FSL Cluster minutes of meeting – 28 June 2017

Venue: OCHA          Time: 11 am – 12.30 pm

Agenda

1. Food Security Outlook- May 2017 South Sudan IPC TWG - James (FAO)
2. SAG election process planned in July – Alistair (FSL)
3. SSHF Process & Strategy development for 2nd Allocation – Alistair (FSL)

1. Planning & preparation for the NGO co coordinator elections – Alistair (FSL)

Alistair introductory presentation touched a few important points:
- With regard to the SAG representatives election; partners that submitted their EOI were asked to send along the CVs of the representative people for their organization, following up on a request from CLAs. Alistair apologized on behalf of the FSL cluster for the delay in circulating the EOI, which slowed down the election process. There is an ongoing voting process through Survey Monkey, which is open until this coming Friday 14th of July. Results will be made public later next week.
- FSNMS 20th round: a series of trainings, in some 13 field sites are ongoing at the moment and soon towards the end of the month data collection will begin. Given that the sampling frame will be based at county level, the results coming from this analysis will be better integrated into upcoming IPC analyses. Following on this, any assessments, reports or relevant material coming from the field would be very welcome by the FSL cluster secretariat, in order to better identify gaps and improve the channelling of future emergency responses.

PLANNING and PREPARATION for the NGO co-coordinator elections
(See PowerPoint slides attached to this email)

- One important thing to remember is that nominations for the position must come from FSL Partners exclusively; they need submit not more than one page document detailing their suitability, by Wednesday 19th of July. The criteria for being elected were further explained by Alistair (again, see the slides attached for further details)

2. Other FSL cluster business – Ntando (FSL) - (see attached presentation)

TWGs updates (TWG, Jonglei mapping and SSHF) (see attached pwt. slides):

Key Highlights:
- Cash and Markets TWG: election of co-lead finalized - finalization of TOR - Work in progress on updating the guidelines - Recruitment of Cash CAP expert to support CASH programs followed by the FSLC and the TWG
- Livestock and Fisheries TWG - Chair FAO and VFS-S - TOR and strategy finalized - election of national co-lead soon
- Agriculture TWG - chair FAO - co-lead election next meeting - TOR and strategy finalized - Draft work plan produced
- Agriculture and Market analysis TWG - put on hold due to IPC and FSNMS analyses: composition: WFP/VAM FAO/AFIS and REACH

JONGLEI mapping exercise (see attached pwt. slides):
The received inputs were consolidated into a gap analysis map.
A consolidated list of priority areas was done by OCHA and partners - this gap analysis will also be used to inform SSHF allocation. At the end of the meeting, partners operating in Jonglei stayed to provide info on the cargo (quantities) that they would like to be transported and the locations.

**SSHF 2nd allocation (see attached pwt. slides):**

1) call for submission of concept notes (11-14 July)

2) Strategic Review process (15-20 July) a meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th** of July to review the concept notes – Strategic Review Committee is made up of members of the SAG - they should read through the concept notes and provide relevant feedback on the process - On the 18th of July the scores will be reviewed Members of SRC: Olivier (OCHA), WFP, FAO, old members of SAG (SAADO, OXFAM, WV?).

3) HC endorsement of portfolio of project notes (21-22 July)

**Feedback from Participants:**

Question on SRC feedback mechanism: partners that submitted concept notes and feel they want to complain?
The partner can write to the FSL cluster and the complaint can then be notified to the Committee and be taken up from there.

3. **Decentralized sub national coordination: connecting with the national FSL cluster – Alistair (FSL)** - (See attached pwt. slides)

Re-establishing connection with FSL sub-clusters - extend two way flow of information sharing and learning (a) from the field to receive info on changing contexts, minutes of meetings, needs assessments; (b) from the FSL secretariat in terms of products produced and wider dissemination of advice guidance and support

**Importance of reconnecting with FSL sub clusters**

- Understanding the changing context: rapid assessments prior to larger IRNAs / FAO HARRIS project and local livelihood monitoring analysis (LIMA) concept from FAO: to tailor more effective interventions / identification of new hot spots areas

- Data collection, analysis and prioritization for IPC analysis and humanitarian response

- Support decentralized coordination: (FSL sub clusters meetings and sharing highlights / who is doing what and where - gap analysis / Linking FSL sub clusters with OCHA on the ground for inter cluster response

- Strategy development: along relief, recovery, rehabilitation, development

**BENTIU sub cluster - best model for sub national clusters for now.**

Jurisdiction: Rubkona & Guit with some influence over Mayom and Koch / Partner know one another / regularly meet and share info lead Agency (WFP) / follow good principles for avoiding duplication and conflict between organizations operating in the field.

**Mercy corps question:** strategy for the sub clusters coordination system - not clear if the focus is at county or state level? Other Clusters seem to have a good structure established. Alistair response: at the moment it is just a matter of reconnecting with existing sub clusters and then think about improving the strategy.

4. **2nd of 5 Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP) sessions: The role of protection in food security interventions - Veerle Triquet (WFP)**

See attached PowerPoint presentation for details.