

Minutes of FSAC National Cluster Meeting

Date	30.06.2022
Venue	Virtual
Attendance	WFP, FAO, OCHA, BHA, CARE, NRC, OXFAM, ACTED, SCI, ADRA, SI, GC, DRC, WC, IRY, IRC, VHI, Samaritan's Purse, FEWS NET, NFDHR, BCHR, TYF, BFD, NMO, RDP, LMMPO, SMEPS, YFCA, KFD, NDEO, MOZN, YDN.

Agenda

1. Action points from the last meeting
2. Outcome of the joint meeting of the MFB TWG and LTWG on UCT/CCT transfer values
3. Orientation on the updated FSAC interactive dashboard
4. AOB

1. Action points from the last meeting

- FSAC 2022 Logical Framework and Workplan

Partners shared their inputs by 01.06, the doc presented through the last national cluster meeting was revised accordingly and its ultimate version made available on the website by 02.06.

- The 2022 first quarterly (Q1) analysis of needs, gaps and coverage

Minutes of the meeting were made available on the website by 04.06.

- Dedicated meeting between the two FSAC MFB and LTWG working groups, aiming at bringing UCT and CCT Guidelines together

The meeting has been held on 06.06. Main outcomes to be presented and discussed today.

2. Outcomes of the joint meeting of the MFB TWG and LTWG on UCT/CCT transfer values

Main outcomes:

- *Governorate specific versus AOC*
- ✓ Feedbacks from MFB and L TWGs: Multiplicity of rates can compound operational challenges including coordination at various levels.
- ✓ Way forward: Maintain UCT and CCT values at AOC level.

- *Role of Unskilled Labour Rates (ULR)*
- ✓ Feedbacks from MFB and L TWGs: ULR cannot be deemed as depressed in all Governorates.
- ✓ Way forward: Continue to consider ULR when determining the CCT values.

- *Factoring in the UCT buffer (currently 15%)*
- ✓ Feedbacks from MFB and L TWGs: Cost of MFB is expected to continually increase in the foreseeable future due to both external and internal factors.
- ✓ Way forward: Maintain the “buffer”: Nevertheless, buffer level can be adjusted.

- *Programme objective*
- ✓ Feedbacks from MFB and L TWGs: It was noted that a significant proportion of both the conditional and unconditional transfers that are coordinated by the FSAC in Yemen contribute the HRP (with the main objective being to saving lives).
- ✓ Way forward: The primary focus should be ensuring that beneficiaries are able to meet their minimum food needs.

Recommendations:

- The UCT transfer value will continue to be based on the cost of MFB with a percentage top up for the buffer. While analysis will initially be based on Governorate level cost of MFB, the transfer value guidance to be issued by the FSAC will be at AOC level.
- The CCT transfer values will be at AOC level. Recommended approach is to apply a percentage top up to the UCT transfer value (e.g., 20%). In terms of application, the CCT transfer values at AOC level will be divided by the daily ULR to derive the number of working days required for each Governorate.
- In case the number of working days required exceeds 15, the number of participants per household for that specific Governorate will be increased to two. The additional HH member will work for the n. of days which are in excess of 15.

Next steps:

- UCT Guidelines, to be reviewed in August 2022. Trends during the April – June 2022 period will be taken into account.
- CCT Guidelines, to be revised in Q4 2022.

3. Orientation on the updated FSAC interactive dashboards

General information:

- FSAC producing response products on a monthly basis to reflect FSAC partners achievements/response.
- You can access all the FSAC response products on the FSAC website: <https://fscluster.org/yemen>.

Navigation of the updated FSAC interactive dashboards

- Partner Presence Map: displays FSAC partners active in the different locations during any selected month.
- Monthly Response Dashboard: displays FSAC partners' responses and beneficiaries assisted during any selected month.
- Unique Beneficiaries Dashboard: displays the unique beneficiary figures reached by FSAC partners since January 2022.



- Gap Analysis Dashboard: displays gaps in targeting populations under FSAC SO1 and SO2.

4. AoB

- The review of the Emergency Livelihood Assistance (ELA) Guidelines is ongoing. Ad-hoc working groups (5) have been established, aiming at developing agriculture / livestock / fisheries kits per livelihood zone. A draft of the document should be ready by the end of July. Key information will be presented and discussed through the next national cluster meeting.
- The YHF SA1 has still to be released. The FSAC won't have a cluster specific envelope; at the same time, the FSAC will have a component under the IFRR. 14 districts have been prioritized, according to the IFRR criteria. From the food security and agriculture point of view: districts with IPC5 pockets and districts with an IPC4+ population equal to or higher than 40%. The tentative calendar is the following: release of the strategy, first week of July 2022; submission of project proposals, by the third week of July 2022; strategic and technical review of project proposals, fourth week of July 2022, first and second week of August 2022.
- In the framework of the YHF SA1, a Strategic and Technical Review Committee (STRC) has to be established. The composition will be the following: 1 FSAC representative; 1 Un Agency representative; 1 INGO representative; 1 NNGO representative; 3 YHF representatives. To ensure a full transparency and a sound accountability, the FSAC will: ask partners to express their interest in taking part to the STRC; hold elections, aiming at selecting 1 INGO and 1 NNGO among those having expressed their interest.
- Next national cluster meeting: end of July. In the meantime: all the relevant docs and info – including May 2022 interactive dashboards - will be made available through the FSAC website: <https://fscluster.org/yemen>. Partners will also receive the monthly newsletter.