global Food Security Cluster Achievements and Challenges October 2012

Who Are We?

- Partners and Observers
  - 30-35 Institutions from NGO, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, UN Communities
  - Actively participating
- Cluster Lead Agencies
  - FAO and WFP
  - Engaged and Mainstreaming
- Global Support Team in Rome
  - Around 15 people from FAO, GenCap, ProCap, HelpAge, IFRC and WFP

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We are 1½ years old

- Global FSC has been operational since April 2011
- Five Core Areas previously identified were:
  1. Surge and Country Support
  2. Capacity Development
  3. Information Management
  4. Tools and Guidance
  5. Advocacy

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Core Area 1: Surge and Country Support

Achievements

- Surge deployment in eight operations

- Support missions from the Global Support Team: 12 countries in 2011 and 18 countries so far in 2012

- Raising the profile, presence and effectiveness of food security clusters and related coordination solutions

- Quality programming present in support missions – GenCap, ProCap, and most recently HelpAge

- Systems to support surge and operations
  - ➢ *Use of WFP's Special Operation mechanism for country level cluster coordination (Coordinator, IM, Support staff)*
  - ➢ *Establishing surge modalities with partners*

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Support Missions & Surge Deployment

YEAR	GST Support Missions		Surge Deployment
2011	• Afghanistan • Bangladesh • Cote d'Ivoire • Djibouti • Ethiopia • Haiti	• Kenya • Libya • Nepal • Somalia • South Sudan • Sudan	• Libya • Pakistan • Kenya
2012	• Afghanistan • Bangladesh • Burkina Faso • Chad • Colombia • DRC • El Salvador • Kenya • Mali	• Niger • oPT • Pakistan • Panama • Senegal • Somalia • South Sudan • Timor Leste • Yemen	• Bangladesh • Fiji • Sahel • South Sudan • Yemen

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Core Area 1: Surge and Country Support

Challenges

– Document gFSC process for responding to Level III deployment

– Address availability of deployment participants

– Management & Monitoring Process for Surge and Support Missions

Core Area 2: Capacity Development

Achievements

- Raising the bar - training workshops for Cluster Coordinators and Information Managers
  - Rome, Nairobi, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Bamako, Panama, Dakar, Rome
  - Review process underway
- Country based training / technical support to cluster and government counterparts
  - South Sudan, Sudan
- Rome-based pre-deployment familiarisation briefings

Training Statistics to Date

Around 200 people, Coordinators and Information Managers, have been trained to date by the gFSC
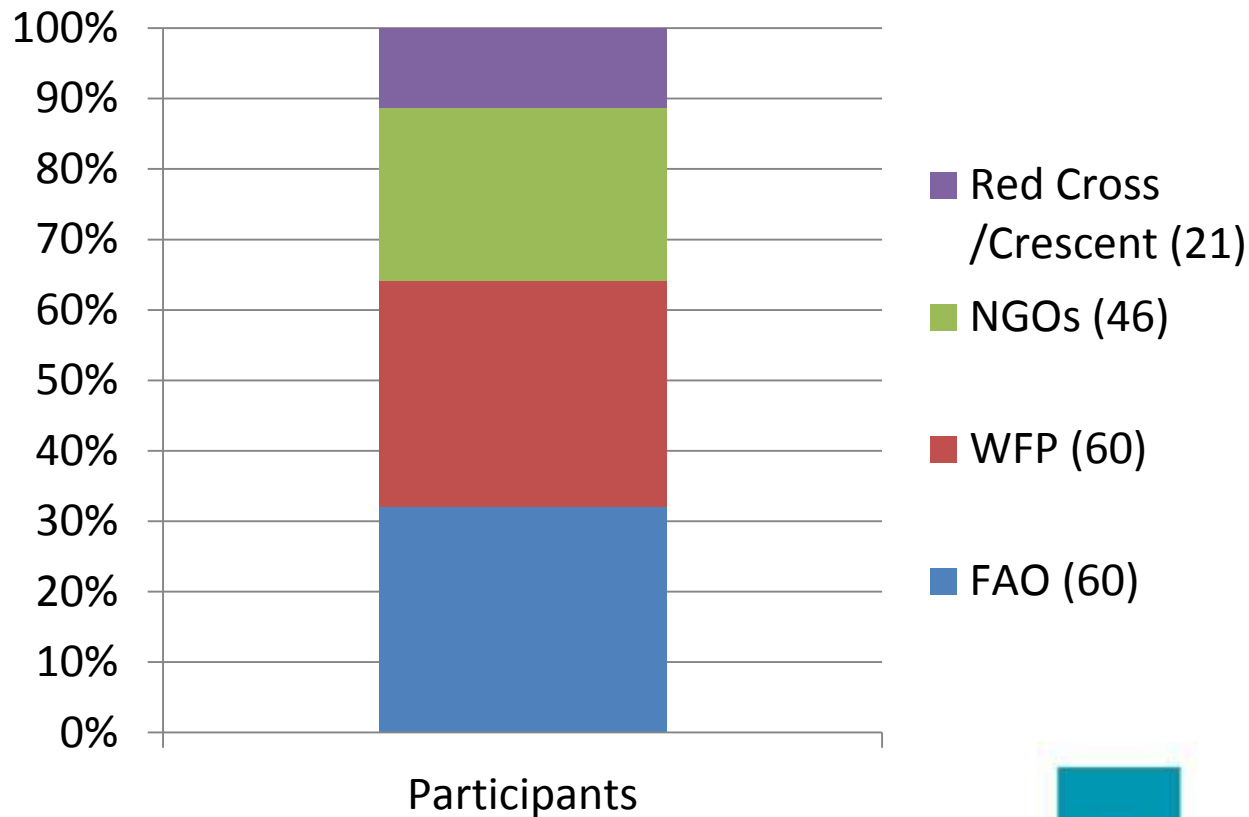
Core Area 2: Capacity Development

Challenges

- Broadening strategy of capacity development at country level, possibly through combination of country missions and e-learning

- Maintaining and enhancing multi-institutional spread of trainees

- Refinement of training content, driven by country-level needs

Core Area 3: Information Management

Achievements

- Website rebuilt and running
- Strengthened links to national information management, national website pages
- IM Component within training, recognising core role played
- Instrument for Performance Monitoring at Country Level *(FS Specific Questionnaire based on IASC generic)*

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Core Area 3: Information Management

Challenges

- Strengthening the IM training component, in workshops and in-country

- Actively monitor and improve the website:
  - ➢ Country Coordination Profiles
  - ➢ Areas for FSC Working Groups
  - ➢ Interactive Maps
  - ➢ Standard Request Forms

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Core Area 4: Tools and Guidance

Achievements

- SOPs being developed e.g. pre-deployment orientation, cluster governance, roles in funding mechanisms

- Cluster Activation / Deactivation / Transition Lessons Learned

- Identification and development of appropriate tools e.g. e-learning

- FSC Handbook

- Situation and Performance Indicators (Assessment WG Output)

Core Area 4: Tools and Guidance

Challenges

- Guidance for national strategies: cash; preparedness; and contingency planning

- Updating Handbook / getting field feedback and meshing with e-learning

- Develop effective lessons learned process for support missions and surge deployments

Core Area 5: Advocacy

Achievements

- Inception Meeting, May 2011
- Global Partner Meetings: October 2011, April 2012, October 2012
- High visibility among donors, reputation for delivery
- Engagement in IASC Transformative Agenda, e.g. IARRM, Performance Monitoring Framework
- Creation of Advocacy and Communications Working Group
- Improving Communications
  - ✓ *Regional and Partner telcons strengthened*
  - ✓ *Regular website updates*
  - ✓ *Internal Team communications*

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Core Area 5: Advocacy

Challenges

- Increasing the advocacy process, systematically bringing in more country-level priorities

- Maintaining high visibility among donors, global partners and stakeholders

- Further development of the cluster identity

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The Cost of Achieving Results

- Results are derived from activities, which need people and additional resources

- Resources from NGO partners through mission secondment (CARE, World Vision)

- Resources from CLA Mainstreaming (FAO, WFP), GST Cost-Sharing (GenCap, HelpAge, IFRC, ProCap) and Donors (ECHO, Finland, UK)
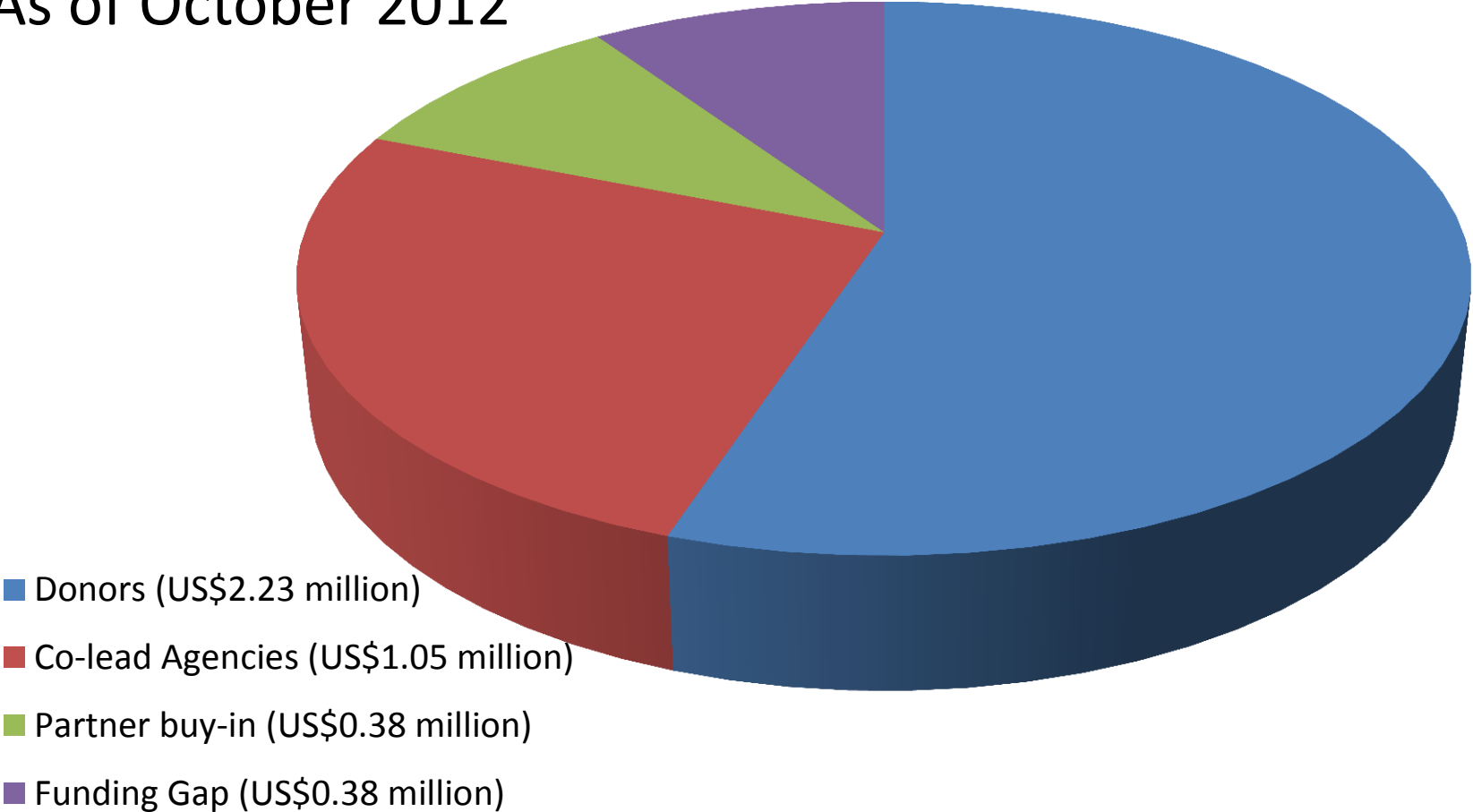
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Jan12-Mar13, USD 4.04 million

As of October 2012

- Donors (US$2.23 million)
- Co-lead Agencies (US$1.05 million)
- Partner buy-in (US$0.38 million)
- Funding Gap (US$0.38 million)

Resource Mobilisation

Challenges

- Increasing the cost-sharing and mainstreaming

- Broadening the financial model to the country level, providing support on cost-shared basis

- Understanding future resource models and GST structure

And finally

Thank you from the team for the opportunity