

*The **key functions** of the Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG) are to ensure;*

- 1. An integrated policy and programmatic approach to food insecurity and vulnerability, aligned with the Government of Lebanon's (GoL) established framework.**
- 2. On-demand technical support to food security sector by:**
 - Promoting emergency preparedness and response mechanisms with multiple stakeholders;
 - Establishing common approaches and harmonizing targeting criteria, inputs and packages;
 - Promoting regional coordination with multiple stakeholders;
 - Working with other related sectors such as Nutrition, Health and WASH, as well as participating in inter-sector activities such as contingency planning;
 - Initiating processes of food security and vulnerability assessment and analysis, establishing common indicators and promoting/advising on monitoring and evaluation best practices;
 - Promoting information sharing and institutional networking;
 - Including consideration of cross-cutting issues (e.g Environment, Gender, Age, Protection, Early Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction);
 - Promoting a platform for multi-stakeholder participation and a forum for overall food security coordination.
- 3. Knowledge management and capacity building through:**
 - Encouraging sharing of lessons learned, workshops and training activities;
 - Discussion, analysis, development and sharing of relevant technical standards (including both minimum and maximum standards), and guidelines.
 - A 4W mapping exercise.
- 4. Advocacy and information sharing:**
 - Between donors, government, refugees, Lebanese returnees, host communities and the wider public.
 - By identifying and disseminating common advocacy concerns and key messages.
- 5. Fundraising:**
 - Via the UN mechanisms for regional response plan on behalf of partners.

*The sector functions according to a set of **operating principles**, ensuring;*

- 6. Inclusiveness and cooperation:**
 - With existing Food Security activities and coordination structures, including government;
 - By building on local capacities whenever and wherever possible.
 - By using participatory and community based approaches to drive sector planning;
 - With all partners from national and local NGOs, INGOs, government, UN, academia, and civil society;
 - By ensuring compatibility of activities whether, Emergency Response, Resilience, Early Recovery, Disaster Prevention or Risk Reduction;
 - By encouraging partners to play an active role in the sector, and to uphold sector principles.
- 7. Accountability:**
 - To beneficiaries, government, donors and other sector partners;
 - Through the use of common approaches and technical standards;
 - By ensuring regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting of sector activity.
 - By acting as a provider of last resort (subject to access, security and funding).

8. Adaptability:

- To ensure coordination structures reflect changing needs and capacities in the sector, including transition or exit of the sector coordination.
- Of programme implementation, ensuring activities are relevant to their specific area and beneficiaries.

*The sector operates according to certain **procedures**;*

- Whereby WFP **and Ministry of Social Affairs** are co-leads of the sector at the national level, and manage meetings, Information Management and resource mobilisation processes.
- Whereby membership is open to any food security, cash or livelihood actor.
- Whereby technical sub-working groups (permanent and/or temporary) may be created when and if necessary.