Monthly Meeting



Regional Desert Locust Alliance (RDLA)

25th January 2021





Agenda

- Recap of RDLA activities in 2020 and plans for 2021
- Feedback on December mapping exercise and plan for future mapping exercises
- Internal Evaluation
- New advocacy statement and inputs required from partners
- AoBs

Recap of 2020

- Monthly Mapping Exercise were conducted on a monthly basis and in coordination with FAO monthly map developed & presented at the Monthly Desert Locust Briefing organized by OCHA ROSEA
- Five advocacy statement were released throughout 2020
- Close coordination with **FAO regional and country offices** on a number of initiatives was ensured, including real time response evaluation, trainings...

Recap of 2020

- The RDLA acted as a **forum to discuss research and lessons learnt** on a number of topics, from alternative/innovative approaches to the management of desert locusts to anticipatory action..etc.
- The RDLA participated in a number of conferences and events representing the NGO community in the DL response
- Engagement in researches and joint proposal development

Plans for 2021

- Jointly with FAO, the RDLA will be working on the revision of their impact assessment survey tool and share across members to ensure utilization of harmonized tool
- Ongoing discussion with FAO&RDLA to ensure DL response coordination is channeled through countryspecific Food Security Clusters (FSC)
- RDLA has launched together with FAO, through FSCs, online trainings on the E-Locust 3M app starting from Somalia where currently lack of data is an issue (especially SC Som)
- Further support information sharing through, for example, the **online library** where resources and latest updates can be stored and be easily accessible to all actors

December 2020 Mapping Exercise

DL HoA Ongoing and Planned Activities/# of Beneficiaries - Dec 2020 Surveillance & Control 71190 Surveillance 14932 Food Security and Livelihoods 1691485 Control 40 **Capacity Building** 73119 Awareness 742507 0 500000 1000000 1500000

- 1,691,485 individuals (est. 281,914 HHs) being targeted with ongoing or planned FSL activities
- 742,507 individuals being targeted with ongoing or planned awareness raising activities across the greater HoA
- 86,162 individuals being targeted with ongoing or planned control and surveillance activities
- 73,119 individuals being targeted with ongoing or planned capacity building activities

December 2020 Mapping Exercise



- 57% of the overall FSL response across the greater HoA is being provided in the form of cash only
- 20% of the overall FSL response across the greater HoA is being provided in the form of in-kind only

- In April 2020, 589,288 beneficiaries (est. 98,215 HHs) were being targeted with FSL activities across the greater HoA
- As of December 2020, 2,499,431 beneficiaries (est. 416,572 HHs) cumulatively have or are being targeted with FSL activities

ASSISTANCE MODALITY(%)/FSL RESPONSE (CUMULATIVE) - DEC 2020



Upcoming Mapping Exercises

- Inclusion of **additional columns**:
 - Specific Location (column G)
 - Emergency Response/Anticipatory Action (column M)
 - Estimated Activity Budget (column U)
 - Budget Currency (column V)
- All members to update mapping (e.g. status + missing info from new columns) even when no new activities are to be reported
- Phase out of monthly mapping once information are collected by country-specific FSCs. Potentially to be continued in Kenya only, where the cluster system is not present

Internal Evaluation

- In order to ensure transparency and get feedback from all RDLA members a survey has been developed and will be shared with all members through the mailing list on 25/01
- This could also give insights on whether partners would like the RDLA to continue its work in 2021
- RDLA members will have up to 2 weeks to respond to the survey

Potential Key Messages

- Importance of having L/NNGOs engaged from the start for surveillance and community awareness activities
- INGO technical backstopping important to strengthen capacity of local actors
- Important to continue highlighting the compounding crisis, especially now that the focus is on the IPC forecasts across the region (esp. Yemen, Ethiopia, SSD), La Niña, COVID-19 impact..etc
- Include success stories to highlight impact of assistance in relation to the desert locust crisis

