

Note for the Record: Food Security Sector Working Group Meeting

Date: 9 April 2013

Location: Conference Room - UNHCR – Beirut

Participants: 19 from 14 organisations.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Revision and endorsement of Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG) TORs
2. Draft RRP5 inputs from the FSSWG
3. Draft RRP5 Country Working Group Plan (WGP) from the FSSWG
4. Brief on Profiling Exercise

1. Revision and endorsement of FSSWG Terms of Reference (ToRs)

WFP's Head of Programme explained that the amendments received from the GOL and from FAO were included in the TORs. The revised TORs were shared with the Sector members by email in advance. No comments were provided by the members during the meeting and the TORs were endorsed by the group.

2. Draft inputs for the Regional Response Plan 5 (RRP5):

The revised Outputs and Outcomes were shared with the group in advance. The number of outcomes was brought down to two.

Objective: Target groups have food security and livelihood opportunities
Outcome 1: Access and availability of food ensured for targeted Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, Lebanese returnees and Lebanese host communities
<i>Output 1:</i> Food assistance provided to Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, Lebanese returnees and Lebanese host communities.
Outcome 2: Agricultural livelihoods of Lebanese returnees and rural host communities restored
<i>Output 2:</i> Smallholder agricultural production restored.
<i>Output 3:</i> Spread of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and losses of livestock assets contained.
<i>Output 4:</i> Border food and phytosanitary control services improved

The revision of Output 1 was described to the group and details of WFP strategy according to target groups were also shared:

- Voucher assistance for **registered Syrian refugees** based on 46% of the caseload data (WFP PDM analysis, April 2013) and geographical breakdown provided by UNHCR - March 2013
- Voucher assistance for **Lebanese returnees** from Syria based on 46% of the IOM caseload data (WFP PDM analysis, April 2013) and geographical breakdown provided by UNHCR - March 2013.
- Food parcel assistance for Syrian **newcomers or unregistered pending registration** based on the full arrival caseload data and geographical breakdown provided by UNHCR - March 2013.
- For the **Palestinian refugees**, WFP is awaiting further feedback from UNRWA regarding the type and frequency of the support.
- A meeting with MoSA and WFP is scheduled to attain the vulnerability criteria and the type of assistance planned for the **host communities** which will be in line with the GOL poverty reduction programme.

The following contributions were done by the members:

- **IOCC** is launching a livelihood project to establish community kitchens to prepare 2,400 meals (400 households (HH) per area until the end of December) for vulnerable unregistered and/or afraid to register families. The kitchens will also be available for vulnerable families without cooking utensils to prepare their meals. Moreover, 1,500 food vouchers will be distributed to other unregistered and/or afraid to register. IOCC explained that no detailed vulnerability criteria while selection was done with the support of the municipalities. The group advised IOCC to were set and the group identified most vulnerable
- **Oxfam** is targeting 1,600 families (Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugees from Syria) that settled in Palestinian Refugee camps while waiting for reporting to UNRWA. Moreover, 6,250 Syrian refugees unregistered/pending registration living in Tripoli mixed from Palestinian and Syrian refugees pending registration 2 months support from April to June.
- **Islamic Relief** will distribute 350 food kits for Syrian refugees unregistered and not appointed for registration in Saida, Mount Lebanon and Bekaa. 1,200 food kits were already distributed.

Clarifications on the prioritisation system was provided by UNHCR and the following prioritisation of outputs was agreed:

- Output 1: Priority 1
- Output 2: Priority 3
- Output 3: Priority 2
- Output 4: Priority 4

A discussion took place on whether to prioritise also the different interventions. It was finally agreed by all that there are no activity/target group with highest priority. In case of budget shortfall prioritisation of interventions would be done by revising caseload.

Actions Points:

- Oxfam, IOCC and other agencies are requested to provided inputs and feedback on the input matrix by COB 9 April.

3. Country Working Group Plan WGP

A new format was received by UNHCR Geneva for the formalisation of the RRP5. WFP has already included achievements and challenges from WFP documentation. For priority needs and strategy, FAO has provided information from their latest assessment. WFP and FAO will continue working on the finalisation but the inputs from the Government are necessary to complete the exercise.

Action Point:

- WFP to share the revised WGP by COB 9 April. Comments to be received by COB 11 April.
- UNHCR to revise the financial requirements table once the WGP is submitted

5. Profiling Exercise

Susana Moreno, WFP Food Security Specialist, introduced the main objectives of the Profiling Exercise:

- a) Come up with criteria to identify vulnerable HHs through a sampling survey with registered refugees. A multi-sectoral approach/questionnaire will be used and 1,000 HHs will be sampled using stratified sampling according to registration date - mid May to mid-June
- b) To define targeting methodology based on the identified criteria

DRC suggested having NGOs participating in the Profiling Exercise conceptualisation to bring the experience from the already applied criteria for vulnerability screening.

Action Points

- A proposal will be shared with the sector during the next meeting to ensure that the partner's inputs are included.

The following people participated in the meeting:

WFP	Ekram Elhuni	Islamic Relief	Mohamed El Waei
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WFP	Salam Saab	OCHA	Yannick Martin
WFP	Susana Moreno	ACF	Paolo Lubrano
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