a guidance note. The guidance note is anchored on two main pillars of focus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) to inform decision making related to personal risk, mitigate rumors, share information and advice among communities, vendors and officials, and to effectively involve communities in the response to control the outbreak. This also includes the communication to the relevant changes that may come along with the FSS activities and how the different stakeholders especially beneficiaries may be impacted. 2. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) by implementing various (or a combination of) recommended methodologies to prevent infection mainly by ensuring sanitation, hygiene and social distancing, in the various food assistance activities. <p>Please see the detailed guidance note here.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FSS Taskforce for Remote Monitoring is working a tool on remote monitoring of the market prices, which will be presented in a dashboard to be updated weekly. The aim is to understand how food prices and ultimately Value of food baskets will be affected in event of price changes. The tool will also collect other multi sectoral key items as selected by other sectors. • The sector will also share guidelines on the COVID-19 to further guide partners. • Among the key points in the guidance note from the taskforce is a two months ratio distribution. This is aimed at reducing risk through reducing the frequency of contact among the different stakeholders. 	<p>The sector will also share guidelines on the COVID-19 for Food Assistance to further guide partners.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Sector updates (15 min)</u></p> <p><u>1. Program Criticality Process is in final stages all as part of preparedness for COVID-19</u></p> <p>Program Criticality Assessment is ongoing with ranking of the different activities is in final stages. This has two main priorities by heads of agencies and supported by sectors. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering on key life-saving activities (on-going programs) - Adjusting activities that could be more COVID-19 response specific. <p>Overall, this will also provide adequate support to the government-led COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, in line with the national IAP and the Global</p>	

	<p>Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 (global emergency appeal focused on prevention/protection)</p> <p>The overall rational behind this exercise aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Precising partner footprint (maintaining partner impact in supporting the most vulnerable) and reducing exposure to risk - Focusing on COVID-19 and the means to circumvent it - Promoting a stabilization and transition strategy out of the COVID-19 crisis. As such, the primary objective of partner approach should be to evaluate partner capacity to keep delivering on core commitments (largely life-saving activities and delivery of essential services to the most vulnerable people) and support the BAY states preparedness and response plans <p><u>2. Sectoral prioritization for the coming months</u></p> <p>This was done at multi sectoral level focusing on the critical identification of critical risks and how they would affect programming in the upcoming months. For Food Security, areas of focus include; a) <i>COVID-19 threat</i> b) <i>Potential new displacements as a result of flood, conflict, c) any potential returns (IDPs and Refugees).</i></p> <p>3. Fires: Monguno (205 HHs), Muna Garage (101 HHs) -> Partners working on response</p> <p>4. FSS Information Management rounds 3 & 4 trainings scheduled for Yobe & Adamawa, in addition to the iMMAP-led rounds 13 & 14 trainings have been put on hold due to COVID-19 threat.</p> <p>5. Attack on Ngururi Community</p> <p>NSAG attacked the community at about 2300Hrs on Saturday 14th where they invaded the community, killed 2 people and 5 injured severely. Given there is no active FSS partner in Ngururi Community located in Konduga, and relatively small size of HHs affected (17 HHs), it was referred to the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) which was finally handed over to the affected persons to SEMA to for additional response. SEMA had initially distributed 25kg of Rice, Beans, Blanket and bucket</p> <p>6. The FSS completed the two-day training on Child Protection (CP) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) integration in Food and Livelihoods Security programming. Among the 40 participants, 19 are female and 21 male</p>	
5	<p>Partner updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The timing of the COVID-19 is affecting farmers more and the concerns are whether people will be able to access their farms, as well as access to seed were mentioned. 2. Crowd Control in camps will be a challenge given the precautions being put in place. Therefore, partners are advised to sensitize communities and beneficiaries as well as working with the CCCM and SEMA team for control 	



	control. Partners were encouraged by the sector to report all challenges that they face to the FSS where necessary in order to do the necessary advocacy	
6	Government stakeholders (MoA, NEDC, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, NCFRMI, etc.)	
7	AOB	
8	CLOSING: With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am. Next FSS meetings will online via ZOOM on 14 April 2020 by 10am.	