

Project Highlights YEMEN

"Support to the Yemen Food Security and Agriculture Cluster"

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Implementation: 01/04/2019 – 01/07/2020

Target areas: Yemen



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Objective:

To provide an action-oriented forum for bringing together national and international humanitarian partners to improve the timeliness and impact of humanitarian assistance on the lives of acutely food insecure, conflict-affected and vulnerable populations in Yemen.

Key partners:

109 Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) partners (United Nations agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations, International Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, humanitarian resource partner agencies, community-based organizations, relevant government institutions).

Beneficiaries reached:

The FSAC partners who reached 13.4 million vulnerable Yemenis with emergency food and livelihoods assistance.

Activities implemented:

- Conducted bimonthly national-level cluster meetings and monthly meetings at nine subnational clusters.
- Developed guidance document outlining distribution arrangements for all cluster activities in the context of coronavirus disease 2019.
- Developed a Strategic Response Plan, which fed into the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Yemen and 2020 extended HRP.
- Produced and circulated briefs, bulletins, snapshots, and response and gap analysis infographics to partners with real-time data to inform strategic decision-making and humanitarian response options.
- Supported district-level Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) hotspot analysis for 29 districts in 2019 and partial IPC analysis for 133 districts in 2020.
- Regularly participated in Humanitarian County Team and Inter-Cluster Coordination Mechanism meetings.
- Trained partners on emergency response, cluster-endorsed food security outcome indicators, data collection and sampling, minimum cluster standards, community engagement approaches, livelihood programming and IPC analysis.
- Conducted 2019 annual Country Cluster Performance Monitoring.
- Led project strategic technical reviews, prioritizations and/or vetting processes within various funding mechanisms.
- Developed cluster-wide contingency plans to bolster emergency preparedness and response capacities.

Results:

- FSAC continued playing vital role in collecting, analysing and sharing information important for cluster partners, stakeholders and the wider humanitarian community to make informed, evidence-based and strategic decisions.
- Successfully coordinated the delivery of emergency food assistance and/or livelihood support to 13.4 million vulnerable Yemenis, including in hard-to-reach areas.
- Supported, equipped and strengthened capacity of cluster partners to respond to hazards or new shocks, and improved the quality of the food security response.
- Enhanced inter-cluster collaboration and strengthening of linkages and convergence of programming with Nutrition, Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Clusters.