

# Food Assistance Working Group Meeting

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## Absence with apology

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## Issues Arising and Proposed Action

Agenda Item	Issues Arising	Proposed Action
Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communication from the WFP</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair OPM has sent apology. John Paul is on mission to West-Nile region. OPM requested WFP to stand in and chair the meeting.</li><li>• WFP terminated SP contract with effect from February, 2018.</li><li>• WFP is in the process of selecting new partners for general food assistance in seven settlements: Nakivale, Kiryandongo, Kyangwali, Kyaka II, Oruchinga, Rwamwanja, and Lamwo. Request for proposals have been sent out and will be closed by 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.</li><li>• During this transition, there may be periods where WFP manages food and cash distributions directly</li></ul>
Review of minutes from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beneficiary feedback helpline</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helpline is now operational <b>0800 210 210</b>.</li><li>• New National Protection/Gender Officer in Uganda WFP CO</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSN/EVH verification (WFP and UNHCR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Senior Protection Officer has been hired to work together with WFP &amp; UNHCR. The team is expected to review and strengthen the EVH criteria and standardize the identification process.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOP for food logs management to address food distribution challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SOP to be developed will help to address the gaps identified by OPM/UNHCR/WFP deputies' joint mission to Nakivale and Rwamwanja to review food assistance process – including Food Logs.</li> <li>• The key highlights from the joint mission report main report to be shared with WG members.</li> <li>• WFP updated the meeting on progress on the development of the comprehensive SOP by OPM/UNHCR/WFP: Discussions have started (TOR, workplan, review of the issues), draft SOP is expected by end of February, followed by validation workshop. The process will be consultative and participatory.</li> <li>• SOP team to get inputs from partners with long experience and software system (LMS) in Food Assistance distribution such as WVI.</li> <li>• SOP development team will also get inputs from lessons learnt from other countries.</li> <li>• Meeting suggested to include food distribution for nutrition activities in the SOP.</li> <li>• Ensure that all key challenges faced in food and CBT distribution are covered in the SOP.</li> </ul>
<p>WFP updates (Pipeline &amp; others)</p>	<p><b>Update on October Cycle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food distribution for January cycle (SW) finalized.</li> <li>• Food distribution in West Nile is still on-going.</li> <li>• Some small delays due to logistical constrains (late arrival of commodity Veg Cooking Oil)</li> <li>• WFP has initiated mixed modality – Hybrid model in Adjumani in Ayilo FDP; and Arua / Rhino Camp in Eden FDP)</li> </ul> <p><b>WFP refugee pipeline situation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food assistance (in-kind food and CBT) pipeline is solid up to May, 2018.</li> <li>• Full rations were restored since January cycle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hybrid (mixed modality) plans to target of 5,000 HHs in each location of Adjumani and Rhino settlement by March 2018. That could be achievable if sensitization and communications are strengthened.</li> <li>• Efforts are being made to bring back food assistance distributions to be completed within the month.</li> <li>• Solid pipeline situation up to May and restoration of full ration are due to support from donors.</li> <li>• There is need for timely communication on pipeline issues such as delayed dispatches of Veg Cooking oil.</li> <li>• There is need to have a joint agreement/clearance and communication on whether partners can distribute food as scheduled if in situations where one food commodity is missing in the food basket. The decision lies with top management of OPM, UNHCR and WFP and should be included in SOP being developed (tbd)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>JAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JAM has been delayed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vulnerability study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report will be presented to donors in February.</li> <li>• SOP development will respond to some of the issues raised in the Vulnerability report.</li> </ul>	
2017 FNSA Update (UNHCR)	<p><b>FNSA Preliminary findings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refugees' settlements 5 in West-Nile (Palabek (12.3), Adjumani (11.8), Bidibidi (11.8), Palorinya (11.1) and Rhino camp (10.3) still have high GAM rates. The rest of settlements including Kampala GAM rates are below 10.</li> <li>• Trends in Stunting shows the rate is going down.</li> <li>• Low birth rates have gone down in the refugee settlements.</li> <li>• There is new VHT guidelines. The government now pays VHT 15,000 UGX per day for 2 hours engagement of work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is need to engage stakeholders in the discussion of the FNSA preliminary report.</li> <li>• The FNSA preliminary report recommendations should be audited location per location; and identify the underlying causes/ factors/reasons in each of the location.</li> </ul>
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WVU provided an update on FA distribution in West-Nile.</li> <li>• Key complaints registered include among others: missing names of beneficiaries, lack of regular family size updates (e.g new born etc), self-relocation, lost cards and delays in replacements</li> <li>• Missing registers and cards is affecting reporting on MCHN programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WVU is working closely with UNHCR and OPM to handle the complaints and provide feedback to the beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Details of types of complaints, reasons for referrals, who to handle and when complaints were handled and feedback provided to beneficiaries should be highlighted.</li> <li>• WFP to provide to Nutrition partners MCHN registers and cards urgently. In the meantime, partners are encouraged to be more innovative by locally printing the cards.</li> </ul>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Assistance Working Group meetings every second Monday of the month.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for Food assistance working group meeting to be rotational.</li> <li>• Food assistance working group members to on various topics/ issues relevant to be discussed. Next meeting to discuss achievements of 2017, challenges,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WFP is modifying CPDR form to be align with COMET. This will be communicated to partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lessons learnt/best practices – GFD (WV) &amp; Nutrition (AFI)</li> <li>WVU will confirm with WFP if it will host the February FA group meeting.</li> </ul>
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- The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2017 at WFP. (WVU will confirm whether to host it instead of WFP). This will be communicated in advance.

***Attachments:***

- WFP Update*