

MINUTES OF THE ABUJA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: Teleconference

Date: 22nd July 2021

Time: 10: am – 11:am

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions (5 min)
2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 min)
3. Famine Monitoring Report for inaccessible Areas June Bulletin by NPFS, FMARD (15 min)
4. Recent trends in Food Security Outcome Indicators from Post Distribution Monitoring by Save The Children (10 min)
5. Borno and Yobe market Price Bulletin - June 2021 by WFP (15 min)
6. Partner updates (10 min)
 - Government stakeholders (MoA, NEDC, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, NCFRMI, etc.)
 - Others
 - AOB (5 min)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. Partners should be on standby with their report assessments ahead of the October CH.
2. The CH analyst are advocating partners to support the CH analyst with funds to carry out the CH analysis in the 5 states.
3. The sector to follow up with government and CH coordinators to be involved in carrying out any assessment that will be conducted by partners
4. The sector to start data collection for rainy season farming partner plan – Done
5. Sector to follow up with CWG on progress on the JMMI –CWG to discuss results of analysis with each sector before finalizing report.
6. Partners to share assessments done in North West – ONGOING

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introduction</p> <p>The meeting was opened by the FSS Coordinator given that the chair Mr Amu Anthony was on official duty to lead the CH expansion to other states.</p>	
2	<p>Review of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 min)</p> <p>Review of Minutes of the previous meeting. The previous minutes was adopted.</p>	
3	<p>Famine Monitoring Report for inaccessible Areas June Bulletin – by NPFS, FMARD</p> <p>Executive Summary</p>	

Following the insurgency in the North – East some areas are totally/partially inaccessible to Humanitarian actors, there have been several efforts to address the information gaps relating to the demographics, access to services, and intention of movement.

From the March 2021 CH results, 746,846 (current) and 881,216 (projected) persons under phase 3 and 4 across the inaccessible areas (Bay states).

Discussion:

Q1 What are the methodology being used for the assessment for nutrition?

- **Ans:** The methodology that was used for the assessment was both weight for Height and MUAC. All the parameters were deployed and in terms of reporting caveat was being used to access the accuracy of the data.

Q2 What are the measures being taking on data assessment of the inaccessible areas ahead of the October CH?

- **Ans:** Data are being collected and assessment is being done ahead of the October CH. The presentation and discussions that are being done by the partners is a step taken ahead of the October CH.

Q3 Mention the partners that contributed to the data collection of the inaccessible areas.

Ans: NPFS (FMARD), FAO, WFP, REACH, Action Aid, FSS, Nutrition sector, Intersos, IMC, IOM, FEWSNET, SAF, Aid Initiative, PUI, UNICEF, SALIENT, HERWA, CARE

[Recent trends in Food Security Outcome Indicators from Post Distribution Monitoring by – save the children.](#)

Executive Summary:

Save the Children (SC) has been delivering food assistance for conflict affected HHs in Northeast Nigeria since 2016. Funded by the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, and implemented in Jere, Konduga, Mafa and MMC in Borno state. SC currently reaches more than 40,000 HHs (over 238,000 individuals).

Save the children conducts PDM two weeks after food distribution. In addition to monitoring process indicators during quarterly PDMs, we also monitor outcome indicators that serves as a proxy for food security: Food Consumption Score (FCS), Household Hunger Scale (HHS), and the reduced Coping Strategies Index rCSI.

Q1 What are the specific areas that the assessment was being conducted.

Ans: The assessment was conducted in 4 LGAs of Borno state namely MMC, Mafa, konduga, and Jere.

[Borno and Yobe market Price Bulletin - June 2021 by – WFP](#)

	<p>Executive Summary:</p> <p>Commodity price dynamics (Price changes and causes of price changes) Tracking localized Survival Minimum Expenditure Baskets (SMEB) To serve as a reference document for to contribute to Sector Guidance in Transfer Value reviews. (in future), to track market functionality for assistance modality decisions.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The presentation and the figures is one of the keys contributing factors and advocacy notes for the transfer value.</p>	
4	<p>Sector Update</p> <p><u>CH Food Security Monitoring</u></p> <p>Expansion of the CH to 5 other states outside the Northern (15 states) + FCT. Updates to be shared by Mr Amu Anthony of NPFS – FMARD are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders sensitization meeting on the extension of the CH in the 5 states was held in Abuja. • A strategy was been drawn on how to visit the 5 states (Abia, Crossriver, Edo, Enugu, and Lagos) on CH extension. • The extension of the CH to 5 states is now on going. • State level advocacy visit supported by the federal Government through the ministry of Agric was conducted with the support of FAO and WFP whom are physically present in some of the states. • A follow up on the advocacy is on going, for the level 1 training for the newly CH members in the 5 states, planning to take place on the 1st week of August 2021. <p>Operational updates</p> <p><u>FSS Food Assistance Taskforce</u> <u>New Food Assistance Transfer Value</u> Please see the Updated Final Advocacy Note for Increasing Transfer Values for Food Assistance – 3RD Edition; 18 June 2021.</p> <p><u>For Borno:</u> Per Capita (Per Person) cost of Food Basket MEB (100%) as 6,421 Naira and <u>Transfer Value (70% cost of MEB)</u> as <u>4,495 Naira</u> respectively <u>For Yobe:</u> Per Capita (Per Person) cost of Food Basket MEB (100%) as 6,041 Naira and the <u>Transfer Value (70% cost of MEB)</u> as <u>4,229 Naira</u> respectively. <u>Food Security Sector Food Assistance Taskforce Members:</u> <i>Mercy Corps, Catholic Relief Services, Action Against Hunger, ZOA, Save The Children, Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council, World Food Programme, International Medical Corps, INTERSOS, ACTED, JDPC, GREENCODE, SWNI, CCDRN, CARE, Christian Aid, Cash Working Group</i> <u>Agricultural Livelihoods Working Group</u></p>	

	<p>The National Assembly Council agreed-upon 2.5% of every Agricultural Loan will be deducted from the CBN to form a farming Extension system within the country.</p> <p>The federal government is planning for intervention in agronomic activities across the country. Registration is ongoing in Borno and Yobe covering 7000 beneficiaries in Borno while 6,555 beneficiaries were covered in Yobe.</p> <p>FAO is working closely with National stakeholders and international Quality control institutions in reaching out to 65800HH equivalent to 460,000 individuals across the BAY states. The intervention is mainly on assorted input variety seeds, fertilizers as well as extension service delivery through the farmer feed school methodology.</p> <p><u>Livestock and Fisheries Working Group</u></p> <p>There is need for partners to increase support provided towards Fisheries and Aquaculture in the BAY states.</p> <p>This was highlighted in the last WG meeting.</p> <p>It and it was observed that only one partner is providing Fisheries and Aquaculture intervention in the BAY states.</p> <p><u>Operational updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment: Deputy FSS Coordinator applications closed: IMO recruitment advert open • Scale Up Dissemination at State Level complete; Nothing new on scale up apart from the WFP presentation last month • Rapid Response Mechanism: Prioritized Gubio and Monguno LGAs • LGA Coordination: LGA Coordination. Two-day orientation workshop for 8 Borno State FSS LGA Focal Points on 14th and 15th of July 2021 in Maiduguri <p>Participants (LGA hot-spot focal points) were made to understand their roles and responsibilities in FSS Coordination at the LGA level, contingency Planning, etc.</p> <p>Partners are encouraged to develop and monitor their feedback mechanism especially as it relates to their field operations.</p> <p>SAFE WG Update: NSTR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSS Staff on leave: Kazeem on leave • FSS and WASH/CCCM/Protection partner coordination: Continue to ensure complementary delivery of hygiene services and messaging at FSS activities especially distributions. Crowd Control, General Protection issues, Child Protection, GBV, Feedback Mechanism, Vulnerable groups, etc. 	
5	<p>Partner update</p> <p>Multiple projects will be conducted by CRS through the ministry of animal resources and fishery development on the rapid response on disease and surveillance in Borno and Adamawa.</p>	<p>Partners should be on standby with their report assessments</p>

	<p>The distribution of birth is on hold due to the outbreak of NCD</p> <p>An assessment is ongoing by coopi on livelihood commodity and service value mapping in Damaturu, Bade, Potiskum, Gedam in Yobe state.</p>	<p>ahead of the October CH.</p> <p>The CH analyst are advocating partners to support the CH analyst with funds to carry out the CH analysis.</p> <p>The sector to follow up with government and CH coordinators to be involved in carrying out any assessment that will be conducted by partners.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of the meeting should be shared with the regional partners 	
7	<p>Closing: The next meeting Teleconference will be confirmed and shared in due course.</p>	

IN ATTENDANCE: 32 partners were in attendance - 34 individuals (6 Females & 28 Males)

Government/UN/Donors/Others	INGOs	NNGOs
1. WFP	2. CARE Int	3. HIRF
4. FAO	5. AAH	6. HERWA
7. FEWSNET	8. SI	9. IDS
10. USAID	11. SCI	12. CARITAS
13. ICRC	14. INTERSOS	15. DHCBI

16. ECHO	17. ZOA	18. GREENCODE
19. FCDO	20. PLAN	21. SOS Children's Villages
	22. IRC	23. FINDEF
	24. COOPI	25. JDPH
	26. PUI	27. FF
	28. CRS	
	29. ACTED	
	30. IMPACT	
	31. MC	
	32. CAID	