



Strengthen coordination of emergency food security response planning, implementation and monitoring in Afghanistan

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Target areas: Nationwide



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- Objective:** To strengthen timely and appropriate food security and livelihoods response by providing an inclusive common coordination platform to humanitarian actors in Afghanistan.
- Key partners:** Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and the World Food Programme (WFP).
- Beneficiaries reached:** 180 Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) partners.
- Activities implemented:**
- FSAC, co-led by FAO and WFP, conducted 36 national and regional coordination meetings.
 - Facilitated the development of thematic guidelines on agriculture support, food assistance, cash transfers and livestock sector support.
 - Conducted the Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA) 2019 with partners, measuring food security in 2 160 villages in 350 districts in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.
 - Trained nine lead trainers from FAO, WFP and the Non-governmental Organization (NGO) co-chair of the FSAC on food security data collection and monitoring, who then replicated the training to 300 staff from MAIL extension units and NGO partners.
 - Provided leadership to conduct the Agriculture Prospect Report, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, Household Emergency Assessment Tool, and other localized assessments conducted by partners in 2019.
 - Trained 157 participants from international NGOs, national NGOs, United Nations agencies and government line departments on basic food security and livelihoods support.
 - Trained 72 staff from FSAC partner organizations on basic food security and livelihoods support and trained 85 participants on ReportHub database to share information.
 - Provided key inputs to develop the Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan.
- Results:**
- Enhanced quality of FSAC's response and maintained effective coordination.
 - Strengthened partners ability to identify needs and gaps in response.
 - Contributed to the mobilization of USD 145 million, combined with USD 100 million carried over from the 2018 drought response, to assist 4.4 million people with food assistance and livelihoods support.
 - Helped partners raise USD 6 million to cover gaps in food assistance for newly displaced people in the eastern region of Afghanistan, provide livelihoods support to flood-affected people and drought response for returnees.