

Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG)

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Chair: WFP, JHCO

Participation: SCI, JHCO, AVSI, IRC, UN women, CRP, RFSAN and FAO

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DISCUSSION

1. Intersector linkages:

- Identified in 2015 through discussion with other sectors.
- Areas to be considered by food sector partners include skills training for cross cutting activities.
- Linkages identified include:
 - In wash and education sectors: training and agriculture activities in the camps and identifying the availability of agriculture expertise for the refugees communities in the camps
 - Health sector: cross over between nutrition activities and food security particularly on training (also raised by education sector)
 - Shelter sector: food sector could provide advice on shelter design to ensure safe food preparation

Action required:

- Food sector partners are requested to consider opportunities for connecting on specific issues with other sectors.
- Organisations planning agriculture activities in the camps are requested to forward details to sector chair.

2. Gender Mainstreaming:

- There is a sector gender focal point network (SGFPN), led by WFP, UNICEF, and UNHCR with representation from all sectors. Caritas will also represent the food sector.
- SGFPN is planning to conduct training on topics such as the gender marker, M&E, advocacy, gender awareness, gender analysis and planning, gender mainstreaming, GBV guidelines.
- FSSWG can organize separate gender trainings for FSS only or with other sectors.

Summary of discussion on gender focussed activities currently undertaken by sector members:

IRC:

- Has just finished study on GBA and cash programme in cooperation with UNHCR

UN WOMEN:

- Planning to conduct training on gender mainstreaming targeting local partners but can be expand to target NGOs as well

Action required:

- Members to express interest in specific gender training
- At a future FSSWG, presentation from IRC on the report

3. 3RP Annual Report

- Email has been sent to FSSWG partners to share their activities, stories and photos ASAP to be a part of the 3RP regional report
- No pending projects with MOPIC for approval; in case of any challenges with JORISS system inform sector chair.

Action required:

- Update activity info
- Update FSSWG regarding current activities as well as sharing documentary pictures

4. London Conference feedback: Discussed

- Restrictions on economic activities in the camps and employment of Syrian refugees by issuing work permits for them.
- Strong private sector engagement approach
- Strong Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) message
- MOPIC has announced the intention to reach 200,000 work permits for Syrian refugees within the coming years.
- A decision from MOPIC is needed on how the JRP will be amended to accommodate frame work changes.
- IATF will meet tomorrow and one of the agenda is to create livelihood task force

Action required:

- Invitation to livelihood task force will be circulated to the mailing list.
- Sector chair to confirm if London conference only for Syrian refugees

5. 2016 Work plan**Draft FSSWG Work plan 2016:**

1. RFSAN: Capacity assessment training (capacity assessment by interviewed institutes and organizations to assess what kind of information/system used , analysis and GIS mapping), the assessment is under analysis
2. Gender marker
3. Protection in Food security training (6 month position): WFP will doing it internally
4. Translation: online training needed to be translated into Arabic
5. Contribution to need assessments and JRP (update of JRP will be on middle of this year)
6. Beneficiary information sharing (verification of beneficiaries)
7. Advocacy and training process and Common advocacy messages (protection with linkages to food security, food sector advocacy messages)
8. Access and protection in food security
9. Continuing humanitarian enclose coordination
10. Linkages coordination
 - Livelihood action/ work plan
 - Livelihood approval process
 - React referral system
11. Referral system (other system referred to WFP and internal referral system)

- 12. Advocacy for other refugees populations
- 13. Comprehensive multi-sector approach to nutrition activities

Action required:

- UN Women to give briefing on multi-sectoral programmes future FSSWG meeting
- Systemize Referral system

6. AOB

VAF:

- Update on roll out provided.
- Organizations has signed an agreement with UNHCR (has VAF database), VAF members can be either data collector and data user or data user. Only those organizations have signed the agreement have an access to data (there is a limitation on data access)
- Data sharing agreement will be signed with UNHCR. There is a stander template for VAF

Borders Update:

- Syrian refugees at Rukhban around 24,000 , while around 1,600 Syrian refugees at Hadalat
- Number is expected to reach 40,000 by June.
- ICRC was doing food distributions to the people at borders; from December last year WFP provided ICRC with some packages in support. From March, WFP will take over the food distribution at the border.
- IOM is distributing hot meal/once a week with bread

Action required:

- Organization/s interested to be a data user and collector or data user for VAF inform Sector chair and template will be shared accordingly.
- INGOs planning to try to conduct food support at the border to contact sector chair.

ACTION POINTS	RESPONSIBILITY
- Check activity info and follow-up on update activities	Noha
- Follow-up on gender training - To check if London conference only for Syrian refugees	Nicole CARN
- Suggestions/ideas for intersector linkages - To share gender trainings topic and list of organizations interested for the gender training - Update activity info and update on activities as well as share photos - Organization/s interested to be a data user and collector or data user	FSSWG Partners
- To give briefing on nutrition/multi-sectoral programmes	UN Women and CRP

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