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MEETING		OBJECTIVES
When	24 November 2015	1. Update on LCRP (WFP/FAO)
Where	MoSA	2. Gender mainstreaming and sex disaggregated data (FAO)
Who	Representatives from the following organizations: ACF, AUB, DRC, , MCC, MoA, MoSA, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, WFP & FAO	3. Update on desk formula (WFP) 4. WFP Update – 2016 (WFP) 5. Coordination of identified cases – strengthening of referral system 6. AOB a) Introduction of New WFP Sector Coordinator

1. Update on LCRP (WFP/FAO)

Line Rindebaek – WFP Sector Coordinator (line.rindebaek@wfp.org):

LCRP Sector Strategy: Since the official LCRP planning inception workshop on 10 September, the Food Security Sector has held several follow up core group meetings and LCRP partner meetings to work and agree on: 1) situation analysis / strategy, 2) sector results logframe, 3) official sector targets, 4) budgets and finally, 5) actual partner targets

Throughout October and early November, the sector strategy document, prepared by the core group, has gone through a thorough review process based on comments and revision requests from the Core Planning Team and the Joint Technical Task Force (JTF) members (rewritten by Core Group). The strategy, logframe and budget requirements were endorsed by the JTF on 4 November. The sector narrative will be shared with all members once finalized by the LCRP editor.

Sector Results Logframe: The final sector results logframe for 2016 was shared. It was clarified that the 2015 logframe has been updated and refined so it aligns to the four pillars of food security: Outcome 1 - Food Availability (Food availability improved through in-kind food assistance and the development of sustainable food value chains), Outcome 2 - Food Access (Improved food accessibility through food assistance and agricultural livelihoods), Outcome 3 - Food Utilization (Improved food safety and nutrition practices through the promotion of consumption of diversified and quality food), Outcome 4 – Stabilization (Stabilization promoted through enhanced information on food security, coordination of agriculture activities and support of national institutions)

Action Point: Coordinators to share final sector narrative.

Targeting – Food Assistance: A detailed one page handout on the food assistance targeting methodology (for all cohorts: displaced Syrians / Lebanese and PRS) was shared. The LCRP 2016 follows a strict needs-based approach so all sector targeting has been based on evidence.



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Cohort	Target (individuals)
Syrian Displaced	830,320
Lebanese	62,000
PRS	42,000
Total	934,320

A quick overview of the numbers of each population group the sector is targeting agreed with LCRP partners in October. For details please refer to the Logframe document, which includes additional sheets on targeting methodology.

Specifically for cash based transfers for food (Outcome 2: Promote food Access - OUTPUT 2.1: Improve direct access to food), the actual targets submitted on Activity Info by LCRP partners appealing for 2016, more or less matches the official sector targets agreed in October (overall and by governorate) for all cohorts. However, there is minor under / over targeting: for Syrians the number is too low but for PRS and Lebanese, the actual targets are a little higher which will allow for possible gap-filling. It was reiterated that coordination with WFP (on Syrian displaced), NPTP/MOSA (on Lebanese) and UNWRA (on PRS/PRL) should take place to avoid duplication and overlaps.

For in kind food assistance such as food parcels, community kitchens and hot meals (OUTCOME 1: Promote Food Availability - OUTPUT 1.1: In Kind Food Assistance) the targets submitted by appealing partners on Activity Info, were significantly higher than the official targets due to inclusion of “seasonal or one off” additional activities, which provides food parcels for e.g. Ramadan or winterization. It was agreed to distinguish between “regular” from the “additional” targets which is also explained in the sector narrative. Coordination of in kind assistance should also take place – both at central level both also at field level. For winter and Ramadan, the sector will also coordinate with BA WG.

It was emphasized that many new partners are appealing under LCRP 2016 demonstrating coordination with other sectors and the sector aim to improve inclusiveness.

Pardie Karamanoukian: FSS IM Focal Point (Pardie.Karamanoukian@fao.org):

Targeting – Non Food Assistance: A brief overview of the sector non-food assistance targeting for next year was provided.

Output 1.2: The targets submitted by partners on Activity Info, were higher than the targets set by the sector. The higher partner targets is explained by the aggregation of the different activities that could target the same farmer. It was decided to keep the sector targets as set.

Output 2.2: the targets submitted by partners on Activity Info were higher than those set by the sector, and the reason behind this difference was the addition of an activity based on partners request in the partners appeal database. It was agreed to increase the sector target from 150 to 500 institutional sites assisted/created.

Output 3.1: Partners submitted higher targets on this output, specifically for displaced Syrians, as the sector has set its targets based on the previous knowledge in partners interest in similar activities. It was decided to leave the targets as set by the sector, due to the fact that the activities are new to the sector and will be tested during 2015-2016.

2. Gender mainstreaming and sex disaggregated data (FAO)

Zeina Abdel Khalek, a consultant with FAO, presented the preliminary results of reviewing gender segregated data in agriculture in addition to a successful example in Lebanon, the Gender Mainstreaming strategy of MoSA.



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3. Update on Desk Formula (WFP)

Paola Cadoni, Head of VAM (paola.cadoni@wfp.org): HH Profiling is conducted through joint interagency HH visits, and questionnaire. Since January 2015 over 90,000 HHs were visited (Nov 2015), with an average of approx. 10,000 HH visits/month. HH data are uploaded on UNHCR RAIS.

Eligibility for WFP assistance is based on a scoring system assessing vulnerability to food insecurity. Global vulnerability score takes into consideration 8 sector specific criteria (food security, shelter, WASH, education, health, non-food items, protection and socio-economic situation). The final score ranks households into 5 vulnerability categories: low, mild, moderate, high severe. WFP has removed 30,813 HHs (115,182 individuals) as of Oct 2015 through household visits.

Given increased vulnerability in 2015 (as compared to 2014), WFP aims at accelerate identification of most vulnerable HHs, and stabilize caseload of most vulnerable to assist in 2016.

WFP contracted the AUB to develop a desk formula to make a cost efficient use of available data (3 VASyR datasets and HH visits), that can be run on observable data (Progress and community-based information) – in consultation with UNHCR and partners. The desk formula is expected to be developed by the end of 2015, and operationalized starting in early 2016. A referral system will be developed in consultation with partners.

4. WFP Update – 2016 (WFP)

Brett Hanley, WFP Programme Officer (brett.hanley@wfp.org): In October and November WFP has provided 21.6 USD to targeted Syrian refugee households capping at 5 members per households. In October, 610, 637 HH were assisted and in November 603,423 were assisted. In December, WFP plans to maintain the same level of assistance.

Starting from 2016, WFP will aim to rollout the results of the desk formula and determine the applicability of introducing a tiered level of assistance to different vulnerability levels

5. Coordination of Identified Cases – Strengthening Of Referral System

Brett Hanley, WFP Programme Officer (brett.hanley@wfp.org) & Derya Mutlu, FSS WG NGO Co-Chair (dmutlu@lb.acfspain.org): The sector would like to aim towards strengthening the referral mechanism for households that are food insecure but not receiving food assistance. As the WFP assistance only reaches out to the most vulnerable households that is a need to improve the referral mechanism to target households across all cohorts.

Proposal to jointly develop a referral tool for the sector which would allow the identification and management of cases that are not receiving assistance and require additional support.

Recommendation to start the referral system at the field level by conducting a FSSWG meeting in the field operational areas to start building a system which would be appropriate for the field context.

Action Point: Conduct field level meetings on coordination in early 2016 (on all cohorts)



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6. AOB

a) Introduction of New WFP Sector Coordinator:

Elena Rovaris, who has joined WFP Lebanon on 23 November will be replacing Line Rindebaek as WFP Coordinator for Food Security Sector Working Group from 30 November onwards (Email: elena.rovaris@wfp.org, Mobile: +961 76 320 649).

b) Update on MOA Donor Meeting:

On Wednesday 18 November, MoA organized a donor meeting to present the new Agriculture Strategy 2014-19. Please refer to:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.lb/Arabic/NewsEvents/Documents/MoA%20Strategy%202015-19%20-%20English-for%20printing.pdf>.

Many donors were represented and expressed their interest in agriculture and food security activities. The FSS WG was cited as the platform of choice to coordinate agriculture and food security activities. More info: Nadine: nkhalek@agriculture.gov.lb

c) Updated on the Framework for Action for Addressing Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises:

WFP informed that the Committee on World Food Security endorsed the Framework for Action for Addressing Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises during its 42nd Session in October. WFP expressed appreciation for the inputs received on the CFS-FFA Checklist and informed that the inputs were being analyzed. Initial consultation with AUB has started on ways to advance the CFS-FFA in Lebanon. WFP encouraged participants to disseminate the document to relevant stakeholders and to apply the document when developing new strategies, programmes and policies. Please refer to: English <http://www.fao.org/3/a-mo194e.pdf> or Arabic <http://www.fao.org/3/a-mo194a.pdf>



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