Quarterly Update, [July - September 2022]

KENYA Preparedness

Highlights

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

Background

In collaboration with national and county level stakeholders such as the World Food Programme (WFP), the Government of Kenya is implementing various emergency response activities in the country ranging from food distribution, cash transfers and water trucking to affected communities. The Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) aims to strengthening national supply chain resilience, enhance coordination between stakeholders, and promote a common methodology towards logistics preparedness. The project supports local and international actors before an emergency occurs. Actors are working together to identify and address systemic challenges in local supply chain systems in a sustainable way.

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

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 reported on duty as of 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 Kenya Country Office (CO) 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 the project

Information Management (IM)

- The Kenya Project channel is updated with all reports relevant to the project and it is accessible to all stakeholders.
- The IM Team has completed design of the Kenya 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 WFP Heads of Supply Chain and CCS were conducted. A need to ensure the conversations are consistent and structured so that both FBPP and CCS activities in the country office could exchange ideas and best practices was established to enable implementation of the complementary modalities.

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