

Food Security and Nutrition Sector Coordination Group - Minutes

10th Meeting – Tuesday, 7 July 2009, 10:00am, WFP Bet Hanina

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<p>Participants: WFP, FAO, UNICEF, Islamic Relief, Oxfam-Solidarity, Oxfam-GB, ICRC, CHF, USAID, UNRWA, UNDP, ACF, CRIC-Italy, ACPP, Care (Jerusalem only) - (list of participants / contacts in annex) Chair: Olivia Hantz, WFP–Sector Lead - Olivia.Hantz@wfp.org ; 054 6773151</p>	
<p>1. <u>Presentation of the main findings of the Quantitative socio-economic and food security survey in the West Bank conducted by PCBS, in cooperation with FAO and WFP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See attached PPT presentation by WFP. ▪ <u>Additional points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The survey was initially planned to be conducted in both Gaza and the West Bank in Jan.-Feb. However, data collection in Gaza has been delayed by the war and only took place in May-June (70,000 households). Data entry is currently completed at 56%. Analysis is expected in mid-August. - Data for the West Bank was collected in Jan./Feb. 2009, covering the 6 months prior to the survey (i.e., data reflect the situation of Palestinian households between July and December 2008). - This year’s survey is more comprehensive than those conducted in 2006 and 2008, e.g., location from the wall, food consumption patterns, in details income and expenditure modules FS access scale modules, etc. have been included in this survey. The same methodology for FS analysis (variables and statistical techniques) was used as in 2006 and 2008, however, two changes were included: (i) adjustment in using another scale (adult equivalent instead of per capita); and (ii) use of in details income and expenditure modules. - Data cleaning by WFP and FAO has proven to be a lengthy process, as well as preparations of data sets. - A very large amount of data has been collected, which represents a window opportunity for in-depth analysis, especially in the context of the CAP. - Results show changes since the last survey (2008), i.e., slight decrease in the overall food insecurity levels in the West Bank, sharp increase of food insecurity in Jerusalem Governorate, food insecurity lower in urban areas, etc. However, in-depth comparison with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WFP to circulate the presentation - WFP to circulate the comprehensive report when finalized - Partners are encouraged to forward queries and use the large amount of data collected through the survey

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<p>2006 and 2008 data is yet to be done, as well as analysis and profiling of governorates and localities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNRWA's study on refugees' labour market in the West Bank will be finalized in a few weeks. Comparing labor markets in 2007 and 2008. Preliminary results show an increase of food security levels among refugees due to an increase in access to labour in Israel and therefore an increase of wages. <p>▪ <u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been suggested to double-check Food insecurity levels in Salfit (reported at 6.4%) with PCBS; WFP will further analyze the results. - Results of the survey show that 20% of the richest receive assistance (any type of assistance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Profiling/targeting of assistance in the West Bank needs to be improved, however the aid delivery process itself is at times unclear, with large number of actors involved. ○ WFP and UNRWA are actively involved with the MoSA in serious efforts for better targeting ○ The survey hopes to help profiling HH in needs that are falling between the cracks. ○ This also needs to be raised in the framework of the Social Protection Working Group 	<p>- UNRWA to circulate its labor market report</p> <p>- WFP and PCBS to double-check Salfit data</p>
<p>2. <u>Inter-Agency Contingency planning (IACP) update in the oPt and sector response plans</u></p> <p>Presentation by WFP of review of scenarios and response plan preparation</p> <p>▪ <u>IACP West Bank</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was last updated in August 2008 - 2 contingencies have been developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Large scale IDF incursion b) Large scale internal conflict - Additional key contingencies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c) Natural Disasters (earthquake) contingency planning carried out by PRCS d) Pandemic Influenza contingency planning led by WHO 	<p>WFP will draft the FS&Nut response plan for the sector and will share with the group for inputs.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>IACP Gaza</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was last revised in June 2008 - 3 contingencies were developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Deepening of the divide between West Bank and Gaza b) Renewed Israeli – Palestinian conflict c) Natural disasters (floods, earthquake, pandemic) ▪ <u>Food sector response plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Bank IACP, July 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sector specific situation (impact analysis) ○ Resource inventory (storage capacity only) ○ Sector response strategy (objectives, actors, intervention, distribution, partnerships) ○ Management (Monitoring and reporting, cost arrangements) - Gaza IACP No response plan ▪ <u>Next steps</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 July 2009: IACP Gaza Scenario update - 10 July 2009: IACP Gaza and West Bank, scenario update exercise - IACP Gaza and West Bank food sector response plan update before the end of August ▪ <u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Even if water scarcity is not retained as one of the main hazards for the West Bank in the framework of the Contingency Planning exercise update, a preparedness and response plan for the drought/water scarcity in the West Bank needs to be developed, considering its recurrence in the past years and given its impact on the Food security status of the population. 	<p style="text-align: center;">WFP and FAO will relay this request to the IACP GS&WB meeting and will develop a specific water scarcity-related part in the Food sector response plan</p>
<p>3. <u>Brief presentation on the Humanitarian Emergency Response Fund [HRF] (WFP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>The objective</u> of the HRF is to provide members of the Humanitarian Country team with a rapid response mechanism to meet short-term emergency needs of vulnerable groups. ▪ <u>The priorities of the HRF have been redefined and are now twofold</u> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Partners in need of additional funding for such projects qualifying</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support a rapid response at the onset of disasters or crisis, before and in preparation for mainstream responses coming on line. Normally these responses would seek to provide life saving interventions and/or prevent further erosion of livelihood assets and coping mechanisms of the affected communities; - Strategically fill gaps in funding to prevent major impact on peoples' lives by maintaining crucial provision of basic humanitarian needs or initiating responses to prevent further deterioration in their livelihoods. This can include supporting projects within a sector response plan for which funding is delayed or to bridge a gap between two funding cycles ■ <u>Approval process</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects would be submitted to OCHA for preliminary screening. - After consultation with the relevant OCHA field office and sector lead to ensure compliance with technical and financial standards of the sector priorities, OCHA may request significant amendments to the presenting agency - OCHA will notify the HC and present an initial recommendation to the Management Team to comment on appropriateness of the proposal in relation to the overall impact on population, feasibility and expected impact. ■ <u>Criteria for project selection</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project must meet a demonstrated emergency need - The appealing NGO has the demonstrated capacity to accomplish the project in a timely manner. - OCHA will assure that projects should not duplicate other organizations' activities. - Projects should support humanitarian operations between 2-5 months. Exceptions to this time period may be made by the HC in writing following a request by the implementing partner and approval of the Board. - Projects should not respond to chronic social problems or long-term development needs. ■ <u>Funding Limit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding will cover a project up to USD200,000 in value, the amount of funding can go up to USD 250,000 for certain projects and this can be assessed on case by case. Ideally, at least 80% of the funding should be dedicated to direct project inputs. The HC may make an exception to this funding amount, with the approval of the Board. - Funding is disbursed in two stages - 80% (upfront) and 20% with the latter being disbursed after fulfilment of all reporting requirements, including audited accounts report. UN agencies receive 100% of the project costs upfront. - Funding will cover project activities for no longer than a five-month period. In case of necessity, the implementing partner may request a no-cost extension by submitting a written request, in which the reasons are indicated. This must be submitted to OCHA at 	<p style="text-align: center;">for the HRF are encouraged to apply..</p>

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<p>least two weeks prior to the planned end date of the project and will then be forwarded to the Management Team for approval. A written response will be given. The time limitations of donors will be a consideration for extension of projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HRF Approval Process <i>Life cycle:</i> Proposal submission → HRF team review → Sector Review & field office review → Review by Advisory Board → Recommendations by Advisory Board (48 hours) → Endorsement by HC → Clearance by OCHA Geneva → Signing of Agreement → Disbursement of 1st installment of allocation (80% of approved fund – NGOs) & commencement of activities → Interim reporting → Final reporting & audit → Disbursement of the remaining allocation balance & closure of project → Monitoring & Evaluation. ▪ The Application form can be downloaded at the following address http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/HERFProposalFormatEnglishAndArabic.pdf. Applications can be made all day long – current funds available amount to USD 1.5 million. ▪ Discussion: NGO partners were not aware that the priorities of the HRF had been redefined, in order to allow for more flexibility. 	<p>Sector Lead to contact OCHA so that revised HRF guidelines are shared more widely among partners</p>
<p>4. AOB</p> <p><u>UNICEF updates on nutrition issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Maternal and child nutrition protocol</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MOH, in partnership with UNICEF and other stakeholders, are in the process of updating the Maternal and Child Nutrition protocols to incorporate latest technical nutrition issues. The current protocol consists of 15 chapters highlighting the nutrition need and intervention options for mothers and children, from the mother's pregnancy period till the child is over 5 as well as children with special needs. - A workshop to discuss these protocols was held between 16 and 18 June. An additional chapter was proposed to cover the prevention and management of acute and chronic malnutrition. Currently acute malnutrition is low in the oPt, but there are signs of chronic malnutrition getting to alert levels. Adding an additional chapter is also considered a preparedness step, in case the nutrition situation worsens. ▪ <u>MCH handbook</u> 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MOH and UNRWA in collaboration with other stakeholders like UNICEF, WHO among others, have developed the MCH handbook which is a set of materials on nutrition surveillance, growth monitoring, and general child care practices promotion. The materials are available and the training is underway. This represents one of the efforts made in capacity strengthening of staff involved in nutrition. ▪ <u>Marking the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WBW commemorates the Innocenti Declaration made by WHO and UNICEF policymakers in August 1990 to protect, promote and support breastfeeding". - It is an annual global activity that takes place in the first week of August (1st - 7th) with an aim of protecting, supporting and promoting breastfeeding as an important feeding practice to the infants. - Preparations are underway to raise the awareness of the breast milk. More details on WBW available on www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org ▪ <u>MICS survey</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expected to be conducted starting November 2009.. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Agencies interested in undertaking the activity can contact UNICEF.</p>
<p>5. <u>Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next Jerusalem FS&Nut meeting will take place at the end of August, when results of the SefSec in Gaza will be available and before the CAP 2010 process starts. Date and venue will be confirmed in due time. ▪ The next Gaza-based Food Security, Nutrition and Agriculture meeting – co-chaired by WFP and UNRWA - will be held on 21 July at 11,00 in WFP's conference room in Gaza y in UNRWA's offices in Gaza. 	<p style="text-align: center;">End August, Jerusalem</p>

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