

17th Food Sector Meeting Minutes
25 June 2013, WFP Jordan - Amman

Participation: ACTED, ADRA, HRF, JHCO, MedAir, SC-I, UNRWA, U.S. Embassy, WFP, WV.

Agenda:

1. Food sector activities (3W's)
 - a. Activities within the RRP 5
 - b. Activities outside the RRP 5
2. RRP 5 – Prioritisation exercise
3. Nutrition updates
4. Mainstreaming local communities
5. Ramadan

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| <p><u>1. Food sector activities (3W's)</u></p> <p><u>a. Activities within the RRP5:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the last food sector meeting conducted on 6 June 2013, WFP circulated an RRP5 achievements table for input from member organizations. The response updates remain limited as outlined by the food sector members and main issue of funding was raised as a primary concern given that agencies currently involved in the food sector coordination are unable to estimate how much funds they will be receiving. <p><u>b. Activities outside the RRP5:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">WFP requested from the food sector members to provide updates on food assistance activities for the past month through completing and submitting the 3W's template, originally provided/developed by UNHCR, to WFP as food sector lead in lieu of the usual round table updatesFor the month of June, the food sector collectively distributed to over 410,500 registered Syrian refugees; 147,312 beneficiaries through dry rations, welcome meals in addition to daily bread, 3,985 students through the school feeding in Al Za'atri camp and 232,691 beneficiaries through value-based food vouchers in Jordanian communities, along with 2,500 unregistered refugees. | <p>Food Sector members to regularly submit updates on 3W's</p> |
| <p><u>2. RRP 5 – Prioritisation exercise</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Given the scale and number of projects submitted, it was agreed by all sector leads to assess which of the activities in the RRP are the most urgent and necessary to the overall aims of the RRP and simultaneously respond to donors' express wish to know which | |

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| <p>activities humanitarian actors would prioritize in the event the appeal is not fully funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the RRP5 prioritisation exercise is to arrange the projects under three categories in descending order of urgency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential: core activities with a direct impact on keeping refugees alive, securing their basic rights and enhancing emergency preparedness; Priority – activities that protect and enhance refugees’ well-being and mitigate the negative impact of refugees on host communities; Resilience – projects that contribute towards self-reliance build refugees’ awareness and coping abilities, enhance humanitarian coordination, or target areas outside priority actions. The food sector revised the projects submitted and agreed that the majority constitute lifesaving components (welcome meals) and hence are considered “essential” Some projects involve complementary feeding which is not lifesaving, but would fall under “priority” given that the same project includes welcome meals which is indeed essential and lifesaving. Some contain elements feeding into “priority” such as FAO projects on agriculture and some are bridging activities with the local community During the meeting the priorities were discussed and the following priorities were recommended by the food sector members: <p><u>ESSENTIAL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR (11,400,917) - TBC WFP (US\$236,158,031) <p><u>PRIORITY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTED (US\$1.5mio) CARE (US\$0.5) FAO (US\$8,176,500) | <p>WFP to coordinate with UNHCR on the complimentary feeding component</p> <p>WFP to contact CARE to further discuss their half million budget and projects/activities</p> <p>WFP to seek endorsement from FAO on classification as “priority”</p> |
| <p><u>3. Nutrition updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP is preparing to launch its Nutrition Programme following the MoH formal approval of the guidelines Medair briefed the members on regional Interagency Nutrition Training which took place from 9-13 June 2013 at in Jordan During the training, strategies were developed related to nutrition interlinked with food security The training participants were divided per country (Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Turkey) where country strategies were developed for each country In Jordan, given that the nutrition plan of action includes treatment of malnourished PLW and CU5, an area in need of additional focus is nutrition surveillance and monitoring. | <p>WFP to recirculate guidelines on the milk and infant formula (IYCF) and SOP’s for distribution</p> <p>WFP to circulate call for proposals to organizations on the WFP roster</p> |

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| <p><u>4. Local communities mainstreaming (UNDP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP will continue to liaise with UNDP to provide updates on the process of mainstreaming local communities into the emergency operations of the food sector It was agreed that food sector members will continue to provide updates for activities in local communities via the 3W | <p>WFP to contact UNDP on updates</p> <p>WFP to follow up on OCHA to share 3W of organizations working in local communities.</p> |
| <p><u>5. Ramadan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WFP and Save the Children have been appointed by the HCT to coordinate the Ramadan food donations in camps Beneficiaries have asked for more food, dates, kamaruddin, and deserts/sweets to be included in potential Ramadan distributions. A letter will be going to the Ministry of Islamic Affairs which will request from the donor countries in the Gulf to send certain types of items with the quantities required to ensure the donated food will be properly used Any agencies interested in contributing to the Ramadan coordination are encouraged to coordinate with WFP and Save the Children | <p>WFP and Save to coordinate with interested agencies on the identification and provision of complementary food during Ramadan</p> <p>WFP to prepare and circulate a list of preferred food items/commodities for Ramadan and coordinate activities</p> |