



**Supporting Food Security
and Livelihoods Cluster
coordination in Venezuela
(Bolivarian Republic of)**



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TARGET AREA
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)



BENEFICIARIES
FSL Cluster partner members and the
Venezuelan population



KEY PARTNERS
FSL Cluster partners, Office for the
Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
(OCHA), non-governmental
organizations (NGOs) and civil society
organizations (CSOs)



Objective

To strengthen the Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) Cluster in Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) in order to develop a harmonized programmatic approach and coordinate an effective response to contribute to improving the food security of affected populations.

Activities implemented

- Designed a strategy to promote an active presence of the FSL Cluster in the country by establishing or improving links with local organizations, and increasing Cluster working groups focusing on agriculture and food basket.
- Shared information with 100 organizations (as of December 2020) that are in the list of the FSL Cluster of the country; 40 to 50 members regularly participate in the FSL Cluster coordination meetings; 23 partners have reported in the 5Ws (Who, What, Where, When and for Whom); a mapping of the activities of 44 organizations was produced.
- Conducted visits to OCHA's Field Coordination Centres (*Centros de Coordinación en el Terreno* [CCT]) – CCT Ciudad Guayana, CCT San Cristóbal and CCT Maracaibo – and held subnational meetings of the FSL Cluster, which broadened the outlook on contextual needs, various opportunities within each CCT and improved awareness about local organizations.
- Held 16 national coordination meetings of the FSL Cluster in 2021.
- Organized subnational online and in-person meetings, including technical coordination ones with regional government authorities, enabling the Cluster to improve its presence at subregional level.
- Produced a monthly 5W report with regular updates on activities implemented and the presence of all partners across the country; and organized monthly meetings on the progress of activities, highlighting the achievements of sector partners in assisting targeted populations in priority regions.
- Organized trainings, in collaboration with NGOs and CSOs, including on gender awareness, prevention of sexual abuse, humanitarian–development–peace nexus, disaster preparedness, use of reporting indicators, project management, awareness of market-based approaches and use of Geographic Information System tools, benefiting a cumulative number of participants of 965 people (some participants were involved in more than one training).



Results

- Increased participation and engagement among FSL Cluster partners in order to improve coordination and capacity strengthening; 63 partners were actively participating in the FSL Cluster meetings by the end of the project.
- Improved regular reporting of partners on the 5Ws.
- Increased FSL Cluster coordination meetings to 17 per year and expanded them to subregional level and national working groups.
- Enhanced linkages with partners, including those operating in hard-to-reach areas, and improved the quality of technical guidance documents, Cluster visibility, reporting on sector needs, and built rapport with previously marginalized partners, while increasing and expanding the scope and impact of their activities.
- Strengthened interactions with Cluster partners; improved the links and coordination with other sectors and derived local response strategies thanks to the visits organized to CCTs; for example, in Maracaibo CCT (covering the states of Falcon, Lara, Trujillo and Zulia), partners were able to understand the value of the triple nexus approach as a process of transition; sustainability in humanitarian actions was promoted and coordination work with nutrition and shelter/non-food item actors was initiated.
- Provided a space for exchanges on best practices, innovation, and proactive identification of future opportunities through specific working groups, thanks to the baseline of the 5W report, thus strengthening links to working groups dedicated to agriculture, food baskets, cash transfers, Indigenous Peoples, nexus, elderly people and gender related issues.
- Improved FSL Cluster members' satisfaction, with 89 percent who evaluate the Cluster services as satisfactory, compared with 75 percent in November 2020.

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