



## FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING for NORTH WEST REGION

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09:00-10:30am, Thursday, 09 Mai 2019, Conference Room, Plan International Office, Bamenda

### AGENDA

- 1- Introduction and Welcome
- 2- FSC Cluster Updates
  - a- 5Ws Data collected in April – Issues and Challenges
  - b- Targeting and Vulnerability Criteria in NW
- 3- Updates from Partners on FS and Livelihoods Activities
  - a- FA Activities undertaken in April 2019
  - b- Livelihoods activities undertaken in April 2019
- 4- Partners' Presentations by UNDP, Caritas Bamenda and CRS, and WFP
  - a- *Market-based Food Assistance Programme—an Update* (CRS & Caritas Bamenda)
  - b- *UNDP's Early Recovery Programme: Small Grants Facility*
  - c- *WFP's Response Plan in NW, and Humanitarian Principles in Action (Red Lines). NWSW* (WFP)
- 5- AOB

**PARTICIPANTS:** Fewsnat, IDF, Caritas Bamenda, SHUMAS, Norwegian Refugee Council, YOP, COHEB, HEWAAC, GFDLP, IVFCam, Plan International, SOPISDEW, CEFLIFE, UNFPA, CBC Health Services, COMINSUD, Village Care International, COHESODEC, WFP, NOWEFOR, PEDEFOCOCA, PCC Bayelle, HOA, NEHREE, LUKMEF, ASWA-RUDEP, Catholic Relief Services, ASWEDO, CAEPA, OCOSO, FGI, WACAM, IMSSRAD; Child Protection AoR, OCHA, UNDP.

### ACTION POINTS:

- FSC to share CfPs on UNDP's Early Recovery Programme- Small Grants (submissions due 23 May).
- Partners who are currently undertaking distributions (FS and Livelihoods) to submit before 25 May
- FSC Coord to incorporate feedback on training plan and concept note on capacity building needs;
- FSCC to share updates on the work of the *ad hoc* Technical Working Group on Targeting and Vulnerability Criteria;

### DISCUSSION

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**Introduction** - The one-and-a-half-hour meeting that took place at Plan International's Office was attended by 50 individual participants, representing 34 Partner Organisations, and three observer organisations: OCHA, CP AoR, UNFPA.

#### FS Cluster Updates -

- It was noted that most 5Ws data received for the month of April were not activities undertaken, but rather, either planned) activities (with not secured funding) or pre-distribution activities such as beneficiary registration, or distribution of e-vouchers (without the phase of beneficiaries redeeming their food items against those vouchers).
- FSCC team will soon be strengthened by the deployment of an Information Management Officer. This will make it easier to provide one on one training and mentoring in relation to 5Ws and other IM-related work.
- For the NW alone, Caritas Bamenda was the only partner which distributed food items to around a total of 1186 individuals in Bamenda 2 and 3.
- The findings from emergency food security assessment (EFSA) that WFP and partners conducted showed a proxy GAM of 4.4% and 5.6% for the NW and SW respectively. However, access was still a major issue and there is possibility of higher nutritional vulnerability in hard-to-reach areas. Compounded with the aggravating factors including food insecurity, very limited access to health services and poor water and sanitation, the nutrition situation is expected to deteriorate if immediate nutrition response is not provided. Furthermore, survey results from WFP-



led mobile vulnerability analysis and mapping (mVAM) suggest that the proportion of children who met the minimum acceptable diet is as low as 18.2% and 6.9% in the NW and SW regions respectively. This implies that the majority of the children do not have access to nutritious food, thus are not meeting their nutrient needs and consequently compounding growth. With these findings, there is an urgent need to scale up the response in line with the cluster priorities and the cluster is developing new estimates on the burden.

- Between 24 April and 03 May, WFP nutritionists from the regional office in Dakar and Yaounde conducted a scoping mission on nutrition response for NW and SW regions with the aim of exploring feasible response options for WFP to prevent further deterioration of the nutrition situation.
- During the month of April, WFP and via its partners have reached 32,560 IDPs and vulnerable host local communities in Meme, Manyu and Fako Divisions. WFP has expanded its humanitarian access to rural settlements and have provided general food assistance in a form of a fortified in kind food basket containing (Cereals, pulses, oil, salt and super cereal), the baskets are covering the necessary nutritional calorie intake of 2100Kcal per person per day for 30 feeding days. A scale up to reach 125,000 affected individuals: 80,000 in South West Meme, Manyu and Fako and 45,000 in North West Mezam and Bamenda is underway. With a further planned scale, up to additional areas in North West as of end of May
- Under emergency livelihoods activities, one of FAO's project whose objective is to improve the food security of IDPs and their host communities through the production of broiler chickens and eggs in the North West and South West regions, has continued to progress with its activities in the month of April. In collaboration with ASWA-RUDEP, a local NGO serving as its field-level implementing partner, FAO distributed and installed 10,000 broilers from 05-06 April to 125 beneficiary households in Mezam Division of the North West and 10,000 broilers to 125 beneficiary households in Fako, Meme and Manyu divisions of the South West from 17-20 April.
- Field agents carried out follow-up visits to the 1,000 beneficiary households for egg production and meat production throughout the month of April in Mezam, Meme, Fako, and Manyu divisions. FAO's second livelihoods project "Emergency assistance to improve food and nutrition security of IDPs in South West Region of Cameroon" is in progress. FAO has already dispatched building materials for the construction of mini poultries such as aluminium corrugated sheets, cements, drinkers, wire mesh, feeders and veterinary drugs to Buea (SW). It plans the targeting of beneficiaries during the first week of May with Caritas Buea Diocese as implementing partner.
- WFP's regional nutrition adviser conducted a scoping mission on nutrition response for NW and SW regions during the period of 24th April to 4th May. The purpose of the mission is to assess the nutritional needs of the affected population and explore feasible response options for preventing a further deterioration of the nutrition situation. Consultations with different actors is ongoing to identify potential entry points and appropriate response packages.
- Via the expression of interest and due diligence process, new partnerships are being identified in both regions to provide General Food Assistance to 250,000 affected and food insecure IDPs and local communities. In addition, WFP organized a 3-day partner induction training in Bamenda which brought together 52 participants among which were community mobilizers and distribution team leaders. Themes covered included WFP food distribution management, protection and gender mainstreaming, PSEA, WFP reporting mechanisms and warehouse management. The common vulnerability targeting criteria and modalities have also been consolidated for WFP operations based on results of the last EFSA, mVAM findings and recommendations formulated by the recent WFP access and protection mission conducted in the south west region.
- A total of 80,000 and 45,000 beneficiaries was planned to be targeted in the South West and North West Regions respectively, however due to lock down days in late April and partner capacity assessments, this target was not reached. For the North West Region, FSC Partners reported to have distributed food assistance to 1186 individuals in Bamenda, Mezam Division (this is mostly Caritas Bamenda). Food Security Cluster has, throughout April, engaged with representatives of umbrella bodies of associations of persons with disabilities in both NW and SW to identify together ways in which humanitarian actors can address the structural barriers persons with disabilities face to access needed food security and livelihoods assistance.

### Partners' Presentations

- UNDP/Early Recovery Working Group Chair, shared that UNDP has begun exploring into programming on initiatives which would address challenges related to rule of law. Soon, a high level delegation from UNDP HQ/NYC will visit NWSW and assess the realities on the ground and come up with recommendations on other programmes such as DDR (although the pre-conditions for such programmes are still lacking, i.e., because there is no peace treaty yet). He also said that he
- UNDP programme “Confidence Building Early Response Mechanism in the South West and North West Regions of Cameroon” includes a Small Grants Facility to support local NGOs in their early recovery efforts and to promote social cohesion. This facility is being piloted through this call for proposals of grants up to 20 000 USD per project (plus 10% administration fee) and the target is to support 4-6 initiatives in the North West and 4-6 initiatives in the South West. The pilot period is 1 June to 31 December 2019. The call for proposals is only open to registered national Cameroonian NGOs who are already established and having ongoing activities in the North West and/or the South West. Early Recovery Mechanism-Small Grants Facility (ERM-SGF) strategic initiatives that is expressed through this call for proposals are community recovery initiatives in the NW and SW aiming to restore infrastructure, restore livelihoods or other essential functions in the two provinces affected by the crisis. Promotion of social cohesion must be an integral part of project objectives. Projects with an integrated aim to contribute to a better environment (waste management, recycling) and promotion of female participation in recovery will be prioritized in the selection of projects process. NGOs/Associations are invited to submit their files no later than 23 May. The information can also be found on UNDP’s international procurement page: <https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fprocurement-notices.undp.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7Caimesa%40wfp.org%7Cbc565348a888473a82b408d6d540423c%7C462ad9aed7d94206b87471b1e079776f%7C0%7C0%7C636930869435814277&csdata=p2pghUxUvbXJqGIRcyBPXLtueR9OFJhYji64Q4KOGru%3D&reserved=0>
- CRS and Caritas Bamenda: An update/repeat of the e-voucher programme presentation (made in last monthly FSCC meeting in Bamenda) was given. CRS has recently received funding to scale up its pilot FS e-voucher programme. In 2 weeks time, CRS and Caritas Bamenda will commence the targeting and registration of beneficiaries for this programme: 4000HHs of IDPs and affected HCs will be targeted in Bamenda 1, 2, and 3. Partners gave their feedback to the programme, including, the need to widely inform potential beneficiaries and potential stakeholders, and move beyond Bamenda, and coordinate to avoid duplication with other partners such as WFP in those three parts of Bamenda. The use of caravan mechanisms to inform potential beneficiaries was suggested. Partners thanked CRC and Caritas Bamenda for initiating e-voucher programme as it is a suitable modality for more dignity and choice for urban-based IDPs.
- WFP: See PPT presentation. Some partners wondered why WFP does not focus on other areas considered as hot zones where levels of vulnerabilities and food insecurity are particularly high.

AOB: The date for the next monthly FSC Coordination meeting in NWR will be communicated to partners but tentatively, it will be around 06 June 2019, while that of FSCC for SW will be around 29 or 30 May.

The meeting ended at 11:00am.