



**BANGLADESH**  
**FOOD SECURITY SECTOR**  
*Strengthening Humanitarian Response*

**Food Security Sector Meeting**

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**DATE** Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
**TIME** 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**VENUE** IOM Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

**AGENDA**

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1. GFD and Food Assistance Update
2. Food Security Sector Funding Status Update
3. FSS Monsoon/Cyclone Update
4. Livelihoods Presentation - CARE Bangladesh
5. AoB

**DISCUSSION**

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1- Intro

FSS Coordinator, opened the meeting with a welcome to all, followed by a round of introductions; FSS members who were present at the meeting are: UNHCR, FAO, Agrajatra, EETWG, WFP, OXFAM, UNDP, Logistics Sector/WFP, IOM, BRAC, ACTED/REACH, MUKTI, SCI, WR, CARE Bangladesh, Handicap International, ECHO, WVI, Christian Aid, FSS.

2- GFD and Food Assistance Update

- Round 12: Distribution started 19<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March, WFP and 6 Partners NGOs. The plan was to distribute food among 107,839 HHs and in total, the number of reached families, under this round, was 104,645 HHs (470,902 individuals approximately)
- Round 13: Started on 3<sup>rd</sup> until 16 April and the plan is to distribute food to 150,189 HHs and as of 08<sup>th</sup> April 71,002 HHs have been reached. Given the increased number of high level donor visits, and political figures, FSS encourages Partners who may need support in preparing donor visits, for better coordination, mapping needs, latest data, including GFD distribution Plan.
- E-vouchers for WFP has increased up to 200,000 people
- OXFAM paper vouchers also regularly ongoing (see the ppt)
- Refugees' relocation support in coordination with UNHCR/IOM.
- On Relocation issue (done in coordination with major UN and INGOs, led by IOM and UNHCR):
  - SCI reported that refugees are mostly settling into Camps 2E and Camp 17.
  - Site Management has been sharing data on relocations, and checking possible cases of double duplication. We take 72-96 Hours to verify jointly with CiCs, WFP, Field Monitoring Officers.

- Relocation was done in the past almost sporadically, however, nowadays, it is being carried out in a systematic manner, from more congested to less congested areas. For FSS stand point, when relocating people, we need to ensure people are enrolled in the new distribution points, the closest to their new location .
- At “Big Cheese” discussion ongoing for a new Distribution Point, and storage containers for dry food items and Fortified Biscuits.
- A map was shown with all distribution points for FSS which includes GFD DPs, Shops, cooked meals distribution points, communal kitchen, etc. OXFAM will (re) share accurate GPS coordinates (of its paper voucher fresh foods) so that a new map illustrating all key FSS points
- On the data indicating the total amount of General Food Distribution and Complementary food packages, since Round 1 to Round 12, it is important to keep a good track of the data and also the MT distributed: all data are shared and reported to the relevant GoB authorities from FSS

3- FSS Funding Status – Update (See PPT Presentation)

4- FSS Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning – Sector and Partners update

- Logistics Sector Coordinator updated FSS Partners on its activities. Currently, providing storage capacity in Ukhiya, and soon in Modur Chara. It is free common storage and the Coordinator is happy to get in touch with any Partner wishing to get in touch to get storage space. Logs Sector is also in the process of updating a map which shows roads access, in the context of Monsoon landslides and floods. It is currently being updated, on a regular basis, if needed, on a daily basis. It will be updated also during the Monsoon rains. If any FSS Partner is made aware of roads having issues of access (e.g., blocked roads under construction) please share the information with FSS Coordinator and share with the Logs Sector. Information is key, and the maps of Logs Sector will be shared on the FSS website for wider dissemination. Logs Sector’s maps can be found at: <http://www.logcluster.org/sector/bangl17>.

The contact details of the new coordinator of the Logistics Sector in Cox’s Bazar are:

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- The plan is to have the new Logs Hub to be opened in the next 3 weeks. It will have at least 2 months of food stocks as per the Monsoon Plan.

- Infrastructure rehabilitation is ongoing. 400 workers are involved on DRR/FFA (Disaster Risk Reduction/Food for Assets). FSS will soon produce a map showing all ongoing DRR/FFA works and activities, for wider dissemination.
- REACH: has conducted a mapping exercise for each camp, with indicators of potential to be highly affected by the floods and landslides. FSS Coordinator will share the map, and share it with WFP colleagues in Engineering and Logistics, for cross checking, and triangulation. REACH promised to prepare a map only for FSS (showing Distribution Points, wet kitchens, community kitchens, and food storage). FSS will share the latest GPS to REACH

#### 5- Livelihoods Presentation and Lesson learned CARE Bangladesh (See PPT Presentation)

The key points made from the Presentation, including interventions/questions and points of clarification from FSS Partners are:

- CARE presented a Host Communities Situational Analysis. CARE conducted the Sit Analysis (predominantly a qualitative exercise). The final report will focus on major socio-economic impacts of the Influx and will be released towards the end of April. The Conceptual framework used is “inclusive development”. The need to understand that ‘host communities’ is not a monolithic category. Locals with some form of social and economic power are benefiting from the Influx, according to interviews’ responses from those interviewed.
- School attendance rates have dropped in the areas surveyed, closer to the refugee camps. A number of teachers have resigned from their own schools and now employed as teachers inside refugee camps, because the pay is 3 times higher.
- One of the positive stories from the Influx is that many host communities’ interviewees stated that Rohingyas are welcome, they are not totally strangers, because they have migrated to CXB since 1948. Interventions are needed to prevent the increase of grievances. Longer term development planning is needed.
- Questions from the Partners included: whether CARE Bangladesh plans to do further tracking of indicators (visible social and economic changes) and updating the information on the impact of the Influx. CARE clarified that the present Situational Analysis was a first step, with more consultations, the organisation plans to keep updating the data and sharing it with FSS and other Sectors’ partners for better programmatic work.
- Teknaf and Ukhiya were not areas of agricultural production, traditionally. Prices have increased, and agricultural land is scarce, and are issues of irrigation due to scarcity of water in Teknaf/Ukhiya.
- Timing, data changes every 2-3 months. The study was conducted in Dec/Jan.
- FSS is also interested in assessments at the household level, through exercises such as REVA, on Food Consumption Score, and coping strategy index.

- Social tensions within the household are also important to keep track of. Not only the social tension between the HCs and new refugees but also within the families apparently are increasing due to the new social situation.

#### 6- [AoB](#)

- ISCG Sitrep template has been revised. The deadline for current reporting is 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- HRP Achievement Report is being prepared for the ISCG– thanks to those who reported on HRP and JRP Status Funding. Final Data will be shared.
- Common casual/labor rates. FSS Partners could share their own rates. The need to harmonise is important. Cash WG is working on this. The international community, and the national NGOs community have the responsibility to work together to harmonise rates. Most organisations are operating on the daily pay rate of 250TKs per 5 hours of work. (50TKs per hour). We need to have an agreement on how much to pay porters and other laborers. The meeting on the portering system, scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> April (6pm) will include the casual, daily labor rates. Those interested are encouraged to attend, especially those with cash for work activities for the monsoon season.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

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- FSS Coordination Team will share the new map on road access produced by Logistics Sector (as well as contact details of the new coordinator of the Logs Sector (Lucy Styles);
- FSS Coordination team will share the PPT on Livelihoods by CARE Bangladesh;
- FSS Team will soon produce and share a new map showing all ongoing DRR/FFA activities.
- REACH will prepare a map only for FSS (showing Distribution Points, wet kitchens, community kitchens, and food storage) in relation to infrastructure at risk of being affected by floods and landslides.
- FSS members encouraged to share presentation of their activities, lessons learned and challenges

NEXT MEETING ON 24 April 2018