



**“Effective, timely and strategic Food Security and Agriculture Cluster coordination solutions to food insecurity in Afghanistan”**

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<b>Objective:</b>	To ensure strong leadership and coordination of emergency food security and agriculture interventions to address critical humanitarian needs, promote effective and efficient responses and build national capacities in food security analysis, response planning and coordination.
<b>Key partners:</b>	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Afghan National Disaster Management Authority, World Food Programme (WFP) and Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).
<b>Beneficiaries reached:</b>	Member and observer agencies of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC), working in fields related to food security and agriculture and/or humanitarian response.
<b>Activities implemented:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated FSAC monthly coordination meetings.</li> <li>• Supported existing working groups and established a Gender and Protection Working Group.</li> <li>• Released one FSAC newsletter, three quarterly Who, What, Where maps and dashboards.</li> <li>• Trained partners on newly developed online information management tools.</li> <li>• Contributed to the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP) 2014 Mid-Year Review and the CHAP 2015.</li> <li>• Reviewed and improved a common Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA) tool, participated in the pre-harvest SFSA 2014 and contributed toward assisted in preparing for the pre-harvest SFSA 2015.</li> <li>• Participated in the 2014 and 2015 pre-crop appraisals.</li> <li>• Trained NGO staff on humanitarian access and principles and facilitated a capacity building workshop on food security and livelihood assessments and response analysis for FSAC regional focal points.</li> <li>• Responded to dry spells, flooding and conflict-induced displacement in 2014 by implementing emergency preparedness and response plans together with partners.</li> <li>• Conducted one lessons learned workshop on the Gender, Protection, Age and Disability Toolkit and one on flood preparedness and response.</li> <li>• Strengthened the FSAC Web site and other information and communication tools.</li> </ul>
<b>Results:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabled FAO and WFP to provide systematic support to FSAC partners at the national and local levels on coordination, analysis and response planning.</li> <li>• Enhanced effectiveness of the FSAC as an operational coordination mechanism.</li> <li>• Strengthened joint food security analysis and improved decision-making by key stakeholders.</li> <li>• Improved FSAC partners' access to information, enabling them to better target their programmes, creating synergies and avoiding overlap.</li> </ul>