



BANGLADESH
FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE **Tuesday 12 June 2018**
TIME **01.30pm – 03:30pm**
VENUE **United Purpose, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

AGENDA

1. Round of introduction
2. Review and approve of the last FSC monthly meeting minutes held in 20 May 2018
3. HDDS threshold discussion
4. Community kitchen (ACF)
5. HCTT, NAWG and CWG meeting
6. Gender marker
7. IPC
8. Rohingyas crisis update
9. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- HDDS: Damien will contact the global FSC to check whether they have conducted some similar work in other countries
- HDDS: Tapan will contact ACF (HQ) and IFRI.
- FSC: to share the community kitchen guidelines to the FSC members
- FSC to send the revised GAM tools to the FSC members
- FSC to organise a training in Q3 or Q4 on the revised GAM as part of the gender training.
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- FSC will coordinate with NAWG on DFP training.
- Mr. Mahbub to circulate the feedback email via FSC
- FSC to share the presentation on Resilience indicator
- FSC to call a TWG meeting on HDDS with Nutrition specialist tentatively by 31 May 2018.
- FSC will circulate the workshop invitation for START fund lessons learned workshop
- Damien will share the draft SOP for feedback
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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 (20.05.2018)

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

Action points	Focal point/agency	Status
FSC will coordinate with NAWG on DFP training.	FSC team	pending
Resilience indicators: Collect feedback on the resilience indicators	Mahbub (WFP)	pending
FSC to share the presentation on Resilience indicator	FSC team	completed
FSC to call a TWG meeting on HDDS	FSC team	completed
Share the draft SOP-earthquake for feedback	FSC team	completed
Gender focal point will be discussed in the next FSC meeting	FSC team	completed
ACF to develop a cooked food/hot meal package for the next FSC meeting	ACF / Tapan	completed

The pending action points from previous meetings are:

Action points	Focal point/agency	Status
The GRC will share its early package (prior to a disaster)	GRC	pending
Kazi will invite the GRC to present the forecast based financing to the HCTT meeting	Kazi	pending
The FSC will explore the possibility to conduct a gender training in Q3 or Q4	FSC team	Pending
GoB counterpart: the FSC team will continue the discussion with the HCTT co-chairs	FSC team	On-going
Voucher programme: WFP and BRAC to share experience	WFP BRAC	Pending

3. HDDS THRESHOLD DISCUSSION

A FSC-TWG meeting was organised on 11th June 2018. IFPRI It was agreed that:

- ➔ **Damien will contact the global FSC to check whether they have conducted some similar work in other countries**
- ➔ **Tapan will contact ACF (HQ) and IFRI.**

- Community kitchen (ACF)
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4. COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Tapan presented Action Against Hunger's community kitchen (hot meal/wet food) experience in Cox's Bazar for the Rohingyas crisis.

The presentation is available at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eggcEWGivBraGx3CgZW3cF5ISrs_UVmGAtV14IXAONg/edit#slide=id.g3c57fa5c3c_2_154

In addition to the presentation, Tapan mentioned that:

- They are planning to revise the food menu to increase the calorie/energy as they serve many Pregnant and Lactating Women who require higher energy
- They are planning to increase more Female Headed Household
- Currently, they serve 70% of children
- It is a learning process for the organisation and they continue improving.

Discussion:

There was a lot of interest and many questions

- Community kitchen is managed by ACF and its implementing partners and the community. The space as well as serving food and cleaning are provided by the refugees.
- it was noted that ACF changed the menu to adapt to the food preference. Rohingyas don't like khichuri. The cooks were selected based on their cooking experience. Food safety is a key issue and ACF will soon have a corporate agreement with Bengal meat – who owns a proper slaughterhouse and one of the very few keeping high hygiene standards in Bangladesh. Bengal meat will train the key people. Bengal meat ensures better quality of the meat as their meat is more tender than in the "local" market and therefore need less cooking.
- ACF has currently 9 kitchens, plus one at the transit point. There are still Rohingyas coming, about hundreds a week. Some are coming from Bandarban
- WFP provides rice, oil and lentils. ACF buys the other food items (meat, eggs, spices, etc.)
- Abbi (nutrition cluster) noted that there is lot of nutrition activities: nutrition education will be soon conducted, nutrition information (Kcal, for example). Additional activities can be conducted such as screening on site which be done soon by ACF
- There is a positive improvement of the nutritional status of the children (measured by the FS surveillance and the recent SMART survey) which shows an improvement for Food Consumption Score, while HDDS results are fluctuating. Minimum acceptable diet is going down for the children 6-23 months and increasing for other children age category.
- The cost per meal is 55 BDT. It does not include the cost of volunteers as they are paid through Cash for work. It does include all the other operational cost (food, gas, equipment, etc.).
- Rohingyas are happy with the food menu, which has a different menu every day. However, in case of emergency, ACF may go back to distribute khichuri with meat.

→ FSC to share the community kitchen guidelines to the FSC members

5. HCTT, NAWG AND CWG MEETING

HCTT:

- 1st meeting since February 2018 and earthquake workshop March 2018
- Preparedness for earthquake: civ-mil coordination meeting, INSARAG, DREE
- Updates from clusters and working groups regarding cyclone and flood preparedness

- MPCG approved
- CFW: approval pending

NAWG

- Finalizing the District focal of NAWG
- Bangla translation of updated Needs Assessment tools
- Final draft of online data collection tools for JNA 1st phase and 72 hours tools
- Incorporates WFP's feedback on Final draft of 72 hours tools.
- Secondary data review for vulnerable districts
- Update on Urban Needs Assessment approach
- Plan for Regional/District level training

CWG

- KYC discussion between the Central Bank, WFP, IFRC and service providers. There is a positive move regarding the use of UNHCR or MoHA cards by the Refugees to access the banking system in Bangladesh. However, mobile banking is not allowed as Rohingyas can't purchase a SIM card without a proper NID.

6. GENDER AND AGE MARKER (GAM)

Erica (FSC-gender focal point) presented the revised IASC – GAM. The presentation is available at: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1t3EBe2ITepKSFnwcO-VZyk9z4M1XB-QxJtFOSBiT5yA/edit#slide=id.g3a0c01ec28_2_99

The tools were shared to the FSC members on 13th June 2018. They soon will be available on the FSC website.

We have also agreed that this was only an introduction. A proper training/orientation will be organised by the new FSC cluster coordinator in Q3 or Q4.

➔ **FSC to send the tools to the FSC members**

➔ **FSC to organise a training in Q3 or Q4 on the revised GAM as part of the gender training.**

7. IPC UPDATE:

Ashik (IPC, FAO) could not attend the meeting. Damien presented the IPC update on Ashik's behalf

1. IPC meeting was conducted, 27th May 2018. (24 participants from 16 agencies).
2. Plan for a consensus building and data missing visit in Cox's Bazar on 3-5 July 2018
3. Plan for IPC training and acute analysis (for Cox's Bazar and Haor Region) on 25-30 July (in Cox's Bazar)

8. ROHINGYAS CRISIS UPDATE

Damien presented an update about the Rohingyas crisis. It was extracted from the Food Security Sector bulletin for June 2018.

Saudia (UNDP) corrected one point regarding the organisations involved in the livelihoods activities. She mentioned that ActionAid is a UNDP partner, therefore UNDP should be added to the list of organisation involved in livelihood activities.

9. AOB

- **Landslide:**
 - Start fund: pre-alert discussion with Start fund members
 - So far, considering the scale of the disaster, the FSC will not coordinate this disaster.
 - If any organisation has any additional information, they should share it with the FSC team.
- Damien: **last FSC meeting** in Bangladesh. After 3 years working as the FSC cluster coordinator, Damien will leave Bangladesh. His replacement will come early August.







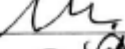

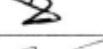
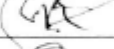


By thanking United Purpose for hosting, Damien concluded the meeting

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Food Cluster Meeting

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United Purpose Meeting Room

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