Quarterly Update, [July - September 2022]

KENYA Preparedness

Highlights

- Capacity Needs Mapping reports were shared with the counties for final input, further engagements are planned for Q4.
- The contract for the National Preparedness Officer (NPO) started on 15 September 2022.

Background

Kenya continues to be exposed to a broad range of hazards, both man-made and natural. The recently concluded long rains assessment (LRA) estimated that nearly four million Kenyans mostly located in the arid counties, need immediate food assistance, with the figure projected to rise to four and a half million by December 2022. Further, more than 900,000 children under five years old require nutrition treatment for acute or severe acute malnutrition. The number of people in need of food assistance is projected to grow further in the coming months given the failed long rains seasons, shocks on the global supply chains for cereals and fertilizer occasioned by the war in Ukraine, soaring inflation and the persistent waves of COVID 19 pandemic. Consequently, the Government of Kenya and stakeholders at national and county level – including WFP Kenya (WFP KCO) – are implementing various emergency response activities in the country ranging from food distribution, cash transfers and water trucking to affected communities.

The Logistics Cluster Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) is centred on strengthening national supply chain resilience, enhancing coordination between stakeholders, and promoting a common methodology towards logistics preparedness. The core concept of logistics preparedness is to support local and international actors before an emergency occurs. This is best achieved by working together to identify and address systemic challenges in local supply chain systems in a sustainable way, driven by national governments and actors. Globally, the project promotes a common framework. At the national level, this framework is tailored to each country’s unique operational context.

In Q3 2022, project activities were slowed down by electoral activities in the country. The new administration is under establishment, key appointments of executive officials is in progress and expected to conclude in the month of October 2022. This will pave way for socialization of project activities to the new executives and implementation of mutually agreed interventions based on the capacity needs mapping.

Coordination

- No technical working group meetings were held in the period, following changes in government administration. Active engagements are expected to resume in Q4.
- The recruitment process for the National Preparedness Officer (NPO) was concluded in the quarter. The Officer is reporting on duty as from 15 September 2022. This will ease coordination and implementation as the NPO is fully dedicated to the project.
- Coordination meetings with the GLC Desk officer were held consistently through the period to address all aspects of project implementation.
- Socialization of the project to new WFP KCO Heads of Supply Chain and Country Capacity Strengthening (CCS) was conducted through a series of bilateral engagements and a briefing by the GLC Focal points for Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) and Regional Support. Further engagements are planned before the end of October to facilitate clarity of roles and responsibilities of GLC and CO in this project.

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Information Management

- The KEN Project channel is updated with all reports relevant to the project, accessible to all stakeholders on need basis.
- The IM Team has completed design of the KEN web page on the GLC website. Consultations with the county office management for concurrence to go live are now in the final stages, with expectation to go live in October 2022.

Advocacy

- Project socialization and introduction to the new heads of Supply Chain and CCS conducted, with a need identified to ensure the conversations and consistent and structured so that both FBPP and CCS activities in the country office could exchange ideas and best practices established in implementing the complementary modalities.

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