



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING – 9th May 2017

When: 9th of May 2017

Where: World Food Programme Office, Downtown

Who: 30 participants from WFP, FAO, SIF, AVSI, Dar El Fatwa, LSESD/MERATH, IOCC, Mercy Corps, IRL, WVI, AUB, Caritas, WARD, UNRWA, Makhzoumi Foundation, PARCIC, Dorcas, DRC, OXFAM, SHIELD, Intersos, DPNA

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by FAO Food Security Sector Coordinator who introduced the agenda:

1. **Agrofood Education activities: Mercy corps presentation on agriculture vocational training and organic value chain activities**
2. **Updates on sector:**
 - Q1 dashboard
 - Funding updates
3. **VaSyr plan presentation**
4. **AOB**

1. **Agrofood Education activities: Mercy corps presentation on agriculture vocational training and organic value chain activities**

A presentation on Mercy Corps activities in agriculture and TVET activities was given by Mr. Gaby Bayram. Detailed presentation is attached/linked.

ACTION POINTS:

1. *To support coordination of all agriculture related education activities, a sub-Technical group on agro-food education will be created. The word is to be spread to all interested NGO's working on education and TVET activities in agriculture. The first meeting will be held at MOA (Bir Hassan) on Friday 19th at 1:00 PM (to be confirmed by MOA).*
2. *Education and training activities are to be discussed under this group especially with regard to who is doing what, its modalities, certification, classifications standardization under NQF and NCF, prerequisites, teachers' availability*
3. *UNESCO will be asked to join the group or to be involved.*

2. Update on sector Q1 achievements

The presentation covered the update in terms of Food Sector achievements from January to March for the four outcomes and the activities under these four outcomes.

Figures on the achievement in the agriculture are still very low (details are given in the presentation). This could be either attributed to the low level of funding. This may be recovered and increased in the second half of the year as more funds will be allocated to the FSS. Low figures may also relates with the low reporting rate or appeal to the activity info by the food sector partners. The sector needs to look in details about what is the issue.

Overall sector funding gap amounts to 90%.



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ACTION POINTS:

- 1. Reporting on agriculture activities should normally be under the FSS. When reporting in Activity Info, agriculture activities under another sector, it is recommended to add in the column for comments that these activities are also related to Food Security.*
- 2. Reporting of an activity should be done by both the implementer and the lead agency but with proper markup of the funding source (be it the lead agency for the implementing partner or the actual donor for the lead agency). This is to avoid double counting but to give credibility to the implementing entity.*
- 3. For training only additional beneficiaries should be reported each month. Training activities which last over several month should only be reported once in the first month.*
- 4. Double reporting in two sectors may be done but should be notified in the column for comments (i.e. same activity having 2 different outcome)*

3. VaSyr plan presentation

A presentation was given by WFP on the VaSyr assessment for the year 2017. An updated questionnaire with sector members input was done. Preliminary findings of the 5th VaSyr report should be out in July 2017. Details available in the meeting presentation

4. AOB:

LHF Lebanon Humanitarian Fund

The standard allocation with USD 4.5 million total amount is open to all willing NGO starting May 8th. The submitted projects will be reviewed in 29 May-16 June.

ACTION POINTS:

- 1. A technical review committee with sector representatives will be revising the proposals*
- 2. FAO offered providing technical support to the willing NGO for revising and advising on their proposals (on a confidential term).*
- 3. Bilateral communication of the proposing NGO with sector coordinators is to be done to ensure projects alignment with LCRP priorities*

Other AOB

- 1. A refresher training session on reporting to the FSS will be conducted.*
- 2. Next meeting will be held at MOA Bir Hassan as was requested by MOA.*