



Project Highlights

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“Strengthening Food Security and Agriculture Cluster coordination, strategic planning and information management in Afghanistan”

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- Objective:** To improve the timeliness, relevance and effectiveness of responses in the food security and agriculture sectors through strengthening the capacity of the existing Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC).
- Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; Afghan National Disaster Management Authority; World Food Programme; and Afghanistan.
- Beneficiaries reached:** Member and observer agencies of the FSAC in Afghanistan, working in fields related to food security and agriculture and/or humanitarian response.
- Activities implemented:**
- Facilitated FSAC weekly coordination meetings.
 - Established a Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group and Cash-for-Work and Food-for-Work Working Group.
 - Facilitated Early Warning Information Working Group meetings, producing 36 early warning updates.
 - Conducted two nation-wide surveys to assess the food security situation and inform emergency programming for response.
 - Reviewed FSAC partner monthly reports to identify gaps and updated ‘who does what where’ (3W) maps regularly.
 - Carried out the Mid-Year Review of the 2012 Consolidated Appeals Process.
 - Supported the Afghanistan Food Security Technical Team to produce an updated analysis of the food security situation with projections, which fed into the roll-out of an Integrated Food Security Phase Classification map.
 - Produced a first draft of the FSAC action plan for 2013.
 - Developed a pilot food security monitoring system with the Nutrition Cluster.
 - Organized three workshops to raise awareness on a disaster plan development process following the 2011/12 winter season.
 - Conducted a drought response lessons learned exercise from the 2011/12 drought response.
 - Released two FSAC quarterly newsletters, and regularly contributed to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs monthly humanitarian bulletin.
- Impact:**
- Increased Cluster coverage from two to six regions and meeting attendance from 45 to 100 agencies.
 - Increased partner coordination and participation in the FSAC.
 - Strengthened food security situation analysis, thereby improving the decision-making of key stakeholders.
 - Improved FSAC partner access to information, enabling them to better target their programmes, create synergies and avoid overlaps.

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