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**USE AND APPLICATION OF THE CFS FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN PROTRACTED CRISES (CFS-FFA)**

**CALL FOR SHARING THE RESULTS OF MULTISTAKEHOLDER EVENTS ORGANIZED TO DISCUSS THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE CFS-FFA**

**The Committee on World Food Security**

The vision of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is to be the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner in support of country-led processes towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all human beings. CFS will strive for a world free from hunger where countries implement the voluntary guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security. More information on the Committee is provided on the CFS [website](http://www.fao.org/cfs/home/en/).

**Background**

1. A global thematic event (GTE) is planned to be organized during the October 2020 Plenary Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) to share experiences and good practices in the use and application of the CFS [Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA)](http://www.fao.org/3/a-bc852e.pdf).
2. **The Committee on World Food Security requests stakeholders to share their experiences and good practices in applying the CFS-FFA to inform the GTE**.
3. Two calls will be issued in 2019 to collect inputs from stakeholders. The current call invites stakeholders to share the results of multistakeholder events organized at national, regional or global levels to discuss the use and application of the CFS-FFA. Inputs should be provided by **31 March** **2020**.
4. A second call will be issued in September 2019 (which will also close on 31 March 2020) through the [Global Food Security and Nutrition Forum](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/home) to invite stakeholders to share the experiences and good practices in applying the CFS-FFA.
5. The CFS-FFA draws on the outcomes of the CFS-mandated [High-Level Expert Forum on Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/cfs_high_level_forum/documents/REPORT_HLEF.pdf) held in September 2012 and was endorsed by CFS in October 2015 ([CFS 2015/42/4](http://www.fao.org/3/a-mo194e.pdf)). The CFS-FFA is a short document intended for all stakeholders who may have a role in improving or influencing food security and nutrition in protracted crises. The objective of this document is to improve the food security and nutrition of populations affected by, or at risk of, protracted crises by addressing critical manifestations and building resilience, adapting to specific challenges and contributing to addressing underlying causes.
6. The CFS-FFA strives to strengthen policy coherence in line with the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security, by fostering the coordination of policies and actions taken in the fields of humanitarian assistance, development and human rights.
7. The CFS-FFA acknowledges the limitations of many existing policies and actions and presents Principles to improve food security and nutrition in situations of protracted crises. The interpretation and application of these Principles should be customized to the particular contexts and the specific needs of affected and at risk populations and people living in vulnerable situations.
8. The implementation of the CFS-FFA is primarily the responsibility of States who are encouraged, with the contribution of all stakeholders, to apply the Framework in developing their strategies, policies, programmes and legislation for achieving food security and nutrition objectives. The Framework seeks to mobilize high-level political commitment and promote coordinated multi-stakeholder processes, including the review of progress and sharing of lessons learned, to inform policies and actions aimed at preventing, mitigating and responding to protracted crises and promoting early recovery from food insecurity and malnutrition in protracted crises.
9. The GTE will enable an interactive multistakeholder dialogue based on the experiences and good practices documented by stakeholders. The objective of the GTE is to share experiences and good practices, and take stock of the use and application of the CFS-FFA. In particular:

* Foster the adoption, adaptation and scaling up of good practices and learning from experiences in implementing the CFS-FFA;
* Monitor progress (qualitatively and quantitatively) in implementing the CFS-FFA at national, regional and global levels;
* Draw lessons to improve the relevance and effectiveness of the CFS-FFA, including for the achievement of FSN national goals;
* Increase awareness and understanding of CFS and CFS products.

**Approach**

1. CFS has consistently encouraged stakeholders to share their experiences and good practices on a voluntary basis in applying CFS policy products, either through sharing their experiences and good practices or through sharing the results of multistakeholder events organized to discuss the use and application of the CFS-FFA. Guidance to hold such multistakeholder events at national, regional and global levels is provided in the [Terms of Reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organising events at national, regional and global level](http://www.fao.org/3/a-mr182e.pdf)s, approved by CFS in 2016.
2. The recommended approach by CFS to organize multistakeholder events promotes country-owned and country-led events organized in collaboration and partnership with existing coordination mechanisms and initiatives. National actors should play an active role in the organization of such events at all levels, with possible support from the Rome-based Agencies ([Food and Agriculture Organization](http://www.fao.org/home/en/) - FAO, [International Fund for Agricultural Development](https://www.ifad.org/en/) – IFAD, and [World Food Programme](http://it1.wfp.org/) – WFP) and other stakeholders. The results are expected to be documented in reports prepared in consultation with all groups of stakeholders participating in the event.
3. In identifying and documenting good practices, please consider the values promoted by CFS, as applicable:

* **Inclusiveness and participation:** all relevant actors were involved and participated in the decision-making process, including those affected by the decisions;
* **Evidence-based analysis**: the effectiveness of the practice in contributing to the objectives of the Framework was analyzed on the basis of independent evidence;
* **Environmental, economic and social sustainability:** the practice contributed to achieving its objectives, without compromising the ability of addressing future needs;
* **Gender Equality:** the practice promoted equal rights and participation of women and men and addressed gender inequalities;
* **Focus on the most vulnerable and marginalized people and groups:** the practice benefitted the most vulnerable and marginalized people and groups;
* **Multi-sectoral approach**: all main relevant sectors were consulted and involved in the implementation of the CFS-FFA;
* **Resilience of livelihoods**: the practice contributed to building resilient livelihoods of households and communities to shocks and crises, including those related to climate change.

1. The inputs received from the two calls will contribute to monitoring progress in the use and application of the CFS-FFA, both from a qualitative and quantitative perspective. All inputs will be compiled in a document made available for delegates at CFS 47 in October 2020.

**Submissions should be sent to the CFS Secretariat** [**CFS@fao.org**](mailto:CFS@fao.org)**) by 31 March 2020. Submissions can be made in any of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Submissions should be strictly limited to 1,000 Words.**

**Template for submission**

Please document the results of the multistakeholder event organized to discuss the use and application of the CFS [Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA)](http://www.fao.org/3/a-bc852e.pdf) in the template hereafter.

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| **Title of the event** |  |
| **Date of the event** |  |
| **Location of the event** |  |
| **Geographical coverage of the event** | *(e.g. national; regional if several countries of the same region; global if several countries in more than one region)* |
| **Country(ies)/ Region(s)** | *(e.g. Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi)* |
| **Contact person (***indicate your name and email address)* | Name: ……  Email address: ……. |
| **Affiliation** *(indicate your affiliation)* | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………… |
| 1. **Who organized the event?** | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………… |
| 1. **Who participated in the event?** | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………… |
| 1. **Has the CFS-FFA previously been used in your context?** | Yes  ***If yes, continue filling the questionnaire until Question (xiii), documenting the experience and good practices in using the CFS-FFA Principles***  No  ***If no, go to questions (xiv) without filling Questions (iv) to (xiii), documenting the conclusions of the event*** |
| **Questions (iv) to (xiii) to be filled only if you have answered YES to Question (iii)** | |
| 1. **How have the CFS-FFA Principles been used in your context?** |  |
| 1. **Which specific Principle(s) of the CFS-FFA was/were most relevant to the experience?** |  |
| 1. **Brief description of the experience** |  |
| **Who was involved in the experience?** | Government  UN organization  Civil Society / NGO  Private Sector  Academia  Donor  Other ………………………………………………………… |
| **How were those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition involved?** | *(e.g. participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) or group representing food insecure and malnourished segments of the population in training)* |
| **Timeframe** | *(e.g. started in February 2017 and on-going; started in July 2016 and completed in March 2018)* |
| 1. **Results obtained/ expected** | Results in the short term (qualitative and quantitative)  *(In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, please indicate where feasible the number of people that have been directly involved in activities, e.g. six trainings involving a total of 250 people)* |
| Results in the medium to long term (qualitative and quantitative)  *(In addition to providing a qualitative assessment, including in addressing the underlying causes of food insecurity and malnourishment, please indicate where feasible the number of people that have been or are expected to be indirectly affected by activities, e.g. training leading to development of local plan of action expected to affect 1,000 people)* |
| Most significant changes to capture  *(Please indicate most significant changes that resulted from the activities, e.g. change in the behavior of local authorities regarding the inclusion of civil society stakeholders in decision-making or the creation of new networks or partnerships as a result of the endorsement or application of the CFS-FFA)* |
| 1. **What were the key catalysts that influenced the use of CFS-FFA?** |  |
| 1. **What were the major constraints and challenges in the use of the CFS-FFA?** |  |
| 1. **How have these constraints and challenges been addressed?** |  |
| 1. **What mechanisms have been developed to monitor the use of the CFS-FFA?** | *(please indicate whether these mechanisms were developed by government or in the context of a project)* |
| 1. **What good practices would you recommend for successful results?** |  |
| 1. **Was it agreed during the event to take any concrete steps to further use the CFS-FFA? Please explain** |  |
| **Link to additional information** |  |
| **Questions to be filled only if you have answered NO to Question (iii)** | |
| 1. **What are the reasons for which the CFS-FFA has not been used in your context so far?** |  |
| 1. **What were the main conclusions of the event, regarding the use of the CFS-FFA?** |  |
| 1. **Was it agreed during the event to take any concrete steps to use the CFS-FFA? Please explain** |  |
| **Link to additional information** |  |