

# oPt Food and Nutrition Coordination Group Fact Sheet

## Gaza crisis

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*Sector Coordination Lead Agency:* United Nations World Food Program (WFP)

*Technical Support to the Sector:* Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

### *Purpose of the Sector Coordination Group*

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To ensure a well co-coordinated, coherent, strategic, and effective food and nutrition response. The Food and Nutrition Coordination Group reports to the HCT, alerting it to updates, emerging issues, or matters requiring concerted action with the other sectors.

### *Specific Tasks of the Food and Nutrition Coordination Group:*

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- The nature and prioritization of these tasks will be adapted to reflect changes in the humanitarian situation.
- Holding regular meetings, circulate updates from the field, share other relevant information among the sector actors. Currently the group is coordinating at national level. A Gaza level coordination mechanism may be established, as soon as the circumstances allow it.
- Monitor the ongoing food inflow and food distributions undertaken by humanitarian agencies since the beginning of the crisis, and estimate the gaps and additional needs.
- In collaboration with sector partners, develop standardized tools/methods for a coordinated needs assessment and situation analysis in order to provide a solid basis for harmonizing humanitarian assistance and an

early recovery action plan.

- Develop an early recovery action plan, including a plan for scaling down aid as required, in coordination with all sector partners and promote the complementarity of different food and nutrition actions.
- Act as an interface between the humanitarian actors and the relevant national authorities in the fields of food security, agriculture, and nutrition.
- Link with other cluster/sector groups, including logistics, shelter, agriculture, etc., to ensure harmonization of activities.
- Use gathered information to develop advocacy messages to be conveyed to the Humanitarian Country Team (in particular its Advocacy Group), UN Humanitarian Coordinator and other stakeholders.

### *Sector Coordination Group Members/Partners:*

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Humanitarian actors who participate in the development of common humanitarian action plans are expected to be proactive partners in assessing needs, developing strategies and plans for the sector, and implementing agreed priority activities. The humanitarian partners of the

sector coordination group include UN agencies; national and international NGOs; the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. The sector coordination group commits to sharing information and coordinating efforts with national authorities as appropriate.

**Responsibilities of the Sector Coordination Group lead:**

- Convene and chair sector coordination group meetings (currently scheduled on a weekly basis), and circulate minutes of the meeting.

- Act as focal point for information sharing and the Food and Nutrition Sector Coordination Group response plans.
- Liaise with national authorities (MoP, MoSA, MoH Nutrition Department, etc.)
- Ensure integration of agreed priority cross-cutting issues in Food Security and Nutrition assessments, analysis, planning, monitoring and response (e.g. age, gender, and human rights).
- Ensure that Food and Nutrition responses are in line with existing policy guidelines and technical standards, and inform all participants to the group about these.

**Types of response:**

<b>Food Security and Nutrition Sector Coordination Group</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Food Security (WFP/UNRWA/FAO/NGOs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Food distribution</li> <li>-Food fortification</li> <li>-School/Shelter feeding</li> <li>-Food for Work/Food for Training</li> <li>-Home gardening</li> <li>-From poor farmers to food insecure HHs</li> <li>-Raising of domestic animals</li> <li>-Life skills project</li> <li>-Local food purchase</li> <li>-Local milling</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nutrition (UNICEF/WHO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Preposition and distribution of micronutrients</li> <li>-Food fortification</li> <li>-Promote breastfeeding and complementary feeding</li> <li>-Establish feeding centers</li> <li>-Conduct nutritional baselines</li> <li>-National Nutrition Surveillance system</li> </ul>

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