

Agriculture & Food Security Sectoral Working Group Meeting

Date: 23rd May, 2011
 Place: FAO Office, Peshawar
 Timing: 1100 hrs
 No. of Participants: 21
 Participant Organizations: 15

Minutes of the Meeting

Agenda Points	Deliberations	Action Points/Decisions
Contingency Planning	Ms. Naseem Amir welcomed all participants and gave an update on Contingency Planning. She said that contingency planning for Monsoon has been developed and soon will be shared with the group members.	Once approved a detailed meeting will be organized with IPs.
Livelihoods Assessment Process and SWG Role	She said that Sectoral Working Group has planned to conduct Detailed Livelihood Assessment in 28 flood affected districts in Pakistan. The DLA will start if receiving final approval from the Assessment Working Group and NDMA. In KP the districts will be the severely affected districts of: DI Khan, Tank, Peshawar, Swat, Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Shangla, Charsadda, Nowshera, Kohistan. The result of the DLA will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thorough assessment of the impact of the 2010 floods on livelihoods 2. Capacity for livelihood recovery at household community and local economy level in Pakistan 3. Evidence based guidance for opportunities to impact agriculture based livelihoods In the whole process FAO will provide necessary technical, financial and logistic support. The Steering committee will be formed of FAO, NDMA, MINFA, NGOs/INGOs. And the partners will be (WFP, PHF, PFSA, ILO) with FAO having a facilitating role. Detailed	DLA information will be shared with partners.

	<p>affected families will provide understanding of key livelihoods groups in the flood affected areas, how flood affected HHs made a living before flood, effects of the floods on their livelihoods, Coping mechanisms different HHs developed/used and their outcome, Opportunities and capacities for livelihood recovery within the local economy and types of activities needed for livelihood recovery of different groups and communities.</p> <p>The format for support from different IPs in logistics and other resources for DLA will be send to all.</p>	
<p>Inputs Availability for Kharif Season</p>	<p>Mr. Israr Ahmad said that vegetables and maize are main source of income for the flood affected districts but there is scarcity of maize seed. Government has 40MT of seed which is not sufficient so government will request WFP and FAO to provide seed. He suggested that improved variety of seed have to be given to farmers. Where there is scarcity of water hybrid is good for the farmers but it's their own choice.</p>	<p>WFP will purchase seed and others tool for Kharif, i.e. seed for one canal plot and different vegetables seed for off farm and regular season</p>
<p>Post Harvest Lost Control</p>	<p>WFP have organized trainings for post harvest control lost and have signed MOU with Agriculture Department for Federal Seed Certification Board.</p> <p>Ms. Mahjabeen Qazi said that FAO under Italian and EU have distributed improved variety of seed and have entered in enterprise development cycle.</p>	
<p>Gaps Filling Action in Implementation Phase</p>	<p>Mr. Khalid Rasul gave a detailed presentation on Gaps filling action. He said that WFP has organized a two days consultative workshop with the collaborating partners FAO and UNDP to Avoid Duplication, Minimize</p>	<p>Field Level Agreement signed with collaborating partners</p>

	<p>Integration of Resources, Financial Resources, Efficient Implementation, Comparatively, sustainable approaches and High Impact.</p> <p>“ The Gaps which were identified were Inputs, Information, Technical, Coordination, and Geographic Coverage.</p> <p>“ For future direction, Joint Field Level Agreement (FLA) with Common Partner i.e. FAO, WFP and UNDP have signed.</p> <p>“ WFP have started working in four more schemes in Shangla and DI Khan.</p>	
<p>Update from Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Islamic Relief working in four UC of district Nowshera, Charsadda and have distributed units of 240 poultry birds to beneficiaries in six villages. ▪ NRSP said that strong coordination have needed at district level as there are duplication in wages in infrastructure schemes and area of working. ▪ IOM have shared their Mass Communication Contingency Planning with the participants. 	
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Ghani gave a brief on Livestock Emergency Guidelines Standards (LEGS) and informed the participants that if any organization interested in organizing such type of trainings FAO will support them. The duration of trainings will be two days. 	



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