

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS WORKING GROUP MEETING**  
 (Teleconference)

Location: Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states Teleconference

Date: 18th August 2021

Time: 2:00am – 3:00pm

**AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks from State leads [ Adamawa, Borno and Yobe] – 5 Min
2. Review of minutes of the previous meeting – 5 Min
3. Presentation on Using farming field school approach to teach farmers best practices by – AAH (15 min)
4. Presenting to partners the SOPs CFW with relation to Covid19(10 min)
5. Sector’s Updates – 5 Min
6. Partner’s Updates – 5 Min
6. AOB – 5 min

**SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS**

None

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions The meeting was opened by the Chair and followed by self-introductions from the Government and non-Government partners.	Pending items from the meeting will be part of the action points for the next meeting.
2	Review of Minutes of the previous meeting. The previous minutes was adopted.	

4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation on Using farming field school approach to teach farmers best practices by – AAH (15 min)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>The farmer field school approach was developed by FAO in the 80s’ in Southeast Asia and since then the approach has been adopted in many countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Farmer field school approach is adopted for both crops &amp; Livestock. The farmer Field School (FFS) is an approach that is focused on community learnings to improve production/management practices in groups of common farmers. Participants converge at agreed periods on demonstration sites for practical learning.</p> <p>The demonstration sites are where scientific insights are tested, validated, and integrated, in the context of the local ecosystem and socio-economic settings. It gives farmers the opportunity to share knowledge and exchange information.</p> <p>The FFS approach offers space for hands-on, group learning, enhancing skills for critical analysis, and improved decision making.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Q1:</b> Highlight more on the construction of community banks to enhance the availability of livestock feed and veterinary drugs.</p> <p><b>Ans:</b> The farmer field school approach is a community-based approach to ensure the leads farmers at the community level and other farmers have access to information, learning opportunities, and service provision. A community-based center is to be established where farmers with a little money can access services and feeds for the livestock. This approach has been accepted by the community and the land was also provided by the community.</p> <p><b>Q2:</b> To what percentage are farmers benign aware of modern farming technology?</p> <p><b>Ans:</b> The project targeted both the lead farmers and other farmers in creating awareness. The ratio is one lead farmer is to ten other farmers (1:10) After each lead farmer gained knowledge, he will train 10 more farmers of the knowledge he or she gains.</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> What is the duration of the project?</p> <p><b>Ans:</b> The project is a two-year project and planning is still ongoing before the commencement of the project.</p>	
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5	<p><b>Sector Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the southern part of Adamawa, the rainfall is very minimal as a result it could affect the productivity of the crops of that area.</li> <li>In Michika 239 beneficiaries were distributed with farm inputs (seedlings) while 239 were given cash by CARITAS.</li> <li>In Madagali 242 beneficiaries were distributed with cash and farm inputs (seedlings) by CARITAS.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Partner Update:</b></p> <p>JRS is currently running a pilot project in training 30 women (lead farmers) using the farmer field school approach and they will be supported with some seeds for farming.</p> <p>WFP is implementing livelihood and resilience-building activities across the bay states, such as livestock production, crop production, and income generation activities.</p> <p>WFP is introducing an innovation which is hydroponics for beneficiaries who are specifically intervening in livestock activities and those that have no access to farmland, each household will be provided with a unit and seeds including capacity building to grow and harvest further to feed their livestock within their home setting.</p>	
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Some partners are suggesting that the meetings should be held on monthly bases.</p>	
	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be communicated to partners soon.</p>	

IN ATTENDANCE: 12 partners were in attendance, 22 Individuals (6 Females & 16 Males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NGOs
1. FAO	2. CRS	3. JRS
4. UNDP	5. AAH	6. ISHEA
7. YOBE MOA	8. SDC	9. GRENCORD
10. NEDC	11. COOPI	
12. WFP		