

MINUTES OF THE ABUJA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: Teleconference

Date: 14 May 2020

Time: 10:15 am – 11:30am

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions (5 min)
2. Review of action points and approval of minutes of the previous meeting (5 min)
3. April 2020 Market Monitoring Report by WFP (15 min)
4. Price Monitoring (January to May) by IMPACT Initiatives (15 min) – Postponed
5. Logistics during the COVID-19 period by the Logistics Sector (10 min)
6. Rain Season Agricultural Inputs Planning by the Sector (10 min)
7. Sector updates (20 min)
8. Partner updates (10 min)
9. AOB (5 min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- The sector to invite the FMARD technical experts in organic fertilizer to give a presentation on the government’s organic fertilizer program and provide the list of approved organic fertilizer suppliers by the government – PENDING
- Sector to invite FMARD focal point to share update information on locust

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introduction</p> <p>Meeting was opened by the FSS Coordinator as the FSS Chair and Dr. Bright Wategire, was engaged in other official commitments.</p>	
2	<p>Review of action points and approval of previous minutes</p> <p>1. CH October 2019 Bama IDPs in camp figures to be updated/corrected – DONE. <i>The total population figure for IDPs in camp in Bama had an error – instead of 12,484 as total population</i></p>	Pending items from the meeting will be part of the action points for next meeting.
3	<p><u>April 2020 Market Monitoring Report by WFP</u></p> <p>The markets surveyed in Borno (Monday market, Abbaganaram, Budum, Kasuwan Shanu, Bullumkutu, Baga Road, Tashan Bama and Custom market) and Yobe (Damaturu, Bursari, Gujba, Potiskum, Jakusko, Geidam, Yunusari, Yusufari, Bade, Nguru and Gulani) .</p> <p>In April, Borno recorded its first case of COVID-19 and has continued to witness an increase in the state. This led to the authorities enforcing control measures, including a lockdown, market shutdown and road closures, with the aim to curtail the spread of the virus. These events consequently triggered panic buying</p>	

	<p>to stock up food, which was further compounded by the Ramadan season, and consequently leading to a surge in food prices.</p> <p>The marked rise in food prices is expected to accentuate food insecurity among the most vulnerable market dependent households especially the Borno and Yobe States.</p>																																																																																																																																											
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Price Monitoring (January to May) by IMPACT Initiatives</u></p> <p>This presentation was postponed. However, the Sector clarified to partners and emphasized the need for all partners to use the latest Per Capita and Household Calculation Approaches that was recently passed.</p> <p>The Per Capita Approach indicates that for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household (HH) of 1-3 members, the Transfer Value (TV) to be calculated based on food expenditure analysis - HH of 4-8 members, TV to be calculated based on actual number of HH members - HH of 8+ - TV to be calculated based on a HH of 8 members. <p>The Per HH Approach:</p> <p>HH size to be determined per LGA based on DTM, EFSA and HEA data</p> <p>Below is the Food Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) calculator that has been updated as at February 14, 2020. All partners should contact the Sector directly on how to use it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) for IDPs and Host Communities Household size average to consider: 7 Feb-20</small></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sector</th> <th>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Food Item</th> <th>gms/day/pp</th> <th>Kc/day/pp</th> <th>gms/HH/day</th> <th>gms/HH/month</th> <th>kg/HH/month</th> <th>Price/kg (NPK)</th> <th>Price/HH/month</th> <th>Price/HH/month</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="13">Food Security</td> <td>Rice</td> <td>150</td> <td>540</td> <td>750</td> <td>22,500</td> <td>22.50</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Millet</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maize</td> <td>250</td> <td>913</td> <td>1250</td> <td>37,500</td> <td>37.50</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beans</td> <td>75</td> <td>255</td> <td>375</td> <td>11,250</td> <td>11.25</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Palm oil</td> <td>10</td> <td>80</td> <td>50</td> <td>1,500</td> <td>1.50</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Groundnut</td> <td>15</td> <td>85</td> <td>75</td> <td>2,250</td> <td>2.25</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sugar</td> <td>10</td> <td>30</td> <td>50</td> <td>1,500</td> <td>1.50</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunflower oil/Veg Oil</td> <td>20</td> <td>177</td> <td>100</td> <td>3,000</td> <td>3.00</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salt</td> <td>5</td> <td>0</td> <td>25</td> <td>750</td> <td>0.75</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Onion</td> <td>6</td> <td>3</td> <td>40</td> <td>1,200</td> <td>1.20</td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub-Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2,100</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>N</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cooking fuel (firewoods, briquettes and charcoal) per HH per month</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>N</td> <td>2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>N</td> <td>2,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sector	HOUSEHOLD SIZE										Food Item	gms/day/pp	Kc/day/pp	gms/HH/day	gms/HH/month	kg/HH/month	Price/kg (NPK)	Price/HH/month	Price/HH/month	Food Security	Rice	150	540	750	22,500	22.50		0		Millet	0		0	0	0	0.00	0		Maize	250	913	1250	37,500	37.50		0		Beans	75	255	375	11,250	11.25		0		Palm oil	10	80	50	1,500	1.50		0		Groundnut	15	85	75	2,250	2.25		0		Sugar	10	30	50	1,500	1.50		0		Sunflower oil/Veg Oil	20	177	100	3,000	3.00		0		Salt	5	0	25	750	0.75		0		Onion	6	3	40	1,200	1.20		0		Sub-Total			2,100				N	-	Cooking fuel (firewoods, briquettes and charcoal) per HH per month							N	2,000	TOTAL							N	2,000	
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<p>5</p>	<p><u>Logistics during the COVID-19 period by the Logistics Sector</u></p> <p>Partners to share the details of incoming cargo to Borno State one day prior to the expected date of arrival. The template has already been circulated among partners.</p> <p>Partners to share information on actual cargo to be moved each day.</p> <p>New directive from the military: Notification form should be submitted once a month as against once a week due to COVID 19. The logistics sector is in discussion with the military to maintain the status quo or looking at other options that are acceptable to both parties.</p> <p>The logistics and Food Security Sectors are also continuing to advocate for movement of fertilizers. The fertilizer restriction is still in place where only liquid and organic fertilizer are allowed. Brown wet-blended NPK require military clearance before they can be transported which takes a relatively longtime to access.</p>																																																																																																																																											

	<p>The Logistics sector can provide vehicle passes to partners in case they need such during the lockdown. However, they are to apply through the FSS sector for such</p> <p>The logistics Sector also conducting surveys to understand the current gaps and needs especially the ones arises from COVID-19.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Rain Season Agricultural Inputs Planning by the Sector</u></p> <p>For planning purposes, partners who are categorized in CH phase 3 are the ones targeted for livelihoods support (SO2) since they are in “Crisis” given that the focus is to protect livelihoods as a result of them being marginally able to cover their minimum food needs by exhausting livelihood assets or using crisis coping strategies while households under CH Phase 2 are “Under Pressure” given that the households have minimally adequate food consumption but cannot afford some basic non-food expenditures without engaging in irreversible coping strategies”.</p> <p>The Agricultural Livelihoods Taskforce recommended that in areas where the land access reports indicate relatively good access to land while taking into context the population size, target should be to CH phase 3 and part of CH phase 2 beneficiaries who may meet a targeting criterion.</p> <p>Targeting of the CH 2 populations is emphasized given the current context of COVID-19, that access to inputs is reduced. This will ensure increased local production to increase local food availability.</p> <p>In areas where land access is limited in relation to the population, partners should focus on CH Phase 3 only, to avoid providing seed to households who do not have land and capacity to plant among other reasons. There is a risk that such inputs could end up being sold in the market or cooked by some households.</p> <p><u>Action Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sector to share the updated analysis indicating the access to land, in relation to the population and planned targets by the various partners while providing respective populations in CH categories 3 and 2 in each of the LGAs. - Partners in locations where access to land is considered relatively high such as over 80% may consider including support to both HHs in CH3 and CH2. However, partners operating in locations where access to land is considered low as a generic guidance, should target only households in CH Phase 3. - Partners to ensure that all the households that they intend to target have access to land. This according to partners can be done with through sampling visits of some household land and with the support of the agriculture officers and local leaders. 	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Sector Updates</u></p> <p><u>FSS Food Assistance Taskforce COVID -19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lockdown in Borno lifted as per yesterday. In Yobe and Adamawa no lockdown. - Overall, market prices have increased as reported in previous communications. However, recent monitoring reports indicate prices have not reached the 15% change on the MEB to necessitate change in food basket values so far reported by partners. 	

- Partners welcomed the third 'open day' during the lockdown that had been provided for market/shopping as announced by the state government, as it is an opportunity to allow beneficiaries access the much-needed food assistance.

FSS Agricultural Livelihoods Taskforce COVID -19

- In Yobe State, it was general agreed that any implementing partner providing agricultural inputs support would seek clearance from SEMA to facilitate the movement.
- It was also advised that partners should "seek more hands" during distribution to support crowd control and compliance with social distancing as measure for the COVID-19 prevention.

CH Food Security Monitoring Taskforce

- Given that COVID-19 was not significantly considered in the March 2020 round of analysis, and following increasing threat posed by the pandemic, it was agreed by key CH Stakeholders to set up a CH Food Security Situation Monitoring Taskforce
- In summary, it was concluded that the food security analysis on the impact of COVID-19 will be done at national level.
- CH State coordinators currently collecting data on a CILLS designed template, to review the March 2020 CH. Partners in the North East should fill the template with data recently done and not yet submitted to the sector to complement the efforts the CH state coordinators -> Sector to share template after this meeting

Sector Operational Updates

- Food Gaps in Informal Settlements in MMC/Jere-> There are over 40,000 individuals with reported gaps as reported by CCCM partners. There are also additional gaps within MMC/Jere where there are additional sites not covered by CCCM partners. This has also been shared with SEMA for potential inclusion into Ramadhan and with WFP for further guidance. Waiting for feedback.
- HRP Addendum -> COVID-19 HRP draft done and submitted. Further coordination started to collect data from both government and non-government plans regarding which areas they will scale up to for the different LGAs
- Isolation/Quarantine Centers-> Child Protection Issues, some people reportedly refusing to test due to "worry about potential food gaps in their families if they were isolated". Referred to State COVID-19 Taskforces through OCHA)
- Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment (MSNA) discussions on 2021 Indicators-> Discussion initiated with REACH, FAO, WFP and FSS to harmonize indicators.
- FSS and WASH partnership to continue joint messaging and hygiene kit delivery, CCCM on crowd control.
- Borno State government 14-member committee set up for palliative distributions -> Committee is targeting 60,000 people in MMC and Jere with food assistance targeting vulnerable HHs. So far

	covered about 45,000 people. Package: 1 bag of 10kg rice, 1 bag of 25 kg of either millet, sorghum or maize flour, 1 carton of spaghetti, 2 cartons of noodles, 3 litres of oil, 5 sachets of tomato paste and 1 packet of maggi.	
8	Partner Updates: NSTR	
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locust Infestation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners wanted to know the extent to which the locust infestation will affect Nigeria, North-East as well as measures currently taken to ensure this is well managed. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO is currently in contact with the Federal and state government on Locusts. - Platform/website will be shared where partners can monitor the progress of the locust intervention - Distribution of agricultural inputs by ICRC across Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Nassarawa, and Plateau - Distribution of agricultural inputs by INTERSOS at Banki. 	
10	Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am. The next meeting date and venue will be confirmed and shared in due course	

IN ATTENDANCE: 19 partners were in attendance - 33 individuals (4 females & 29 males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NNGOs
1. FSS	2. AAH	3. TEARFUND
4. FAO	5. FEWS NET	6. Speed Relief HO
7. WFP	8. INTERSOS	
9. Swiss Embassy	10. MC	
11. Logistics Sector	12. JRS	
13. ICRC	14. ZOA	
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