



FOOD SECURITY SECTOR – Palestine

Emergency Preparedness – Food Assistance Working Groups Meeting

August 31st, 2020 - Minutes of Meeting- Gaza Strip

Date & venue: August 31st, 12:00-14:00, Zoom

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Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preparedness and capacity to provide food and humanitarian assistance under the context of CO-192. AoB
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- Meeting started welcoming everybody and appreciating the high number of participants despite the short notice due to the current emergency situation.

Preparedness Capacity to provide food and humanitarian assistance under the context of CO-19

- **FSS:**
 - An ad-hoc meeting was held for the emergency preparedness working group (EPWG) focal points to discuss the current situation of the widespread of the C19 inside Gaza Strip communities accompanied with the lockdown of the strip with strict curfew in some governorates and quarantine for complete neighborhoods and buildings. There was a need for wider discussion with the wider EPWG and Food Assistance WG group.
 - The increasing numbers of C19 positive cases in Gaza including the complete closure of Beach Camp is alarming for a more difficult scenarios for the pandemic outbreak in Gaza City.
 - This required to coordinate efforts on how to provide humanitarian assistance to the affected people.
- **WFP**
 - Things are getting worse overall in GS, with compounded impacts of bombing, electricity and fuel shortage, salary crisis, uncertainty of critical funds from Qatar, and since a few months also COVID-19. Fresh products including fresh dairy food items are particularly exposed to the electricity crisis. Modalities of providing food assistance should adapt, also considering that this situation may last for longer than we initially envisaged.
- **MoSD:** Mr. Luay Al-Madhoun the MoSD delegate of PA MoSD in Gaza was present in the meeting and he provided the following information:
 - Governmental procedures are put on the ground with certain mechanisms to reach out to quarantined people in the community.
 - MoSD is part of the higher emergency committee and there is high level of coordination with other local authorities and non-governmental organization to secure basic needs.

- MoSD has a three-months plan to counter the impact of C19 pandemic. The plan is to support the most vulnerable people affected from and due to the C19 pandemic. This includes provision of food parcels (vouchers), hygiene kits, food meals to people in quarantine centers (QCs), ... etc.
- The response plan targets four main categories, and those targeted people can be reached by the local and governmental communities:
 1. WFP/MoSD Cash-based Transfer (CBT) beneficiaries;
 2. People quarantined inside their homes;
 3. All people under the curfew system; and
 4. People affected due to and by the C19 pandemic
- The hosting centers belonging to the MoSD is also included in the plan, e.g. Al-Amal Institute for orphans, Al-Wafa Society for elderly people, Hosting house for Female GBV survivors, Mabarrat Palestine, ... etc.
- MoSD will share the plan with the FSS and other sectors/clusters and organizations.
- There is complete agreement with DFA MoSD senior staff in terms of overall activities and planning. This plan was shared with the DFA MoSD deputy and all agree on the content.
- Around 30,000 out of planned 70,000 food parcels were secured through different partners and organizations
- There will be regular update of the numbers of affected people due/from the C19 pandemic. Some partners (Oxfam) suggested to establish a dashboard or any online portal so all organizations are up to date with the increasing numbers of people in need.
- Any organization needs to crosscheck lists of potential beneficiaries to communicate directly with Mr. Luay and he will direct the request to the IM department in the MoSD.
- All organizations are invited to strengthen coordination and cooperation with the MoSD
- **UAWC:**
 - There are around 4,000 fishermen (from 3,000 households) are suffering and left behind due to the closure of the sea. Fishermen has no other source of income where their livelihoods fully depend on the sea. This group of people should be prioritized.
 - The DFA Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) are not considering local agricultural NGOs with critical movement, and no movement permits are issued to them which hinder their ability to provide the assistance during the lockdown and curfew. This will leave behind thousands of households suffering from lack of basic needs.
 - MoA is strongly requested to support these NGOs with permit to move during the C19 lockdown and curfew.
- **PNGO:**
 - PNGO started to communicate with the local authorities to issue permits of movement for its members.
 - Temporary permits were issued for only one week and then were withdrawn by the local authorities with no clear vision for the next steps.
- **MoA:**
 - An enquiry from MoA to the MoSD on how affected small farmers can benefit from the MoSD emergency assistance. The MoSD representative directed any affected farmer (or person) to communicate with the directorate in the relevant governorate.

- **FSS:**
 - FSS is ready to assist and facilitate any discussion, communication and coordination between line ministries and all FSS partners.
 - Special thanks to Mrs. Firyal Taha from the MoA and Mr. Luay Al-Madhoun for their active participation in this meeting, wishing for more effective coordination and to maintain meetings and coordination with the FSS.

❖ **AoB**

- Nothing to report

❖ **Action Points**

- All organizations who need to crosscheck their initial lists of potential beneficiaries can communicate directly with Mr. Luay Al-Madhoun (L.elmadhoun@mosa.gov.ps) and mobile number (059-315-6778)
- Local organizations that are only registered in Gaza can communicate with **Mr. Osama Sharaf** (osharaf71@gmail.com, and 059-918-9650) and **Mr. Haroun Bhar** (h.bhar@mosa.gov.ps, and 059-156-7892).

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5.	Salah Laham	WFP
6.	Luay Al-Madhoun	MoSD
7.	Firyal Taha	MoA
8.	Nisreen Al-Madhoun	OCHA
9.	Thomas Kocherhans	OCHA
10.	Mahmoud Hamada	PNGO
11.	Tariq Shatat	UNDP
12.	Lucan Sangalli	CWG
13.	Salwa Tibi	CARE
14.	Rami Mahani	IRPAL
15.	Mohammed Saaed Rasheed	IRPAL
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