

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Job Title:	Food Security Cluster Coordinator
Place of Work:	TBD
Reports to:	TBD according to lead or co-lead agencies designated at country level (FAO Representative and/or WFP Country Director and/or Head of other lead or co-lead organisations)
Reporting to position:	May have other staff assigned as appropriate

FUNCTION PURPOSE

The objective of a country-level Food Security Cluster is to ensure a timely, coherent and effective food security response by mobilizing stakeholders to respond in a strategic manner to a humanitarian crisis. The role of the Food Security Cluster Coordinator, as set out in the IASC *Generic Terms of Reference for Sector Leads at Country Level*, is to lead and facilitate this process through:

- Inclusion of key humanitarian partners;
- Establishment and maintenance of appropriate humanitarian coordination mechanisms;
- Coordination with national/local authorities, state institutions, local civil society and other relevant actors;
- Ensuring appropriate participatory and community-based approaches;
- Ensuring appropriate attention to priority cross-cutting and cross-sectoral issues (e.g. gender, age, HIV and AIDS, human rights, environment and early recovery);
- Undertaking needs assessment and analysis;
- Coordinating sector-wide emergency preparedness;
- Undertaking planning and strategy development;
- Ensuring the application of appropriate standards;
- Ensuring monitoring and reporting;
- Undertaking advocacy and resource mobilization;
- Undertaking training and capacity building; and
- Provision of assistance or services as a last resort subject to access, security and availability of funding.

The Food Security Cluster Coordinator will work impartially with all members of the Food Security Cluster and serves and represents the group as a whole, not an agency.

He or she will work closely with the UN Humanitarian/Resident Coordinator or their designated official as required.

QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES

- Professional experience in humanitarian response at a mid- or senior level including in the food security sector.
- University degree in food security, agriculture, economics or related field.

- Ability to work and plan at strategic as well as operational levels.
- Understanding of the international humanitarian response architecture, including co-ordination mechanisms, humanitarian reform and action, and funding mechanisms (e.g. Consolidated Appeals Process, Central Emergency Response Fund and Flash Appeals).
- Facilitation and communication: experience of high level coordination and chairing of meetings; ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders and develop consensus and joint working; excellent English communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Coping with pressure: ability to work productively in a pressurized environment and to maintains visibly high levels of morale in difficult circumstances.

Desirable:

- Control of working language in country of deployment.
- Experience of the country or region of deployment.
- Formal training in Cluster co-ordination or previous Cluster experience.