



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE Thursday 22nd February 2017
TIME 09.30am – 11:30am
VENUE CARE, Dhaka, Bangladesh

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Review and approve of the last FSC monthly meeting minutes held on 01st February 2017
3. Update HCTT and Rohingyas crisis
4. Presentation of TWG-revision of the FSC package
5. Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring
6. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- ➔ **Revision of the FSC food assistance package: The TWG will meet again to make another proposition with the required experts**
- ➔ **FSC food assistance: NAHAB can send an email to its member organisation in 8 division and request them to provide information of local food habit so that other options can be taken into account.**

DISCUSSION

1. ROUND OF INTRODUCTION

FSC Coordinator Mr. Damien welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01.02.2018)

After reviewing the last meeting action points, the previous meeting minutes were endorsed by all.

Activity	PIC	Status
The FSC will organise a CCPM meeting in February to review all findings	FSC-CC	pending

The FSC team will send again the FSC workplan to the FSC members to get their comments	FSC-CC	Completed
The FSC will explore the possibility to conduct a gender training in Q1 or Q2	FSC-CC	Pending
Revision FSC package: The FSC team will create a TWG with the Nutrition cluster, nutritionists and FSC members	FSC-CC	On-going
GoB counterpart: the FSC team will continue the discussion with the HCTT co-chairs and explore the PMO option	FSC-CC	On-going
Interested organisations should notify the FSC if they want to be a DFP.	FSC-CC	Completed
The FSC team will share the DFP list and the ToR	FSC-CC	Completed

FSC-CC: FSC Cluster Coordinator

3. UPDATE HCTT AND ROHINGYAS CRISIS

HCTT update:

- review HCTT composition with local NGO representatives: NAHAB and Coast + BDPC
- Review MPCG rate, CFW rate and design urban MPCG rate
- Review contingency plans
- NAWG meeting on 26 February
- HCTT workplan

Rohingyas crisis

- JRP project proposals – OPS upload: 21 projects received
 - ✓ National NGOs: 7
 - ✓ UN Agencies: 5
 - ✓ INGOs: 9
 - ✓ Objective one: Food assistance/Life-saving activities - 6 organizations
 - ✓ Objective two: livelihoods/self-reliance: 21 organizations
- Pre-assistance baseline data: REVA to be published soon
- Market price monitoring: on-going
- Emergency plan for Cyclone/monsoon based on 3 levels of emergency
- Round 9 completed: 4 to 19th February, WFP and 7 NGOs (3 NGOs complementary food assistance): Total of 183,639 HHs
- Round 10: 22nd February to 7th March, WFP and 6 NGOs (2 NGOs complementary food assistance)

Discussion:

MPCG

- The MPCG rate has been reviewed with 2 rates: one specific for CXB/CHT and one for the rest of Bangladesh. It is for Bangladeshi only (i.e. not including Rohingyas)
- The MPCG rate is not yet endorsed by the HCTT.
- There is a different CWG in CXB which works on MPCG and MEB.

Market price monitoring: lot of discussion about prices decrease and increase due to General food distribution and inflation due to Rohingyas presence. Damien clarified that the market price monitoring is a tool to monitor the price, not only for the food items but for other items: hygiene, wood, bamboo, etc. and it monitors also if the functionality of the markets. A strong recommendation also was from participants to link market price monitoring data with the advocacy and influence for suitable Govt regulations and take appropriate measures from Govt level to control/ease market prices particularly those are essential items for disaster affected population.

Project proposal: contrary to other emergencies, the project proposal for this disaster does not provide access to funding (pooled fund). The number of projects submitted by local NGOs is not due to an allocated percentage as per the localisation agenda.

4. PRESENTATION OF TWG-REVISION OF THE FSC PACKAGE

Damien presented the results of the TWG on the revision of the FSC package.

The TWG proposed to change the short-term food ration as it does not follow the Sphere standards It recommends the following proposition:

	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	kg	
RICE, WHITE, LONG GRAIN, PARBOILED	365	1,421	55	10.1% energy from protein (recommended 10-12%)
LENTILS	100	343	15	
OIL, VEGETABLE [WFP]	40	336	6	19.1% energy from fat (recommended 17%)
SALT, IODISED [WFP]	6	0	1	
SUGAR	13	58	2	
	538	2,158		

Discussion:

- Most of the attendants did not agree the proposed package because the quantity of lentils was too high. They proposed to reduce the amount of pulse.
- Nur (FAO) indicated that lentils can be changed by other pulses. Damien responded that this was feasible – though not easy for the supply chain.
- There was also some discussion regarding the kind of protein: egg, dry fish, etc. Damien responded that only dry food could be provided due to supply chain considerations. Foyzun (WFP) explained that dry fish in Bangladesh is not safe as it is contaminated by DDT. Food assistance must be safe and free from any hazardous chemical.
- Damien mentioned that the FSC should and must follow the Sphere standards.
- Participants emphasized that while we are respectful and aiming to meet Sphere minimum standard but cultural context (preferred food items, quantity, quality, dietary habit, etc.) of the affected people also important need to take into consideration to select food items into minimum food basket.
- NAHAB can send an email to its member organisation in 8 division and request them to provide information of local food habit so that other options can be taken into account.
- Damien indicated that most of the organisations did not distribute food in kind but food assistance in cash. So, we should use this package and monetize it.

It was finally agreed that the TWG will meet again to make another proposition with the required experts and participation from nutrition cluster. FAO proposed to invite university professors with nutrition background.

Damien suggested that the staff coming to the TWG must have the necessary qualification and expertise as well as being decision maker within their own organisation.

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5. CLUSTER COORDINATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING

As there were not enough participants, this agenda item was cancelled.

6. AOB

No AOB

By thanking CARE for hosting the meeting, Damien concluded the meeting.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Name	Organisation
Badrun Nahar	NAHAB
Majunder	ESDO
Rahim	Plan
Foyzun	WFP
Nur	FAO
Sajid	START Fund
Banna	CARE
Kaiser	CARE
Jalal	CARE
Damien	FSC