

Minutes of Food Cluster Meeting Multan, November 05, 2010.

Present:

1. Jennifer Bitonde (Cluster Coordinator)
2. Mamoona Ghaffar (WFP Programme Assistant)
3. Janzeb Khan (Care International)
4. Gohar Ali Khan (Care International)
5. Shahid Qaiser (OCHA)
6. Mian Noor Ahmed Anjum (Friends Welfare Council)
7. M. Husnain (Tipu Foundation)
8. Mike Bratzke (Welt Hunger Hilfe)
9. Abid Mehmood (Welt Hunger Hilfe)
10. Wajahat Ahmad (FAO)
11. M. Usman (World Vision)
12. Sajid Iqbal (RDO)
13. Munir Sherazi (Dase)
14. Syed Razi-u-Rehman (SSTD)
15. Sohaib Ammar (Human Appeal)

Agenda

- 1) CARE presentation on Early Recovery activities;
- 2) Early Recovery Matrix
- 3) District Coordination (Food Working Group and District Coordination Meetings)
- 4) AOB (Critical Needs matrix)

Proceedings:

1. Meeting was started with the welcome note and introduction of participants. The minutes from the last meeting were shared and a comment from WHH on accountability was noted. The minutes would be revised to include deliberations on accountability to beneficiaries from the previous meeting. Members were encouraged to read minutes in advance and provide inputs/comments. Members were also encouraged to comment or make suggestions for the agenda in order to make the meeting more useful and interactive.
2. Care International made a presentation on their Food Security and Livelihood Support programme which is planned for implementation in Punjab province in the districts of Muzaffar Garh (Tehsil Ali pur, Jatoli, Kot addu) and Rajanpur (Tehsil Jampur). The bulk of CARE's programme will be Cash for Work and Emergency Food Security targeting about 28,000 HH and 25,200 HH respectively. The livelihood support (Cash Grants) will be targeting 3,600HH. CARE will implement these activities through their partners CARITAS, SPO, and AWAZ Foundation. CARE will adopt a unified daily wage with other organizations operational in Punjab. It participates in the Community Restoration

Cluster meetings where issues related to Harmonized Cash payment rates were discussed and guidelines provided by the Cash Transfer working Group in Islamabad.

3. The Early recovery Matrix formats were distributed and a discussion on how to complete them was initiated. It was obvious that many organizations were at different stages in their planning of Early Recovery (ER) activities. Some organizations had a general overview of their ER priorities/strategies while others had made progress in identifying specific activities they plan to implement. Partners were encouraged to share information on their priorities for ER in the next meeting.
4. On District Coordination mechanism, members were encouraged to take advantage of the DCO meetings and Food working group coordination to identify critical activities for implementation and discuss challenges and other issues related to identification of needs or gaps. Issues related to duplication of activities could also be better addressed through these coordination mechanisms given that the DCO has the overall responsibility for identifying areas that have not been covered. There is a need to enhance and utilize the FWG coordination at district level for information sharing and joint planning. The weekly district coordination schedule would be shared with the cluster so that they could make plans to attend some of the weekly meetings.
5. The Critical Situation Matrix was shared. The tool was developed by OCHA and endorsed by all clusters as a needs identification/gap analysis tool that all agencies could use to address unmet needs. Members were also encouraged to share information share indentified needs with OCHA which would then ensure that these needs are captured/reflected in the matrix and circulated widely for possible support/intervention.
6. WFP briefly updated members on the CMAM project which has started in 6 districts through partners. WFP also briefed on the cash transfer programme that will be implemented in 3 UCs in district Rahim Yar Khan, for 3000 beneficiaries.

Further actions

Sr.#	Action Point	Responsibility
1	Share the District Coordination Meeting Schedule with partners	Food cluster Coordinator
2	Partners to review minutes and submit comments. Review of minutes and agenda important for advance preparation to make the meeting more interactive	All partners
3	For the next cluster meeting, partners agreed to discuss issues related to improved accountability to beneficiaries	All partners