



BANGLADESH
FOOD SECURITY SECTOR
Strengthening Humanitarian Response

FOOD SECURITY SECTOR MEETING

DATE Monday, 09 October 2017
TIME 09.30am – 10:30am
VENUE WFP, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction
- Update ISCG and response plan
- Update food distribution response, issues
- HH Assessment; indicators, target population(s) timing, participation
- 4W's
- TOR FSS
- AOB
 - Contingency Plan for Cyclone
 - Gender Focal Point

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- **FSS will provide daily updates on the distribution of food to the DC and the RRRC, along with the ISCG**
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DISCUSSION

Damien opened the meeting and asked everyone to do a short introduction, name and organisation. Following this, the Agenda for the meeting was presented to all.

First task was to review the previous minutes meetings and an update was provided on the previous action points, all of which were completed or in progress. Agreement on minutes and was signed off.

Update ISCG and response plan

Damien attended an ISCG meeting yesterday (Sunday 8th October) at the IOM meeting centre and provided an update to the FSS. More details of the ISCG meeting can be found on their website. One key item from the ISCG meeting for FSS, was a commitment that FSS will provide daily updates on the distribution of food to the DC and the RRRC, along with the ISCG. A nightly email will go which

will confirm the previous days results and a preliminary of the current days' work. A copy will also go to the FSS partners.

The idea of a cluster lead to work with authorities was put forward as a concept and there was broad agreement but this would need to be discussed in more details.

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Update food distribution response, Issues

Following on from the second day of food distribution with WFP and partners, there was broad agreement things were going well. There were a few small issues that came up and it was agreed that following the completion of this latest round of food distribution, there would be a meeting to just talk about what worked, what did not and what could be done to improve in the future. This was the first time a joint program with so many partners were under taken and very positive to see teams working well together.

- Overall feedback was that LEDA was good location to work with and that the WFP team offered plenty of support.
- The partners were asking could they get a copy of the people who were registered (for food distribution). This is not currently ready, but once done, should be no problem to share.
- One suggestion was around the use of different colour cards, e.g. blue Monday, yellow Tuesday ... This way it would be easier for people to know what day to come to the centre.
- Request for a meeting for a follow up after this round of food delivery.
- Request from Concern to do a sample testing of food to ensure there is quality there is. It should be of a high quality.
- Damien to check with the digital master roll is at, and will give an update at next meeting.
- Ideally want only want signature on this side, work to find a better way on this side.

The Army and WFP have built up a good relationship and they are helping to ensure the food supplies are getting through.

. The army has some food supplies given to it by different agencies and donors and WFP will work with them to work out best options to distribute this.

The Army have divided the areas in to 4 distinct sections. Every Sunday they hold a meeting at 4 pm and it was discussed it would be very useful to have a food security representative attend this meeting. Good option to continue to build on good working relationship with army and to be aware of any issues early on that might affect planed food distributions.

Damien also circulated the detailed of CiVmil contact details. Contact Ronaldo directly.

WFP is working with DC and RRRC with the partners to ensure all have FD7 clearance and help co-ordinate with the DC. It was commented on by partners that this is working very well and would like to see this continue.

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Response plan

Currently as draft plan, which outlines the focus over the new few months, FD7 is critical for this and what was included in the plan. FD7 is only for 2 months, the response plan is focused on 6 months.

Issue came up around the FD7 and how it is only for 2 months, so agencies are now starting to plan for next time. Focus on new partners are needed. There were some reports that FD7 is now only given for 30 days.

Distribution Feedback

Household assessment

The group were asked what should go into the household assessment, some suggestions were.

- What is quality of food
- How are they cooking the food?
- Previously livelihood what did they do in the past, could be good for food for work and how things are for the future.
- Detail on how and where they are getting food
- What constrains on getting the food.
- Coping methods for this, sex for food etc?
- How many are using the package, and how many are the households, could 19-20 on this side.
- Access to market
- Risk areas to live, problem if flooding
- How many in the family and disability and security?
- Preference of food
- Food Storage and how much they can save.

Looking to work with partners to help with this.

4WS

Rony gave update on this, and it was agreed that John and Rony would help support the different partners with training when required.

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Will be updated later

AOB

- Review of the structure of the sector around resources.
- Plan for a Cyclone, and available on food security cluster website, but could be need for one for Cox's Bazar.
- Winter Season, things to consider around this.
- Looking to increase gender participation, it was open to anyone to nominate a gender focal point for Food Security Cluster. The role was explained as having responsibility to ensure any tools is focused to be balance. Christian Aid looking to help here.
- Rony gave update on how we give details on the food on update to the government.
- Some mixed messaged around FD7 and length of time it would be valid. This will be an ongoing process with Food Security Cluster/WFP working with Government to help clarify as much as possible.