

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

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

Date: 1st September 2022

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks from State leads [Adamawa, Borno and Yobe] (5min)
2. Review of minutes of the previous meeting (5min)
3. Agriculture Livelihood Intervention by WFP (25min)
4. Fertilizer/Weather Updates across the BAY states – Discussion (10 min)
5. Partner’s Updates (10min)
6. AOB (5min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- FSS to share the flood flash reports in BAY state.

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.	

3	<p>Agriculture Livelihood Intervention by WFP</p> <p>We deliver food assistance in emergencies and work with communities to improve nutrition, and livelihoods, and build resilience in areas where such are feasible.</p> <p>WFP & Food Systems</p> <p>WFP Implement Projects that contribute towards Strengthening the Food System in the North-East of Nigeria such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smallholder Agricultural Market Support and Post-Harvest Loss (PHL) reduction initiatives, thanks to funding from the Master Card Foundation. Over 200,000 farmers are to be reached in the North-East (Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe) and North-West (Sokoto, Zamfara, and Jigawa states) of Nigeria. 2. E-vouchers for fresh food commodities as jointly implemented by WFP, FAO, and UN Women. 10,000 individuals were reached, mostly women among the most vulnerable in four LGAs of Borno State – Bama, Gwoza, Dikwa, and Monguno. 3. 200 livestock farmers have been supported with the kits and training on the initiative in the Malakyarari community, Borno State. 4. Over 200,000 tree seedlings of different varieties have been raised and they supported households across the BAY States to promote reforestation efforts that address environmental concerns. <p>Discussion:</p> <p>In northwest states, Sokoto and Zamfara (Talatanmafara, Kasuwandagi, Bodiga, and Wurno) farmers were supported with food assistance.</p> <p>For full presentation click here</p>	
4	<p>Fertilizer/Weather Updates across the BAY states</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>How do you describe access/availability of fertilizer, and its price compared to last year in the respective states?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Fertilizer is not readily available in and around the BAY States and the hike in price is about 100%, for Borno State the government has taken measures to provide liquid fertilizers to its farmers.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>How are the weather situations/flood, late rain, and heavy rain in the BAY states? What will be its impact on the crop and this year’s harvest, and what are the mitigation plan?</p> <p>Answer: For the month of August in the BAY States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adamawa, Madagali, Numan, Lamurde and LGAs along river Benue experienced flooding, resulting in the erection of four camps at Madagali, appealing/soliciting for aid for the people, and in Yobe Gujba, and Gulani experience flooding, while in Borno state Jere, Kalabalge, and Monguno were flooded and farmlands were submerged with heavy rainfall and this would definitely reduce crop yield in the BAY State, therefore farmers need to be sensitized/ oriented on how to embark on dry season farming. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bridge at Katarko linking Biu to Damaturu has been cut off by the flood and that linking Gwoza to Madagali while the Ngadda River is filled to its brim resulting in the death of a few persons. 	
5	<p>Partner's Updates MANR National Council meeting for decision making, showcasing activities and sharing knowledge with other Organizations /Agencies in September at plateau state, Nigeria.</p> <p>National Agricultural seed Council A Community-Based seed production Centre needs to be established in Borno State, to ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of seeds in the State to help agricultural production and to attain our food security.</p>	
6	AOB	
7	<p>Closing Remarks The next meeting will be communicated to partners soon.</p>	

IN ATTENDANCE: 11 partners were in attendance, 14 Individuals (3 Females & 11 Males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NGOs
1. FAO	2. CRS	3. FOURCi
4. UNDP	5. AAH	
6. Borno MoA	7. CARE	
8. WFP	9. ZOA	
10. Adamawa MoA		
11. National Agricultural Seed Council		