

TERMS OF REFERENCES

Piloting the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and strengthening the Food Security Monitoring System in Honduras

Background

Honduras has one of the lowest Human Development Index (2007-2008) in Central America and is the third poorest country in the region after Nicaragua and Guatemala, according to the United Nations Development Program.

Honduras also has the second highest chronic malnutrition prevalence in the Central American region. According to the Human Development Index, 73.4% of the households are poor and at least 50.7% are very poor. Extreme poverty is concentrated in rural and urban areas and is aggravated by poor food access due to increased market prices, environmental degradation, high risks and prevalences of infectious diseases, inappropriate health services and the low educational level of parents.

Against this background, WFP Honduras Country Office (CO) in coordination with WFP Food Security Analysis Service (HQ) and WFP Regional Bureau (RB) will test the use of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) to provide a common understanding of the current level of food insecurity and of the most food insecure areas in the country and identify the underlying causes of food insecurity.

At the moment WFP Honduras CO, through its field staff, has initiated the establishment of a Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS), which is built on a survey that divides the country into two different risk prone areas: i) floods and slidings areas and ii) drought areas. It is expected that the outcome of the IPC pilot will validate/update the results of the food security analysis generated by the FSMS.

The proposed project activities will support Strategic Objective 2: *Prevent acute hunger and invest in disaster preparedness and mitigation measures* and more specifically Goal 2: *Support and strengthen resiliency of communities to shocks through safety nets or asset creation, including adaptation to climate change*.

General Objective

To create a Honduras Food Security Analysis map, based on the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification system which will be complementary to the existing WFP Honduras Food Security Monitoring System.

Specific Objectives

1. Introduction of the IPC to a wide range of stakeholders including the government and partners
2. Develop a food security analysis map for Honduras based on the IPC.
3. Identify how the IPC tools can contribute to strengthening food security monitoring system and analysis in Honduras.

Opportunities and Threats (*What make this process succesful*)

Of process

1. Honduras Food Security Monitoring System is implemented and working.
2. IPC reference indicators can be adjusted according to country context and available data.
3. Field Partners are available to engage in the process and further collaborate on follow up interventions.

Of context

4. The situation monitored will not change drastically in a short period of time.
5. Relevant secondary data are available (partner reports, surveys, studies).

Outputs

1. A national IPC situation analysis following a consultative process with food security stakeholders in the country including government and partners.
2. A sub-national situation analysis map for one pilot region (at community level) that allows a greater resolution of the classification and of targeting (TBC).
3. A set of revised reference indicators for classifying areas, agreed by food security stakeholders at the national level (or members of Coalición SAN). Indicators of WFP Honduras Food Security Monitoring System should be taken into consideration to create a set of measurable and observable indicators at community level as well as establishing thresholds for each indicator.
4. A final report of the IPC pilot including lessons learned report with as a contribution to the global IPC process.

Activities

The activities will be implemented in coordination among three levels: Country Office support and Regional Bureau support and HQ (Food Security Analysis Service) support.

Country Office (CO) - *WFP Honduras Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping Unit (VAM)*

1. Preparatory work: Review of existing indicators identification, compilation of secondary data, filling out of IPC situation analysis templates.
2. Coordination and planning: Act as a focal point for the pilot, linking between key actors at national and international level, overall coordination of activities including logistics arrangements etc., ensure participation from key partners (the government, NGOs, cooperating partners, UN agencies, Coalición SAN-) and liaise with stakeholders.

- Monitoring and evaluation: Undertake the necessary data compilation and assist in the analysis.

Regional Bureau - VAM, Regional Bureau Unit (VAM RB)

- Provide support in terms of process and interaction with regional level stakeholders as necessary and participate in at least one of the workshops.
- Provide technical support for cartographic review.

HQ - The Food Security Analysis Service (OMXF)

- Technical backstopping and ensure the involvement of at least one IPC global focal point through organization of a support mission to assist the CO including facilitation of IPC workshops.
- Ensure compliance of adapted indicators with the global IPC standards.

The project will start in March 2010, and be completed by June 2010 according the following work plan:

	Outputs	Support Levels	Activities	March				April				May				June			
				S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4
1	Preparatory work	OMXF	1.1 Approval of budget by OMXF																
		CO, VAM RB, OMXF	1.2 Presentation of focal points																
		CO, VAM RB, OMXF	1.3 Identification and promotion with potential partners																
		CO	1.4 Preliminary secondary data review																
		OMXF	1.5 Recruitment of consultant																
2	Analysis work	CO, OMXF	2.1 Secondary data review																
		CO, OMXF	2.2 Preparation and administrative arrangements																
		CO, OMXF	2.3 Workshop 1: IPC training & awareness raising																
		CO, OMXF	2.4 Preparation and administrative arrangements																
		CO, OMXF	2.5 Workshop 2: Adaptation of IPC methodology (technical)																
		CO, OMXF	2.6 Preparation and administrative arrangements																
		CO, OMXF	2.7 Workshop 3: National consultation (IPC analysis)																
3	Presentation of results	CO, VAM RB, OMXF	3.1 Generated an IPC situation analysis at national level																
		CO, VAM RB, OMXF	3.2 IPC report																
		CO, VAM RB	3.3 IPC map																
4	Final Report	CO, VAM RB, OMXF	4.1 Document lessons learnt and compiling																
		CO, OMXF	4.2 Completion of final report																

Required Staff.

1. International Consultant (approx. 40 working days)

An international consultant will be hired to provide support to the the project unless a local expert can be identified. S/he will work under the direct supervision of the Honduras VAM Country Office Focal point with close assistance from the IPC focal point in the Food Security Analysis Service (OMXF) in Rome and from the Regional Assessment Officer in OMP Regional Bureau as necessary.

The consultant will deliver the following outputs:

- Secondary data review of food security information;
- Revised and completed analysis templates;

- c. A proposed methodology for using indicators and IPC standards in Honduras context;
- d. Following the above methodology, develop a set of revised indicators and process data in adequate format for mapping of results of the diagnostic and validation;
- e. Assist in preparation, facilitation and reporting of the diagnostic and validation (see workplan);
- f. Executive brief complementing the updated national IPC map; and
- g. Record lessons learned and include in the final IPC activity report