

MINUTES OF THE ABUJA FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

Location: Teleconference

Date: 24th June 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introductions (5 min)
2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 min)
3. WFP Scale-up Progress on Scale-Up progress (15min)
4. Sector updates (15 min)
 - Updates from the four active FSS Taskforces
 - Other Sector Updates
5. Partner updates (10 min)
 - Government stakeholders (MoA, NEDC, NEMA, SEMA, MRRR, NCFRMI, etc.)
 - Others
 - AOB (5 min)

ACTION POINTS REVIEW FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The sector to start data collection for rainy season farming partner plan – DONE
2. Sector to follow up with CWG on progress on the JMMI –CWG to discuss results of the analysis with each sector before finalizing report.
3. Partners to share assessments done in North West – ONGOING

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	Welcome, Opening Remarks and Round of introduction The meeting was opened by the FSS Coordinator due to the absence of the NPFS Director (stepping in for the Chair)	
2	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 min) Review of Minutes of the previous meeting. The previous minutes was adopted.	
3	WFP Scale-up Progress on Scale-Up progress	

	<p>After the March CH, the WFP made its assessment and decided to scale up their operations. According to the caseload, Wfp is providing unconditional food assistance which is ranging from 900,000 to 1.7 million and July will be the peak of the scaleup. WPF is covering 40% of phase 3 and above of the accessible areas. The total caseload for Borno is about 953,810, Adamawa 76,180, and Yobe is 630,115 respectively while the overall total for the Bay states is 1,660,105. WFP has identified beneficiaries and local staff that will continue with activities even if the security situation has deteriorated. Cash-based will be provided to the areas that are not accessible due to the lean season, transportation modality is cost and discussion is ongoing with the food security sector to avoid duplication of partners in the same areas.</p> <p>There are few challenges that the scale-up plan is facing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lean season, heavy trucks find it difficult in delivering a large number of commodities in some LGAs. • There are also security challenges finding it difficult to deliver the commodities in some parts of the LGAs. <p>With the arrangement being done fund figure is being increased in some locations where there are still gaps and has less access due to the deterioration of the lean season.</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <p>In the lean season the food security is going to deteriorate according to the March round CH.</p> <p>Advocacy was done by the sector with the support of different actors which has gone up to the federal level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WFP has the funding for scaleup of 1.7million beneficiaries up to the month of July, but from August to September there maybe short funding which will lead to necessary changes in the MEB to enable fill the existing gaps. • The transfer value of the food basket can be adjusted when there is a shortage in the CSD food basket basically is the combination of the CSD food basket in kind. If there is a shortage in CSD it can be replaced with cereal portion to make sure that even if the CSD is being removed the overall food basket will be able to cover 2,100 kilocalories per person per day. • With the few adjustments even if there are one or two shortages of commodities, the ration size will be organized in such a way that it will cover the need of the different types of commodities. 	
4	<p>Sector update:</p> <p><u>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. <u>FSS Food</u></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.</p>	

Food Security Sector Food Assistance Taskforce Members: 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

Discussion:

Q1 Was the cost of fuel added to the transfer value?

- **Ans:** The cost of fuel that was added by partners is not part of the transfer value, the transfer value is mainly on food only. It is being calculated base on the total number of persons per household, and when you calculate base on the number of people in the house this will show the total household transfer value per month, and on top of that 2000 is going to be added for fuel.

Q2: How does the transfer value work with the cash working group?

- **Ans:** The cash working Group put together the multi-sectoral needs assessment from various sectors, and this must be approved at the sector level before it finally comes out as the multi-sectoral needs assessment.

Q3: Are there any Guidelines in implementing the transfer value?

- **Ans:** The role of the sector is to monitor the market price of commodities and to ensure partners are harmonized in the calculation of the transfer value and to also ensure that the household received the minimum food requirement at the prevailing market price level.
- In terms of implementation, each partner will follow up with their donors or stakeholders to ensure the transfer value is being implemented. The calculation for the household size for the transfer value still remains the same as per the previous document that was been shared before.

CH Food Security Monitoring

Expansion of the CH to 5 other states outside the Northern (15 states) + FCT.

The 5 states targeted for expansion include Edo, Cross-River, Lagos, Eungu, and Abia. Fieldwork is currently ongoing in preparation for the October 2021 CH Round.

For Northeast, the data collection for Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring of Inaccessible Areas for any possible extreme situation are currently ongoing.

Led by FMARD and thanks to the following partners for the data collection, analysis and reporting writing: Nutrition Sector, FAO, REACH, WFP, INTERSOS, PUI, IMC, CRS, FEWSNET, UNICEF, SALIENT, SAF, AIVIP, CARE, Action Aid, HERWA, and IOM

Agricultural Livelihoods Working Group

- In Borno State over 10,000 hectares of land are being cultivated for the mega farm project in the southern part of the state and planting is presently ongoing by the State Government. Target was 25,000 hectares. This is a Cash For Work Project between State Gov't and Community

- A funded project by COOPI on CVA for Agricultural and Livelihood activities is ongoing in Gedam and Yunisari of Yobe state.
- Farmers have direct access to improve seed within the community and the farmers, the group have started cash production to boost their source of income and livelihood.
- Out of 600 (smallholder farmers) were targeted and 340shfs were distributed with wet season farm input while 176shfs were distributed with dry season farm inputs.
- There is the availability of planters including locally made ones in the market for planting grains.

Pictures below from CRS presentation in the Agric Livelihoods Working Group 24 June 2021



- The planter was distributed to beneficiaries and are being trained on how to use it in Adamawa and part of southern Borno.
- The planter can be made locally as you can see in the picture above.
- The planter is available at the market and can be accessed by farmers.
- The planter was given to a group of beneficiaries to generate income in helping other farmers to plant.
- In Gujiba and Potiskum of Yobe state 1,484 farmers were been distributed with farm inputs and simple farm implement.
- Training of 2,000 farmers on good Agronomic practices have commenced in Potiskum and Gujiba of Yobe state.

Livestock and Fisheries Working Group

NSTR

5. Operational updates

- Nigeria Deputy Food Security Sector Coordinator positioned advertised: Please check [here](#)
- Scale Up Dissemination at State Level: Borno and Adamawa have been done. Pending Yobe
- Rapid Response Mechanism: Prioritized Gubio and Monguno LGAs
- Yobe (Geidam and Kanama displacement): Multi sectoral need accesement has been done. Gaps still significant. WFP and FAO resume covering the needs immediately.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation: Between May 29th and May 31st, there was a facilitated relocation of IDP residents of the NYSC and Mogolis camp to Auno (est. 1,500 households); REACH draft assessment done Rapid Assessment Draft Accessibility Map- still ongoing. FSS Protection WG Update: Handed over to Save The Children LGA Coordination (Part of preparedness): Training for Hot Spot LGA focal points in BAY mid-July <p>FSS and WASH/CCCM/Protection partner coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Localization Coaching Project (Gfsc Supported with co-facilitators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aisha Chupun from SEMA and Kyari from FAO seconded to the FSS: Extended till the end of September 2021. FSS Staff on leave: Alex has returned to office, Veronica will be back by July 02, Leslie will be on leave and will be back on July 12. Kazeem is still available. <p>SAFE WG Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAFE training needs survey conducted - The majority of partners <u>(64%) need training on solar – based technologies; About 57% DON'T have adequate knowledge on energy monitoring</u> required to keep your project on track and adapt it if needed; Report on website. Cooperative of IDPs in Bakassi camp Producing Briquettes for marketing 1000 beneficiaries to receive CASH for Stove in Gongulong in Jere LGA 	
6	<p>Partner Updates:</p> <p>Partners are advocating for any partners or sector to intervein on food security challenges in El-misken camp such as child protection concern, child labor and exploitation.</p> <p>SCI is still at El-misken camp but the project is recycling, a new project and intervention will commence shortly at the camp.</p>	The sector is waiting for feedback from SEMA for a one-off intervention at El-misken camp.
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The states for CH mapped out for expansion include Enugu, Abia, Edo Cross River, and Lagos. Engagement is presently ongoing. 	
8	<p>Closing: The next meeting Teleconference will be confirmed and shared in due course.</p>	

IN ATTENDANCE: 32 partners were in attendance - 39 individuals (5 Females & 34 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	