



Support to the Yemen Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

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Target areas: All governorates of Yemen



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Objective:

To improve food security and safeguard the livelihoods of the most vulnerable populations through enhancing the role of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) and strengthening coordination among FSAC members.

Key partners:

121 FSAC members, including United Nations (UN) agencies, international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, resource partners, community-based organizations and relevant government institutions.

Beneficiaries reached:

121 FSAC members.

Activities implemented:

- Organized 32 bi-weekly FSAC meetings at the national level and 15 monthly meetings at the sub-national level in nine humanitarian hubs across Yemen.
- Represented FSAC members and contributed to 62 inter-cluster coordination mechanism (ICCM) meetings, 55 humanitarian country team (HCT) meetings, 135 inter-cluster working group (ICWG) and regional coordination team (RCT) meetings.
- Supported the cash and markets working group in revising the survival minimum expenditure basket (SMEB).
- Assessed and adjusted the nutritional adequacy of the minimum food basket (MFB).
- Produced and disseminated 65 food security information products.
- Developed two FSAC Strategic Response Plans; and supported the development of the HCT's strategic priorities, 2020 and 2021 Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs) and 2021 Humanitarian Needs overview (HNO), among other strategic documents.
- Developed the food security priorities for the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) standard allocation and provided technical guidance for the administration of YHF.
- Supported two nationwide (district-level) food security and livelihoods assessments through the provision of training for implementing agencies' personnel and of technical guidance (e.g. guidance on data collection, analysis and reporting).
- Conducted the 2020 annual country cluster performance monitoring (CCPM) exercise based on the interagency standing committee's standards.
- Developed guidelines for enhancing vulnerability-based targeting.
- Trained 90 food security experts and 2 200 enumerators, representing various UN agencies, government partners, national and international NGOs on data collection and analysis.
- Revised the guidelines for distribution arrangements for all FSAC activities in the context of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including adjustments to the standard operating procedures for food, cash and livelihoods input distributions.
- Developed two cluster-wide contingency plans as part of a wider HCT contingency plan.

Results:

- Enhanced coordination among FSAC members and with other humanitarian clusters, thanks to the organization of regular FSAC meetings at the national and sub-national levels and FSAC's contributions to ICCM, HCT, ICWG, RCT, among other coordination platforms.
- Enabled FSAC members and other humanitarian actors in Yemen to improve vulnerability-based targeting, thanks to FSAC's leadership in revising the guidelines for vulnerability-based targeting, SMEB, MFB, among other relevant guidelines.

- Enhanced the knowledge of 90 food security experts and 2 200 enumerators on data collection and analysis; and enabled them to implement a nationwide food security and livelihoods assessment.
- Enabled humanitarian actors to access evidence-based information on the food security situation in Yemen, thanks to FSAC's investments in developing and disseminating a wide array of food security information products.
- Enabled the integration of food security and agriculture sector's requirements in the HCT strategic priorities, HRP's and HNO's, thanks to FSAC's role in the development of strategic humanitarian frameworks.
- Enabled 17 NGOs to access a total of USD 22.6 million through YHF, thanks to FSAC's role in developing YHF's standard allocation and providing technical guidance for the administration of YHF.
- Enabled FSAC members to assess their compliance with interagency standing committee's standards and their contributions towards the realization of FSAC's core functions, thanks to the CCPM exercise.
- Enabled FSAC members and other humanitarian actors to continue their operations, while adhering to essential health-related restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, thanks to FSAC's leadership in revising distribution arrangements in the context of the pandemic.
- Enabled FSAC members to continue providing critical humanitarian needs during the escalation of the conflict in Marib and Al Jawf governorates, among other unanticipated events, thanks to FSAC's leadership in developing and activating proactive contingency plans.
- Enabled FSAC members and other humanitarian actors to collectively reach 12.5 million people with emergency food assistance and 5.25 million people with various forms of livelihoods support.