



“Strengthening Food Security Cluster for better disaster preparedness and effective response in Pakistan”

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Objective:

To enhance the effectiveness of the Food Security Cluster (FSC) towards better preparedness and as an operational coordination mechanism for humanitarian programmes in Pakistan, ensuring timely relief assistance to affected people and enabling their transition to recovery.

Key partners:

Ministry of National Food Security and Research, National and Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Government line departments, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Beneficiaries reached:

Member organizations of the FSC in Pakistan, including international and national NGOs, United Nations (UN) agencies, think-tanks, donors, Government authorities and line departments.

Activities implemented:

- Developed a Food Security Preparedness and Response Plan for 2015, including delivery plans, proposed indicators, relief and early recovery activities, human resources and storage capacity.
- Developed the 2015 Humanitarian Needs Overview, identifying food security and livelihood sector needs in different scenarios of complex emergency.
- Developed 3W/4W matrices to collect the information based upon multiple emergency scenarios, in order to highlight the needs and gaps in food security and livelihood interventions.
- Conducted training on the use of cash transfers in disaster risk reduction, preparedness and teambuilding, and the recently developed FSC Information Management Tool.
- Conducted a workshop on Integrated Food Security Phase Classification mapping for 70 participants from UN agencies, NGOs, donors, civil society and Government.
- Carried out a cross-country learning mission for 12 participants to understand the system of food security phase classification in Nepal for possible replication in Pakistan.
- Issued and disseminated three food security newsletters, three dashboards and six bulletins on displacement in North Waziristan Agency, highlighting activities being carried out.
- Coordinated 22 FSC Working Group meetings and six Cash Working Group meetings at national and provincial levels.

Results:

- Strengthened coordination among UN agencies, Government at national and subnational levels and humanitarian actors.
- Helped to avoid duplication of interventions and improved future strategies by developing a gap analysis through the 3W and 4W matrices.
- Successfully liaised with local authorities at the provincial and district level through provincial Cluster offices in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and national FSC remote assistance for Balochistan and Punjab.
- Ensured coordination with Government officials at federal, provincial and district levels through regular meetings, technical review committees, assessments, response planning, strategy formulation and technical guidelines for the food security and livelihood sector.