

Day 2 Session 5: Famine prevention and response update

Joint Food Security and Nutrition Clusters' Initiatives in South Sudan,
Nigeria, Yemen and Somalia against the Call for Action

Panel

- Cyrill Lekiefs
- Gordon Dudi (online)
- Geraldine Bellocq
- Linda Doull (online)
- Bruno Minjauw (discussant)
- Denise Brown (introduction)
- Nathan Morrow (facilitator)

Purpose of the session: Stocktaking
of the effectiveness of joint initiatives
based on Call to Action

Call for Action



- Meeting -- April 2017
- Paper -- May 2017
- *Promoting an Integrated Famine Prevention Package: Breaking Bottlenecks*
- Inter-Cluster Operational Responses in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Nigeria

Background: Call To Action

- 50 percent of all deaths occurred before the Somalia famine was declared in July 2011
- Integration of food security, nutrition, water sanitation and hygiene and health interventions
- Focus on gender dimensions and engagement with the affected communities
- 1st category of bottlenecks; joint
 - Information
 - Planning, prioritization and programming
 - Minimum capacity for national partners
- 2nd category of bottlenecks; influence on enablers
 - Access and humanitarian principles
 - Actively address emergent issues related to logistics/access, risk and multisector programming

Format

- Brief questions to each of the panel members
 - We can take questions of clarification before moving on to the next question
 - Up to 3 brief, concise, rebuttals to complement the panel members response will also be allowed before moving to next question
 - Please hold strategic level questions and contribution to the discussion until the second half of the session
- At the mid-point of the session we will raise strategic level questions with an open invitation for all participants to debate with the panel
 - Please make notes on the slips of paper provided and share them with the facilitation team to ensure they are considered or placed on the parking lot if time runs short

Questions(do not show in plenary)

- Can you please throw some light on the background behind this joint initiative? What was the objective?
- What was the motivation for the partners for this joint initiative and what led to convening the Call for Action meeting?
- Though this was joint food security and nutrition clusters led initiative, WASH and Health were also part of it? How fruitful was the participation from Global Health Cluster side and how do you see the progress against the Call for Action?
- Since April, please describe the work of joint Initiatives and any changes related to the Call for Action in Yemen.
- I understand that the Global Nutrition Cluster met in October to discuss work on joint initiatives. Could you give us a brief update with respect to Nigeria, South Sudan and Somalia?
- Now I would like to ask Cyril to describe the Call to Action and joint initiatives from an NGO perspective. How successful was the initiative to make right impact, i.e., preventing the famine in these countries?

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- What were the common challenges across the countries? Did the clusters succeed in the face of challenges? Were the challenges approached the same way in each country and what lessons might that hold for the future?
- Was there an impact of awareness raising? How was it different at sub-national, national, regional or global level? For different stakeholders?
- (time permitting) Information exchange was put forth as the foundation of joint initiatives; what worked and what still needs work?
- Poll: Write on a piece of paper, on a scale of 1-10 where 10 is complete harmonization and 1 is active hostility between partners, how well did Call for Action partners:
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 - Share information on FNS? Programing and logistics?
 - Plan jointly?
 - Program jointly?
 - Monitor, reflect and adapt programming jointly?
 - Advocate for resources jointly? Breakthrough bottlenecks?