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HuMEL 4th Meeting: Selection and Targeting in Northeast Syria

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Agenda

- Selection and Targeting Presentation (10 min)
 - Q&A (5 min)
- Data Driven Service Delivery Presentation (10 min)
 - Q&A (5 min)
- Discussion Rooms by presentation (30 min)
- Wrap up and hear from presenters (10 min)

Q&A for Panelists Instructions

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Participants (2)

- CR Chris Riggs (Me) 
- CR Chris Riggs (Host)  



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Syria Emergency Food Security Program (SEFSP)

Food for Peace Program

Context for Targeting & Selection

Main reference points a NES FFP program were the *Whole of Syria FSL Cluster Guidelines for Food Security Selection Criteria* and the *FFP Emergency Guidance documents*

- Stage #1: Geographical Targeting
 - Starts with the PIN-based severity rankings of each sub-district
 - Followed by the selection of locations to conduct vulnerability assessments at the village/community level within each sub-district in coordination with local authorities
- Stage #2: Selection of HHs inside villages/communities based on assessment surveys of vulnerability criteria

Blumont's Program: SEFSP IV

- Bread & Bakery Programming:
 - Geographic targeting is possible but targeting at the community/village level is restricted and selection at the HH-level is not possible
 - Biggest element of geographic targeting happens with a bakery selection survey in identified sub-districts, and inclusion of camps/CCs
- SEFSP IV's other three interventions:
Supplementary Food Vouchers, Household Vegetable Gardens (HVGs), Agricultural Inputs to Small Farmers
 - Process is geographic targeting followed by HH selection based on a HH vulnerability assessment selection survey
 - The selection tool was weighted between FSL technical indicators (70%) + HH vulnerability & socio-economic factors (30%)
 - Several additional criteria for HVGs & Ag Inputs were required to verify & eliminate HHs without appropriate land & irrigation, etc for planting

HH Survey: Food Security Indicators

- Weighted 70% in the overall scoring for the Vulnerability assessment selection survey (52 out of 97 total possible points)
- Included five main indicators: FCS, rCSI, HHS, LCS, FES
- FCS & rCSI are recommended by both the Cluster & FFP
 - Used NES WG categories for FCS Scores:
0-28 “poor”, 28.5-42 “moderate”, 42.5+ “adequate”
- HHS emphasized in the FFP guidelines only
- Livelihoods Coping Strategies requested in the WOS guidelines
 - NES scale uses 15 questions, incl. 4 “stress”, 3 “crisis”, 3 “emergency” + 5 strategies specifically identified for NES partners
 - Emphasis on HHs who employed “crisis” or “emergency” strategies
- Income/Expenditure Share requested in the WOS guidelines
 - 65%-75% “moderately food insecure”
 - +75% “severely food insecure”

HH Survey: Vulnerability & Socio-economic criteria

- Weighted 30% in the overall scoring for the Vulnerability assessment selection survey (45 out of 97 total possible points)
- Criteria assessed in HH surveys included:
 - Head of Household Vulnerability
 - Dependency ratio & vulnerability status of HH members
 - Large family size
 - Recent displacement or return, multiple
 - Socio-economic

No access to formal/informal credit	Low household income or no income
High levels of debt	No formal savings
Not receiving other sources of assistance	Non-permanent type of accommodation
Loss of production, agriculture or livestock assets	Loss of labour opportunities

Data Driven Service Delivery

Food Security and Livelihood Programming

Purpose

- Relationships between household socio-demographics measures and household food consumption score (FCS).
- Predictors of FCS
- Program areas in need of further study/exploration.



Introduction

HVG

- December 2018
- 234 Respondents
- Program Assessment
- Sample of current beneficiaries

- Do households with higher FCS and/or female heads eat healthier diets than those with lower FCS and/or male heads? (HVG)

Cash Voucher

- November 2019
- 1,574 Respondents
- Beneficiary Selection Survey
- Sample of potential beneficiaries

- Do households receiving certain assistance types have higher FCS? (Cash Vouchers)

Cash Voucher Findings

- Households with both male and female adult shoppers have substantially higher mean FCS.
- Number of months displaced does not correspond with a decrease in mean FCS among households.
- Aid should be targeted to households with household heads who are younger than the age of 18, that have fewer working members, and are in Deir-ez-zor and Kisreh.
- Food basket assistance is particularly effective with households that have only one adult shopper and lower mean FCS

Homestead Vegetable Gardens Findings

- Additional HVG support for IDP households and Al-Malikeyyeh (Derik).
- HVG kits can progressively increase with household composition (size and age).
- Exploration needed: Relationship between FCS and disabled persons and unaccompanied minors.



Conclusions

- Inferential modeling can inform both pre- and ongoing intervention programming decisions.
- Explore/plot your data and continuously refine the model.
- Close coordination between field and HQ is vital for successful execution.
- Share findings with program teams with clear suggestions for programmatic improvement.
- Programmatic suggestions must be realistic to both the award contract and contextual realities.

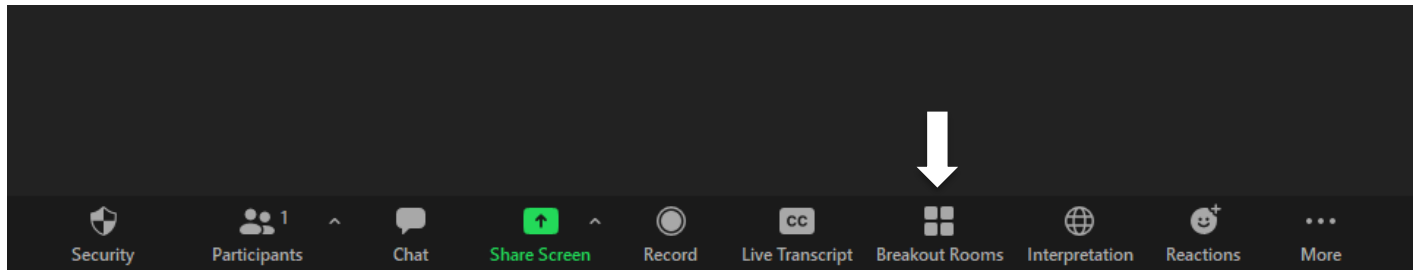
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