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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACF	Action Against Hunger/Action Contre la Faim
ACTESA	Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa
ADMARC	Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation, Malawi
ANTM	Assistant National Technical Manager
CFSVA	Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis
CGIS	Centre for GIS of the National University of Rwanda
CHB	Cadre Harmonisé Bonifié
CILSS	Comité Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel
CNSA	Coordination nationale de la sécurité alimentaire de Haiti
CSA	Food Security Commission (Mauritania)
DCHA	Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
DFID-UK	Department for International Development-United Kingdom
DISK	Data and Information Sub-committee of the Kenya Food Security Steering Group
DRRU	Disaster Reduction Unit
DSG	Decision Support Group
EfD	Evidence for Development
EFSA	Emergency Food Security Assessment
EGTE	Ethiopian Grain Trade Enterprise
EU	European Union
FACT	Field Accounting and Compliance Team of Chemonics
FAMIS	Farmers and Agriculture Market Information System
FANR	Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Directorate
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FEWS NET	Famine Early Warning Systems Network
FFP	Food for Peace
FSIN	Food Security Information Network
FSNAU	Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit – Somalia
FSNWG	Food Security and Nutrition Working Group, East Africa region
FSTS	Food Security Technical Secretariat
GTPA	Grain Traders and Producers Association, Malawi
HDDS	Household Dietary Diversity Score
HO	Home Office (Washington-based FEWS NET Chemonics team)
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
INGC	National Disasters Management Institute, Mozambique
IPC	Integrated Phase Classification
IQC	Indefinite Quantity Contract
IR	Intermediate Result
KFSSG	Kenya Food Security Steering Group
KFSTWG	Kenya Food Security Technical Working Group
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetative Index
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTM	National Technical Manager
NVAC	National Vulnerability Assessment Committee
OSC	Overseas Strategic Consulting, Ltd.

LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

PMU	Project Management Unit of Chemonics
RIACSO	Regional Interagency Coordination and Support Group
RF	Results Framework
RFE	Rainfall Estimation
RFSS	Regional Food Security Specialist
RFSS - MT	Regional Food Security Specialist for Markets and Trade
RTM	Regional Technical Manager
RVAA	Regional Vulnerability, Assessment and Analysis Program
RVAC	Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SETSAN	Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, Mozambique
SIMA	System for Agricultural Market Information
SIFSIA	Sudan Institutional Capacity Programme: Food Security Information for Action
SNNPR	Southern Nations Nationalities and People's Region, Ethiopia
SO	Strategic Objective
SOAG	Strategic Objective Grant Agreement
SOS	Start-of-Season
STTA	Short-term Technical Assistant (consultant)
SWALIM	Somalia Water and Land Information Management
UN	United Nations
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VAC	Vulnerability Assessment Committee
WFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WRSI	Water Requirements Satisfaction Index

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION TO FEWS NET

A. Background

The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) is the world's premier provider of high quality food security analysis and early warning. Created in response to the 1984 famines in East and West Africa, FEWS NET comprises a 27-year old set of integrated activities that monitors, assesses, predicts, and informs about environmental, socio-economic and humanitarian hazards and conditions, and their present or future impacts on food security and vulnerability across the globe. The goal of FEWS NET is to help sustainably prevent food insecurity and famine.

In December 2011, USAID awarded the FEWS NET IQC to Chemonics International Inc. and its subcontracting partners: Evidence for Development (Efd), Action Against Hunger-UK (ACF), and Overseas Strategic Consulting, Inc. (OSC). FEWS NET is coordinated by USAID's Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food for Peace, Policy and Technical Division (DCHA/FFP/PTD). The FEWS NET Implementing Team is comprised of the USAID Management Unit, the IQC Contractor, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and a Technology Support Contractor—Kimetrica Inc.

B. Results Framework

The FEWS NET Results Framework (RF) is a planning, communications, and management tool (Figure 1). It conveys the development hypothesis implicit in project goal and objectives, as well as the cause-effect relationships between Intermediate Results (IR) and Strategy Objectives (SO). Hence the RF provides a foundation for work-planning and performance monitoring.

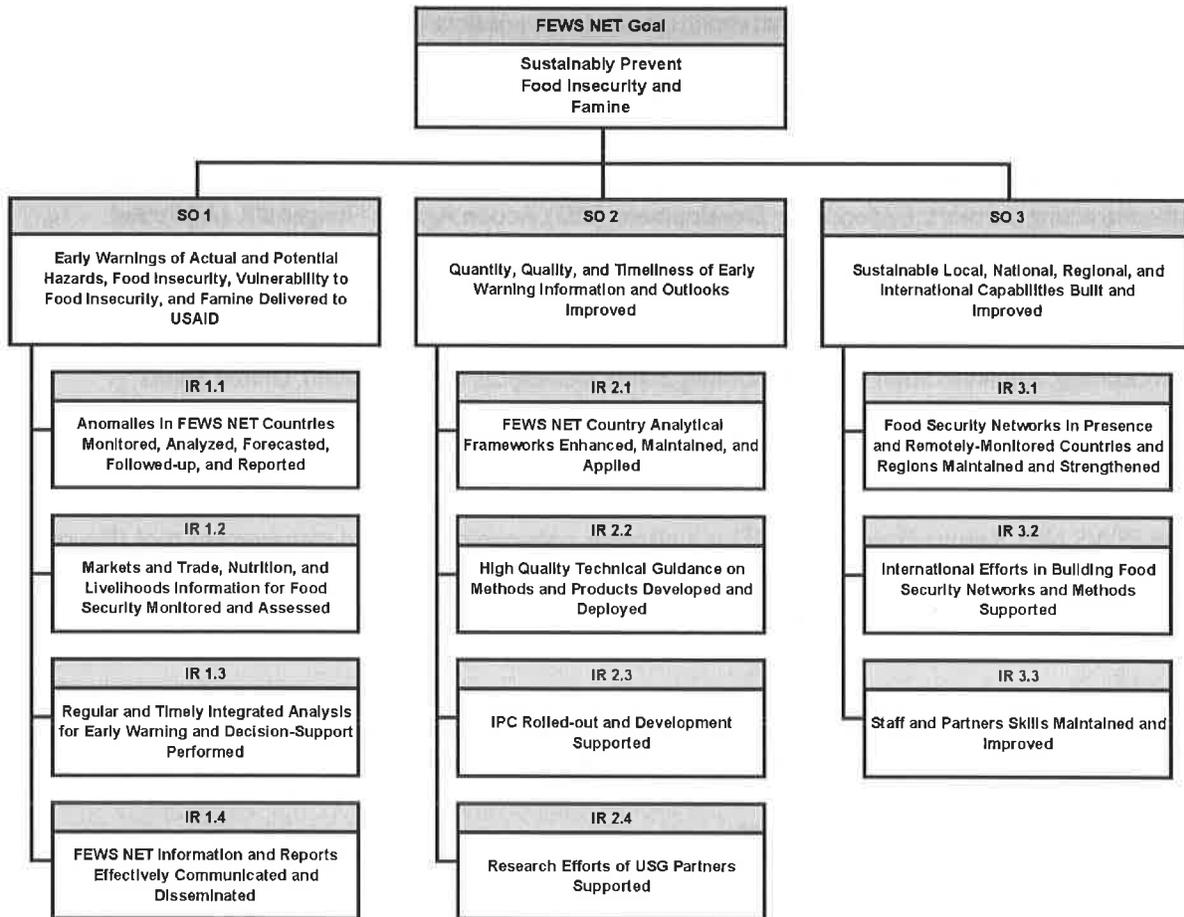
FEWS NET will work towards its goal of sustainably preventing food insecurity and famine through the three project strategic objectives of providing early warning, improving the quantity, quality and timeliness of early warning, and building capacity of partners in food security assessment, monitoring, and analysis. The three SOs represent the main concepts of what we do, how we will do it better, and how we will help our partners to do it better.

Under SO 1, FEWS NET will carry out its core activities of early warning. The four IRs represent 1) identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes; 2) monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context; 3) performing food security analysis and outlook using scenario development, IPC and other relevant methods; and 4) effectively communicating early warning information to decision-makers and partners via the FEWS NET website, publications, briefings, and other means of information dissemination.

Under SO 2, FEWS NET works to improve its methods and products. The project will maintain and update the national knowledge bases and monitoring plans (IR 2.1) and improve and refine the various tools and methods that are essential to food security analysis (IR 2.2). FEWS NET supports the continuing development of the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) and IR 2.3 covers activities that we will undertake to roll-out and support the use of IPC in FEWS NET. The Chemonics team will also work with other implementation partners to support the overall goal of FEWS NET in areas such as climate change, remote sensing applications, etc.

SO 3 represents the networking, capacity development and institutional strengthening components of FEWS NET. In addition to working with national, regional, and global food security networks on monitoring and early warning (IR 3.1), FEWS NET will also participate in global efforts in developing methods and systems such as the IPC and the FSIN (IR 3.2). Recognizing that the strength of FEWS NET is in its cadre of field-based analysts and technicians, we also plan to devote considerable efforts to support, maintain, and improve staff skill (IR 3.3).

Figure 1. FEWS NET Results Framework



SECTION II

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

C. Developing the Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Performance Report process began with each FEWS NET office compiling a list of key activities that were started or completed during the reporting period. For each activity reported, the technical managers and advisor also provided, where appropriate, a brief description of the results and impact of the activity. The quarterly inputs from country offices were then reviewed by the regional managers. This review served two purposes: it allows the regional technical managers to be informed of key activities in the region and it allows the regional managers to discuss the progress to date with national managers and identify if corrective actions or change in implementation approach may be required. After this review process, the national and regional inputs were forwarded to the Washington-based office for review and compilation. Inputs from Washington-based advisors and managers are incorporated into the final report.

D. Management

The second quarter of FEWS NET III continued to present many technical and operational challenges for the project. The Project Management Unit (PMU) in collaboration with the Home Office (HO) Technical Team and the newly constituted regional offices resolved a variety of startup issues during this period. We developed work plans and engaged in budgeting; successfully concluded an Outlook month in April; opened new offices and pursued new MOUs in the Republic of South Sudan, Rwanda, Mozambique, Afghanistan and Haiti; continued processes of registering Chemonics in a number of countries; and have recruited and hired for many positions for the HO, regional and country offices.

The HO Technical Team moved offices to 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue in early May. This is an improvement over the previous offices in terms of space, privacy and the resulting staff productivity.

During the first week of May 2012, FAO sent a team of trainers from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Global Support Unit to provide the HO Technical Team with IPC 2.0 Level I training. The HO Technical Team was joined by Laouali Ibrahim, Salif Sow and Karim Abdou from West Africa and Lorena Aguilar, Gilda Walter, Sarahi Morales and Joseph Alix from Latin America and the Caribbean for this training. FEWS NET has been a key contributor to the development of IPC 2.0 and the project is currently supporting the GSU in piloting IPC 2.0 across all regions.

E. Personnel

The project continued to place a priority on hiring new staff for numerous field office and home office professional positions. In addition, there were regional office promotions that included:

Nigist Biru: Regional Technical Manager, East Africa (previously Regional Technical Advisor and Ethiopia FNR) based in Kampala, Uganda.

Nancy Mutunga: Regional Food Security Specialist, East Africa (previously Kenya FNR) based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Laouali Ibrahim: Regional Technical Manager, West Africa (previously Regional Markets and Trade Advisor, West Africa) based in Niamey, Niger.

Salif Sow has been seconded to CILSS in West Africa as Technical Advisor to support the development of methods (previously RFNR, West Africa) based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

New Staff Hiring during this period included:

East Africa

Jean Dudson Ariscat: Assistant National Technical Manager, Haiti. Jean has a BS degree in Agronomy and an MS in Agricultural Economy. He studied at the Instituto Superior de Agricultura, Universidad ISA at Santiago, Dominican Republic. He comes to FEWS NET from World Vision where he worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer in the Livelihood and Economic Recovery Sector. He speaks Creole, French, Spanish and English.

Thomas Maurice Awuor: Regional Food Security Specialist-Markets and Trade, East Africa. Tom joined the EA regional office in June 2012. Tom is an accomplished food security expert with extensive knowledge in monitoring and analyzing the impacts of food trade and policies on food security in East and Southern Africa. He has valuable, relevant experience working with various agencies including donors, international and local NGOs, the private sector, government and also FEWS NET in the past. Tom has an MS in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University and a BS in Agricultural Economics from Egerton University in Kenya. Tom has worked for FEWS NET in the past as the Regional Trade Development Analyst between 2003 and 2005 and as a Regional Trade Development Consultant between 2006 and 2007 during which he conducted a detailed study of cross-border trade of food crops and livestock in the Greater Horn of Africa.

Jean Claude Bucumi: Technical Assistant, Rwanda. Jean Claude is one of two Technical Assistants for FEWS NET Rwanda. He spent two years at the Rwandan Ministry of Infrastructure where he used meteorological data to advise local farmers on effective farming practices and provided early warning for drought. Jean Claude received his BS in Agricultural Engineering from the Higher Institute of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry in Rwanda. He is fluent in Kinyarwanda, French, English, and conversational in Swahili.

Chan Chuol Lam: Assistant National Technical Manager, South Sudan. Chan graduated with an MS in Agricultural Meteorology from the University of Nairobi, Kenya and a BS in Agriculture at Alemaya University, Ethiopia. His experience has mainly focused on food security and climate change related activities. He worked for the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) as National Food Security Advisor and was seconded to Food Security technical Secretariat (FSTS) to build the capacity of governments officials (national and states) at the secretariat. Before he joined DRC/FSTS, Chan worked for the Sudan Institutional Capacity Building Program: Food Security Information for Action (SIFSIA) as National Agrometeorologist.

Baidane Miyir: National Technical Manager, Djibouti. Baidane has significant experience working in food security evaluation programs for the World Food Programme in Djibouti. As Senior Program Assistant, she was responsible for training staff in project monitoring and evaluation method as well as defining performance indicators and developing annual work plans. She received an MS in International Economics and Management from the University of Lille, France. Baidane is fluent in French and English and conversational in Arabic.

Samuel Mugarura: National Technical Manager, Uganda. Samuel joins the FEWS NET team after working as a Technical Analyst/Manager for the Uganda Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (SAKSS) with Plan for Modernization of Agriculture Secretariat and IFPRI. Prior to that assignment, Samuel served as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with Save the Children on the Enhancing Food Security through

Poverty Alleviation (EFSPA) program funded by USAID. Samuel has more than sixteen years experience conducting research for policy making, agriculture and rural development policy and program analysis, designing, monitoring and evaluation in Uganda and has a proven track record working successfully with an extensive collection of complex spatial (Geographic Information Systems) data sets. Samuel holds two Masters degrees; the first in Geo-information Science and Earth Observation from the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation in the Netherlands, and the second in Range Management from the University of Nairobi. Samuel is fluent in Runyankole and proficient in English and Luganda.

Nadia Musaninkindi: Technical Assistant, Rwanda. Nadia is one of two Technical Assistants for FEWS NET Rwanda. She has over four years of experience in governmental and non-governmental projects in food security and crop production analysis. She received a BS in Soil and Environmental Management from the National University of Rwanda and has completed graduate coursework in Integrated Soil Fertility Management from Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. She is fluent in French and Kinyarwanda and conversational in English.

Fozia Nouh: Office Manager/Accountant, Djibouti. Prior to FEWS NET, Fozia worked as an accountant for over three years at AQ Times & Co. Ltd. in London, where she was responsible for the day-to-day accounting of over 100 small and medium sized UK-based companies. Fozia received her BS in Economics from the International Islamic University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She is fluent in English and French and proficient in Arabic.

Richard Omwega: Regional Field Accountant, East Africa. Richard is a certified public accountant with more than thirteen years of experience providing financial and grants management services in a number of professional settings in Kenya. He previously worked as a finance officer at Family Health International and as a finance controller for Save the Children in Kenya. Richard has an MBA from Kenyatta University and is trained in USAID rules and regulations. Richard is also a member of the Institute of Public Accountants of Kenya.

John Yuni Vuga: National Technical Manager, South Sudan. John comes to FEWS NET from his most recent position as the Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping Officer with the UN World Food Programme where he was involved in conducting food security analysis and assessments, and contributed to early warning reporting. John is very knowledgeable about the FEWS NET program and brings with him a great understanding of the players involved in food security monitoring in Juba and the greater East Africa region. John has a BS in crop science and is currently working on an MS in crop physiology.

West Africa

Henry Akwitti: Assistant National Technical Manager, Nigeria. Henry comes from Save the Children, bringing more than 11 years of experience in nutrition programming, monitoring & evaluation, and data management to FEWS NET Nigeria. At Save the Children, Henry implemented a food security and livelihoods program, using Household Economic Analysis and Cost of Diet surveys to assess vulnerable populations. Prior to Save the Children, Henry worked with Harvard University's School of Public Health, providing verification and quality assurance for programs with the Maiduguri teaching hospital. Henry's educational background is in computer science and he brings extensive quantitative analysis experience to the project.

Simplice Dingamro: Assistant National Technical Manager, Chad. Simplice brings more than eight years of food security experience in Chad to the project, most recently coordinating and managing Islamic Relief's nutrition program in the Sahelian region of Chad. Previously, Simplice worked in nutrition and food security monitoring in Chad with other international organizations and FEWS NET partners, including

Première Urgence and Action Contre la Faim (ACF). He has an educational background in natural resource management.

Blaise Kiénou: Assistant National Technical Manager, Burkina Faso. Blaise is a food security analyst specializing in gender and nutrition issues. He is a rural development engineer by training, holding an MS in Science and Technical Development from the Institute of Rural Development, Polytechnic University of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. Blaise worked previously for ACF as well as Oxfam International and as a food security and nutrition officer for the government of Burkina Faso. Blaise speaks French, English, Dioula, and Bwamu.

Adama Thera: National Technical Manager, Mali. Adama joins the FEWS NET team with more than thirteen years of experience at the Système d'Alerte Précoce (SAP, National Early Warning System) where he directed the production of technical reports on food security and liaised with regional and national partners. During his career at SAP, Adama provided technical expertise in household livelihoods and economic assessment to numerous international institutions, including Oxfam GB and Save the Children UK. The combination of a strong management background and both quantitative and qualitative analytical experience with early warning systems in Mali allowed Adama to startup quickly in this troubled nation. Adama holds a BS in Animal Science and speaks French, Bambara, English and German.

Southern Africa

Juliet Garande: Regional Field Accountant, Southern Africa. For the past two years, Juliet has worked as the Financial Officer of the PEPFAR-funded ITECH project in South Africa. Juliet has a BS in Financial Management from the University of UNISA and over 20 years of experience developing, managing, and monitoring financial and compliance systems.

Godfrey Kafera: National Technical Manager, Zimbabwe. Godfrey holds a BA from the University of Zimbabwe and an MS in Development Studies from the University of Leeds. He joins FEWS NET after nearly four years with the UN World Food Programme and has been working on food security and health issues since 1999.

Patricia Rwasoka-Masanganise: Regional Food Security Specialist, Southern Africa. Patricia has over 20 years of experience in food security and agricultural and livelihood development in sub-Saharan Africa. Most recently, Patricia managed USAID's Feed the Future Initiative projects focusing on food and nutrition security for ECI Africa/DAI. She holds an MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of London.

Daison Ngirazi: Assistant National Technical Manager, Zimbabwe. Daison holds a post-graduate diploma in Project Planning and Management and is completing his MS in Public Policy Management at Africa University. He comes to FEWS NET from Save the Children where he worked for over eight years, most recently as a Food Security and Livelihood Consultant.

Zacarias Zandamela: Office Manager/Accountant, Mozambique. Zacarias holds a BS in Financial Management and is writing his dissertation to receive his MBA from the Management College of Southern Africa. He comes to FEWS NET with three years' experience with DFID and four additional years' experience managing finances for NGOs in Mozambique, including Save the Children and South South North.

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Marie Dermont: Regional Technical and Logistical Assistant, LAC. Marie studied political sciences with a focus on local administration in Europe. Since 2006 she has worked in different development and humanitarian aid programs and projects such as Aviation Without Borders, UNDP, the French Embassy and Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Guatemala. She coordinated a COOPI food security project and has attended several food security trainings.

Gabriela Rosas: Assistant National Technical Manager, Guatemala. Gabriela studied nutrition, administration, food security, and GIS systems at the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Her top interests include disaster and risk management and early warning systems.

Home Office

Sonja Perakis: Markets and Trade Advisor. Sonja joined the Markets and Trade group at FEWS NET in May 2012 from Michigan State University's West Africa Food Security Group where she was a graduate student and research assistant. Sonja holds an MS in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University.

Doussou Traore: Market Analyst. Doussou holds an MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln specializing in Agriculture and Food Industrial Organization. Over the last four years, Doussou worked as a consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the Trade and Markets and the Statistics Divisions in Rome. At FAO, she was involved in commodity value chain analysis and market forecast, food security analysis, and agricultural and food price statistics.

F. Registration

The PMUs have continued to pursue registration in FEWS NET countries and were successful during this reporting period as indicated by the chart below. This is an involved process in most countries and it often has tax implications. USAID collaborated with the PMU IQC and West PMU to adjust the salaries of long time Chemonics employees in West Africa countries whose salaries were significantly impacted by registration and the resulting tax implications. This was welcome relief for the effected employees.

Table I. Registration Status

Country	Registration Status	Type of Registration
Afghanistan	Registered-renewed April 2012	Registered as a company with the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA)
Burkina Faso	Registration Pending	Intend to register as a project with the Ministry of Agriculture for the duration of the project. Registration is moving forward.
Chad	Registration Pending	First group of registration documents submitted in June; the second group should be submitted by the end of July, pending translation of the NTM's DOA and lawyer's final review of the policy manual.
Djibouti	Registered	Registration completed (not required under bilateral agreement between USG and Djibouti)
Ethiopia	Registered	Registration was through Uganda MEA project, that project is closing September 2012, so PMU currently looking at transferring registration to FEWS NET.
Guatemala	Registered	Registered as a branch office of Chemonics International Inc.
Haiti	Registered	Registered as a foundation
Kenya	Registered	Registered with the Kenyan government under the umbrella of Chemonics Kenya Limited; registered as a company Limited by shares.
Malawi	Registration Pending	Eric Howell has approved registration memo, currently reviewing LLC requirements in Malawi.

Country	Registration Status	Type of Registration
Mali	Registration Pending	Registration still up-in-the-air based on instability in Mali/questions regarding USG relations with Mali.
Mauritania	Registration Pending	Registration memo approved on 05/31, currently waiting for FFP office to draft diplomatic note of introduction.
Mozambique	Registration Pending	All registration documentation submitted, waiting for "Declaration of Commencement of Activities" which finalizes registration.
Niger	Registration Pending	Project lawyer and Contracts looking at recommended registration options.
Nigeria	Registered	Registered as a commercial entity.
Rwanda	Registered	Registered as a project
South Africa	Registered	Registered as a branch of a foreign company
South Sudan	Registered	Registered as FEWS NET Southern Sudan NGO through September of 2012. Will need to extend in September.
Sudan	Registration Pending	NTM working on 5-year extension of Implementation Protocol with MIC and other related ministries.
Uganda	Registered	Registration completed. Registered as Chemonics International Inc., as a foreign incorporated company.
Zambia	Registered	Registered as a branch of a foreign company
Zimbabwe	Not registered	Registered with the tax authorities (ZRA) only

G. Field Office Policy Manual

A startup task that has required a considerable amount of PMU time and resources has been the development of the country specific policy manual for each FEWS NET country that has an office presence. The policy manual is based on Chemonics worldwide standards and in addition, it includes information on specific labor laws for each country. The policy manual ensures maximum transparency in terms of what is required of a Chemonics employee in a field office and what that employee can expect from Chemonics that respects local labor laws. As of this reporting period, we have completed about half of the 21 country-specific policy manuals. The rest are being reviewed by local labor lawyers or the PMU for finalization.

H. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 339 reports and briefs on its public website, 72 of which are foreign language products. Table 2 shows the detail of these decision-support products.

Table 2. Summary of FEWS NET Decision-Support Products from April through June 2012

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	6	11 (5)	5	4 (2)	1		27 (7)
Food Security Outlook Update	10 (2)	19 (5)	9 (2)	6 (3)	2		46 (12)
RMWeb Report	6	9	-	9	6		30
Food Security Alert	4	5 (2)	-	-	-	-	9 (2)
FAOB						3	3
FS Outlook Poster						1	1
Special Report	2	5 (2)	-	-	-	-	7 (2)
Price Watch/Annex						3	3
Price Bulletin	42 (12)	42 (20)	17	34 (17)	6		141 (49)

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	1	-	-		1
Weather Hazard Report		13		26	13		52
Darfur Rain Timeline	6						6
Rain Watch	13						13

I. SO I—Early Warning of Actual and Potential Hazards and Food Insecurity

IR 1.1 Anomalies in FEWS NET Countries Monitored, Analyzed, Forecasted, Followed-up, and Reported

Activities under this IR generally concern seasonal monitoring and assessments. During this reporting period, the home office team through the Decision-Support Group (DSG) supported monitoring and analysis efforts by providing substantial technical support to field staff in:

- performing HEA Outcome analysis for three livelihood zones in southern Malawi;
- the development of Kimetrica data collection tools for the Blue Nile refugee survey;
- the preparation of a special report on Mogadishu food security; and
- responding to the USAID Tajikistan Mission's request to review recent Save the Children's and Mercy Corps's Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) and food security survey results.

The markets and trade consultant led a series of markets assessment for the western and central basins in West Africa to provide additional input for monitoring of the food security crisis. The remote monitoring team carried out field visits to Senegal and Yemen to obtain first-hand update of the current situation.

In Eastern and Southern Africa, field teams carried out numerous independent and joint assessments to monitor the current season, including field missions in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Other activities carried out in the context of this IR include regular analysis of remote sensing products such as RFE, eMODIS NDVI, and WRSI, participation in climate outlook forums, and sharing of data and analyses with partners. Table 3 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.1 during this reporting period.

Table 3. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.1

Office	Activity
Home Office	Supported monitoring and analysis efforts by providing substantial technical support to field Offices
Home Office	West Africa Western and Central Basin Market Assessment
Home Office	Senegal visit including field visit with WFP and USAID/Dakar
Home Office	Yemen DSG trip
West Africa	Annual West Africa 2012 seasonal forecast
Burkina Faso	15th forum of seasonal forecasts in West Africa, Chad and Cameroon
Burkina Faso	Sharing with national partners involve in seasonal monitoring FEWS NET remote sensing products (NDVI, RFE, SOS, WRSI)
Mauritania	Share with partners climate expectations and probable impacts on agriculture, pastoral and ecological production systems
Mauritania	Synthesis of annual gross traditional grain productions and rice from 2002 to 2011

Office	Activity
Niger	Preparatory Meeting of the agropastoral season 2011/2012
Remote Monitoring	Monitoring the start of season in Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone remotely
Chad	A trip to Kanem and Bahr El Gazel to assess the food Security situation and gather nutritional data
Chad	Follow up trip in the Guera zone (Mongo and Mangalme) to assess the evolution of anomalies in North Mangalme area
Ethiopia	Rapid food security monitoring trip to Afar region
Ethiopia	Joint rapid assessment with WFP to monitor the Belg seasonal progress in chronically food insecure zones in the eastern areas
Ethiopia	Participated as a core Task Force member in the updating of the national hotspot woreda master list
Kenya	Assessments methodology review workshop
Kenya	Long rains 2012 mid-season food security assessments
Rwanda	Crop assessment
Rwanda	Monitoring remote sensing products
Rwanda	Pre-harvest assessment
Sudan	Attended the presentation of Sudan Meteorological Authorities (SMA) of 2012/13 season's rainfall forecast
Somalia	Mogadishu urban and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) food security assessment and monitoring trend analysis with FSNAU, WFP, ACF, and Concern
Somalia	Rainfall performances monitoring
Somalia	Gedo agropastoral crop establishment monitoring
Somalia	Gu Rainfall impact assessment with FSNAU
South Sudan	Compiled food security reports from humanitarian agencies/UN reports
South Sudan	Supported Food Security Assessment in Renk by preparing data collection tools
Uganda	Monitoring agroclimatic conditions mainly in northern Uganda
Uganda	Monitoring remote sensing products
Southern Africa	Monitored seasonal performance using remote sensing products
Malawi	Joint post-harvest food security assessment with Malawi VAC completed in June estimating that 1.63 million people will face food shortages by August 2012
Malawi	Independently estimated at least 1 million people to face food crisis and requiring humanitarian assistance by July 2012
Mozambique	Rapid food security assessment following mid season dryness in January and February
Mozambique	Monitoring the remote sending products
Mozambique	Another round of rapid qualitative food security assessments covering areas of concern in the central regions
Zambia	Crop and seasonal monitoring using remote sensing products
Zambia	Seasonal annual in-depth vulnerability assessment with the VAC
Zimbabwe	Conduct Field Missions
LAC	Field visit in Haiti to monitor markets and observe food security situation
LAC	Provide support to Haiti and all Central America countries in the monitoring of Remote Sensing products
LAC	Visit to El Salvador to assess the food security situation of the country
LAC	Coordinated the creation of, and shared a format for field visits for all LAC countries to improve monitoring of anomalies
LAC	Travel to Managua to assess the food situation of the country
Guatemala	Field assessment to areas shown by the Water Requirement Satisfaction Index as affected by rainfall deficit
Haiti	Monitored of rainfall data collected in the observatories
Haiti	Monitored food accessibility and availability through meeting with CNSA Liaison Agents
Haiti	Regular review of satellite imageries provided by NOAA
Afghanistan	Pre-crop Assessment
Afghanistan	Seasonal progress monitoring via remote sensing products and field monitors reports

IR 1.2 Markets and Trade, Nutrition, and Livelihoods Information for Food Security Monitored and Assessed

While IR 1.1 is designed to focus attention on monitoring anomalies, IR 1.2 is designed to provide sectoral context in markets and trade, health and nutrition and livelihoods. During this quarter, the HO team worked with ACF partners to design a rapid nutritional survey for Yida Camp in South Sudan; the survey was completed successful in the following quarter. All FEWS NET offices continued price data collection and monitoring activities. The former Markets and Trade Advisor led a series of markets assessments for the Central and Western Basins of West Africa to provide updated context to analyze the current food security crisis.

The regional office for Eastern Africa, in collaboration with WFP, continues to improve the cross-border monitoring system and began to produce regular cross-border trade bulletins. In Sudan, FEWS NET coordinate with GOS and partners to support the continuity of Farmers and Agriculture Market Information System (FAMIS), developed by the EU funded ex-SIFSIA project in Sudan. The process involves hiring market enumerators, data checkers, and field enumerator's coordinator as FEWS NET staff.

Table 4 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.2 during this reporting period.

Table 4. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.2

Office	Activity
All Offices	Monthly price monitoring and updating price data file
Home Office	Worked with ACF Sudan to design a nutrition survey for Yida Camp, South Sudan
Home Office	Developed price assumptions for multiple HEA scenarios in southern Malawi
Home Office	Three (3) Price Watches and Price Watch Annex published
West Africa	Central Basin market assessment and study
West Africa	Market visit on the market at the bank of the Niger river
Burkina Faso	Markets assessment in central basin with, FAO/WFP/ACF/Government
Burkina Faso	Monitoring household food security and nutrition situation in Sahel and Northern-Center regions
Mauritania	A joint bulletin with CSA, WFP, and ACF on markets prices
Mauritania	Added Nouadhibou and Zouerat to the FEWS NET price monitoring system while dropping two locations that are now monitored by WFP
Mauritania	Support to OXFAM on price data collect and analysis in rural markets
Niger	Meeting market analysis with the SIMA (System for Agricultural Market Information)
Niger	National Forum on the fight against high prices organized by the Ministry of Commerce
Niger	Supervision of enumerators for nutrition survey
Niger	Training of enumerators for nutrition survey
Nigeria	Trade, market and season monitoring in southern Nigeria and in the north
Nigeria	Discussion on-going with Action against hunger (ACF) to embark on assessment of nutrition vulnerable areas.
Remote Monitoring	Drafting desk revue for Guinea Conakry
Remote Monitoring	Drafting market description for Liberia
Remote Monitoring	Meeting with local partners in Kaolack and Kaffrine departments and focus group in two villages
Remote Monitoring	Meeting/discussion with partners in Dakar about ongoing food security in Senegal and outlook
Remote Monitoring	Selecting markets and major commodities for price bulletin in Liberia
Chad	Regular monitoring and assessment of food and livestock prices, and livelihoods indicators through FEWS NET enumerators in the field
Eastern Africa	Re-constituted cross-border price monitoring system
Eastern Africa	Revised commodity trade map for Rwanda, in collaboration with key partners - WFP, FAO, NGOs and Government
Eastern Africa	Revised livelihood zone map for Rwanda, in collaboration with key partners - WFP, FAO, NGOs and Government
Eastern Africa	Recruited and trained new cross-border monitor for the South Sudan-Uganda border

Office	Activity
Ethiopia	Liaise with WFP, EGTE, and SCF/UK to get price and market related information
Ethiopia	Participated in the Agricultural Task Force (ATF) and Multi Agency Nutrition Task Force (MANTF) meetings and exchanged information on health and nutrition as well as livelihood information
Kenya	Preparation for the production of a monthly cross border trade report for Kenya, in collaboration with WFP
Sudan	Developed SOW to conduct assessment to analyze the impact of ongoing conflict on livelihoods of people along the border with South Sudan, with more emphasis on trade reduction between Sudan and South Sudan
Sudan	Attended all national monthly food security and livelihood (FSL) coordination meetings
Sudan	Attended most of bi-weekly national nutrition coordination meetings
Sudan	Support the continuity of FAMIS
Sudan	Developed SOW to conduct light HEA baseline profiles in Sudan
Somalia	Support cash working group
Somalia	Weekly cross border trade monitoring
South Sudan	Updating market/cross border trade data
South Sudan	Attended agriculture, fishery, livestock sub-sectors and food security cluster meetings
Uganda	Hiring a cross-border monitor at South Sudan/Uganda border
Southern Africa	Prices of major staple food commodities, especially maize, monitored and regional monthly price watch and bulletins produced.
Southern Africa	Engaged the Lesotho WFP office in an effort to access historical price data as part of readiness for RM
Southern Africa	Informal cross border trade monitored and analyzed in the region
Southern Africa	Supported Mozambique office in drafting the scope of work for the workshop held in support of the vulnerability analysis committee (GAV) to determine the method and approach to be used for the 2012 assessments
Mozambique	Supervision of the monitoring of cross border informal trade between Mozambique and Zimbabwe in two border points
Zambia	Sharing of updated prices with partners such as WFP
Zambia	Through the VAC assessment and analysis, provided situation in health and nutrition in assessed areas
LAC	Provide feedback for the Regional WRSI report drafted by the USGS representative
Guatemala	Initial presentation to partners for the implementation of both a wage monitoring system and the cross-border trade study
Haiti	Poor household income and expenses collected in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince
Afghanistan	FAO-led wheat market dynamic assessment

IR 1.3 Regular and Timely Integrated Analysis for Early Warning and Decision-Support Performed

IR 1.3 is where food security analysis and early warning happens. With anomalies assessed under IR 1.1 and the sectoral context of IR 1.2, this intermediate result is the outcome of integrated analysis.

In April and June, FEWS NET HO and West Africa staff participated in regional food security analytic workshops to provide updates for the food crisis in West Africa. Although difference in analytic methods continues to hamper comparison of the results from these analyses with that of FEWS NET Outlooks, the workshops contributed to understanding the differences between the methods and laid the ground work for resolving these differences. These activities also contributed to IR 3.1 to support network partners.

In all regions, FEWS NET staff produced food security outlook reports in April and prepared regular food security outlook updates and other analytic products, including monthly input to the Washington food assistance outlook briefing. In light of emerging food security problems in southern Malawi, the HO and Malawi field office undertook a special HEA analysis to gain an initial estimate of the severity and scope of the food crisis. This results in a special scenario development and outlook that covers nine months through December 2012. Additionally during this period, FEWS NET published eight alerts and special report:

- April 6 Alert: East Africa: Poor forecast suggests higher food insecurity
- April 12 Alert: Ethiopia (internal): Belg failure and poor root-crop performance in SNNPR
- May 10 Alert: Mali: Northern Mali: conflict worsens food security
- May 22 Alert: West Africa: Price increases compound Sahel food crisis
- May 3 Alert: Kenya Alert: delay of the long rains and impacts in the Southeast
- June 14 Alert: East Africa food security alert: March-May rains generally poor
- June 18: Alert Somalia: A below-average Gu crop harvest is likely.
- June 26 Alert: West Africa: Locust activity in the Sahel
- April 3 Special Report: East Africa: Poor main season rainfall likely

Table 5 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.3 during this reporting period.

Table 5. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.3

Office	Activity
All Offices	Food security outlook and updates
Home Office	Support HEA Outcome Analysis for Malawi
West Africa	Market behavior assumptions formulation
Mali	Mission of follow-up of the food safety indicators in the livelihood N° 4, 6 and 8
Mauritania	Sharing of analyses with partners during the meetings, forums and food security monitoring committees in the country
Remote Monitoring	Level of food insecurity in Senegal well documented after joint field visits with WFP
Eastern Africa	Completed the dekadal Rain Watch for East Africa
Eastern Africa	Finalized the East Africa regional Alert
Ethiopia	Results from the multi-agency seasonal assessment compiled and the initial figures shared with USAID to help the mission coordinate with other donors for the upcoming humanitarian requirement document
Ethiopia	The national weather outlook for the June to September Kirmet season was analyzed and share with the mission
Sudan	Published Sudan Alert
Somalia	Contribute to Food security Nutrition Brief (FSNB) of FSNAU
All Offices	Provided input for the FAOB
Southern Africa	Regional food security analysis performed and updates produced
Southern Africa	Reviewed country justification tables in preparation for Outlook report
Malawi	HEA Outcome analysis performed
Mozambique	Special Food Security Outlook covering April through December 2012
Guatemala	Provide feedback and input for a regional crop report, drafted by USGS scientist

IR 1.4 FEWS NET Information and Reports Effectively Communicated and Disseminated

During the reporting period, FEWS NET national and regional technical managers provided briefings to USAID missions, US embassies, UN clusters and partners to keep them up-to-date on FEWS NET food security outlook analyses.

During this period, FEWS NET conducted user's survey and targeted interviews to obtain feedback on the use and usefulness of FEWS NET publications and products, the results from this activity informed an ongoing effort to streamline and improve FEWS NET products. The strategic communications specialist also supported FEWS NET in addressing communications problems in West Africa and developed training for constructing key messages. The information technology team also solicited input on the re-

design of the fews.net website, developed a work plan for updating the website, and prepared a request for proposal to carry out the re-design.

During this period, the home office team provided the following briefings in Washington to support decision-making:

- Three FAOB briefings and three FAOB products (Apr, May, Jun) were delivered
- May 17: Briefing on Somalia for Georgetown event “Washington Symposium on Somalia”
- May 24: West Africa Outlook briefing for Dina Esposito, Director of the Office of Food for Peace
- May 24: Public West Africa Outlook Briefing (McFadden)
- May 24: Public Briefing on Somalia (McFadden)
- May 29: Horn of Africa Food Security Outlook Briefing May 30, InterAction
- May 30: Sudan/South Sudan Food Security Outlook Briefing May 30, InterAction
- May 31: Global food security briefing for NSC staff

Details of other activities undertaken in the context of IR 1.4 are shown in Table 6.

Table 6. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.4

Office	Activity
Home Office	Provided regular briefings to USAID/Washington
Home Office	Three Price Watches and Price Watch Annex disseminated
Home Office	Conducted desk review of FEWS NET written products and collaborated with DSG to develop training for field staff on strategic communications and new reporting formats
Home Office	Conducted key message training to improve the quality and clarity of FEWS NET reports
Home Office	Developed preliminary communications strategy summarizing goals and activities
Home Office	Developed user survey methodology, conducted 25 key informant interviews and prepared web survey for 4,000 global users
Home Office	Drafted and received approval for FEWS NET brochure in English, French and Spanish
Home Office	Initiated development of FEWS NET social media policy and practice guidelines
Home Office	Provided ongoing counsel on challenging issues, including communications in the Sahel
Home Office	Solicited and compiled website feedback from HO, FO, key visitors, and Web Committee
Home Office	Developed timeline for website redesign and communicated it to HO Tech Team and leadership
Home Office	Composed website redesign Work Plan including challenges, outputs, inputs, and strategy
Home Office	Composed RFP to solicit bidders for website redesign
Field Offices	Provided regular briefings to USAID missions, U.S. Embassies, and partners
Field Offices	Shared FEWS NET reports with all partners
Field Offices	Responded to all request from FFP/USAID relatively to food security information
Remote Monitoring	Briefing FFP Dakar on food insecurity in Senegal
Remote Monitoring	Delivering monthly report for Senegal, Liberia and Sierra Leone
Eastern Africa	Provided briefing to OFDA officers drawn from several countries across the region
Eastern Africa	Provided food security briefing to USAID East Africa regional office
Eastern Africa	Prepared and presented regional food security status and projected outcomes to the FSNWG
Ethiopia	Led partners meetings on the emerging food security problems as a result of the failure of sweet potato harvest in the major root crop dependent zones of SNNPR
Ethiopia	Upon the request from the mission, a briefing was given to the US Government Accountability (GAO): An overview of FEWS NET and data sources, types of information, assessments, reporting, etc
Ethiopia	Ad hoc briefing to USAID consultants and to a mission from Tufts University that was interested to study the needs assessment and response system in Ethiopia
Kenya	Briefing to the donor group comprising of USAID, EU, DFID-UK, and Swiss Embassy.
Rwanda	Hold meeting with missions visiting teams from Washington
Rwanda	Monthly reporting on MEMS database

Office	Activity
Sudan	Briefing EU consulting team working to formalize Euro 7 million water project in Darfur, the consultant reviewed 10 documents published by FEWS NET
Sudan	Supported USAID Sudan to draft a paper about possible early recovery programs in Darfur, the paper is intended to inform high policy decision makers within USAID
Sudan	Based on food security analysis of FEWS NET, WFP postponed their food voucher program to reduce demand for food from markets
Somalia	Dekadal rainfall performances and weekly precipitation forecasts
Somalia	Quarterly formal food security and power point presentations
Southern Africa	Briefings held with the OFDA and FFP staff, updating on regional food security situation and projections for the consumption period
Southern Africa	Maintained contact with USAID FFP/Southern Africa, providing regional food security updates as requested
Southern Africa	Attend to briefings with Regional Inter Agency Coordination and Support Office (RIACSO) partners
Malawi	6 briefings done to USAID, Donor Committee on Agriculture and Food Security (DECAFS) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)
Mozambique	Briefing to OXFAM
Mozambique	Briefing to Food Security Cluster
Zambia	Briefing of USAID contact on planned market study
Zambia	Presentation of the South African regional production prospects, harvest outlook and implication on exports of maize for Zambia on request from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
Zimbabwe	Briefing to DFID Advisers
Zimbabwe	Meeting with Nutrition cluster Coordinator
Zimbabwe	Meeting with the Agriculture and food security monitoring System-steering team (AFMS)
Zimbabwe	Presentation to Agriculture Coordination Working Group (ACWG)
LAC	Start the coordination and update of all the distribution list
Guatemala	Briefing to USAID, USDA and Peace Corps
Guatemala	Support the Food Security Secretariat (SESAN) and other partners in the organization of a food security meeting, and the drafting of a report generated afterwards
Haiti	Revise and update the existing distribution list jointly with CNSA
Remote Monitoring	Briefing to USAID El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua
Afghanistan	Briefed USAID mission and partners and supported home office to brief USAID Washington

J. SO 2—Improved Quantity, Quality and Timeliness of Early Warning Information and Outlook

IR 2.1 FEWS NET Country Analytical Frameworks Enhanced, Maintained, and Applied

FEWS NET plans to update all country analytical frameworks during the first year of operations. Due to heavy workload, this activity has not fully started. The home office has initiated internal discussions to map a strategy for this activity, including a plan to engage dedicated short-term technical assistance to guide this activity starting early in FY 2013. Meanwhile, field offices are reviewing the existing knowledge base and updating the inventory of data sources and availability while identifying areas where an update of the knowledge base will contribute to improved monitoring.

During this period, FEWS NET also initiated desk reviews for four remote monitoring countries: Central African Republic, Guinea, Lesotho, and Madagascar; plans for the Angola desk review continues. Table 7 captures the main activities for the IR.

Table 7. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.1

Office	Activity
All Offices	Review knowledge base and update inventory of data sources and availability
Home Office	Finalized SOW for updating of livelihood products and capacity building in Sudan and South Sudan
Home Office	Developed SOW for additional training in HEA outcome analysis for Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi
Home Office	Developed livelihoods capacity strengthening strategy for West Africa
Home Office	CAR desk review completed as first step towards RM Analytical Framework
Burkina Faso	Two area were identify (livelihood, zone 9 & 8) for more information and update
Niger	Developed database of historical food aid
Niger	Integration of more markets in monitoring list
Niger	Validation of Livelihood zones
Nigeria	Identified food security vulnerable areas for effective monitoring
Nigeria	Developed database of historical food aid
Chad	Identified the northern part of the central agro pastoral zone for monitoring and assessments during the reporting period
Kenya	Planning meeting for updating livelihood profiles
Kenya	Management of food security database
Rwanda	Conducted commodity production and trade flow maps workshop
Somalia	Commodity flow mapping (Livestock, cereals, cowpeas and sesame) with FSNAU
Sudan	Initiated the SOW to conduct livelihood and trade flow assessment, but likely to constraint by insecurity in Darfur and some parts of south Sudan
Tanzania	Continued to participate in national MUCHALI activities, rolled out MUCHALI Framework, which is based on FEWS NET livelihood-based food security analysis, from national level to districts in four regions
Southern Africa	Updated and maintained databases on food security for presence and non-presence countries and regional level
Southern Africa	FEWS NET analytical framework applied in developing the food security knowledge base for Lesotho
Malawi	Encouraged the MVAC to develop scenarios for the HEA outcomes from the post-harvest analysis
Malawi	Maintained the use and application of HEA methods to livelihoods analysis for the MVAC
Mozambique	Identify areas that requires knowledge base updating
Zambia	Held discussions with Ministry of Agriculture on relevance of conducting market study
Zimbabwe	Completion of Livelihood baselines
LAC	Developed SOW for a consultant to help in the regional market and prices report
Haiti	Identified needs for updating livelihood zones and profiles

IR 2.2 High Quality Technical Guidance on Methods and Products Developed and Deployed

FEWS NET Home Office staff has the responsibility of providing written technical guidance to technical managers in the field to help them stay current with assessment and analytic methods. FEWS NET continues to improve its scenario development method. The DSG drafted updated guidance and shared it with regional technical managers and other HO members for comments. A meeting of RTMs in early August will help to finalize the updated guidance that the project will roll out in a series of regional training workshops in August and September.

With the results from a user's survey, the DSG has also begun streamlining the number and types of FEWS NET informational products, and designed new templates for the reports. Table 8 captures the activities under IR 2.2.

Table 8. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.2

Office	Activity
Home Office	Developed updated scenario development approach
Regional Offices	Provided feedback on scenario development guidance

Office	Activity
Burkina Faso	Developed agenda and SOW for workshop on food security outlook and FEWS NET scenario building
Burkina Faso	Training on Cadre Harmonisé method
Burkina Faso	Workshop of National Early warning system on review tools for monitoring the agropastoral season 2012-2013
Niger	Piloting new scenario summary table (formerly known as justification table)
Nigeria	Review enumerators scope of work and updated to capture additional data and information
Somalia	Based on IPC V2.0 and scenario developments Frameworks, Seasonal analysis worksheet had been developed with FSNAU
Mozambique	Participate in the SETSAN baseline retreat to discuss the methodological aspects
Mozambique	Mozambique Vulnerability Assessment Group Technical meeting
Zambia	Active participation in updating and finalization of the field instrument for the VAC in-depth assessment

IR 2.3 IPC Rolled-out and Development Supported

FEWS NET has adopted the IPC as a classification scale for acute food insecurity. With the official launch of IPC version 2.0 scheduled for September 2012, FEWS NET is committed to support the roll out of IPC in all countries where it has staff. During this quarter, a team from IPC's Global Support Unit conducted IPC training for FEWS NET staff in Washington, DC. FEWS NET also began working with CILSS to examine the use of IPC version 2.0 as an updated classification protocol for Cadre Harmonisé. A number of FEWS NET staff also participated in IPC activities. Table 9 summarized the activities carried out to support IR 2.3.

Table 9. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.3

Office	Activity
HO and RTMs	Training received on IPC 2.0, in Washington
Home Office	Continued working with the GSU to support the finalization of the IPC manual
Home Office	Participated in IPC Steering Committee meeting to guide continued IPC development and research
Niger	Sharing IPC at cluster food security meeting
West Africa	Participated in Regional CHB food insecurity mapping exercise to develop food security/vulnerability consensual maps
Kenya	Preparations for training on scenario development process within IPC 2.0 in Kenya
South Sudan	Attended IPC technical Working Group and Food Security Cluster meeting
Tanzania	Tanzania participation in IPC 2.0 level I training in Dodoma coordinated by FAO and MUCHALI
Southern Africa	As members of the Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) IPC Technical Working Group (TWG), attended meetings focused on planning activities in selected pilot countries
Sudan	Supported the national IPC working group in a 5-days training workshop to train 43 members at state level to introduce IPC version 2.0
Mozambique	Rolling out of the IPC discussed with SETSAN
Zambia	Provided detailed briefing of IPC use to the core team of the VAC
Zimbabwe	Support IPC Roll Out
LAC	Coordination and support to ACF, FAO, WFP, Food Security Secretariat of Guatemala (SESAN) in IPC Trainings for Guatemala
Remote Monitoring	Coordinated IPC training for El Salvador and Honduras
Afghanistan	Active member of the IPC technical group
Afghanistan	Active participation in IPC trainings and workshops

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

The USGS regional scientist for Eastern Africa accompanied FEWS NET on a remote monitoring trip to Yemen. The team discussed with local officials areas in waters requirements and availability where FEWS NET and USGS can provide support. In general FEWS NET provided input to USGS regional scientist in

the use and refinement of various USGS-supported remote sensing products. The home office team also provided input to the USGS where needed. Table 10 provides a summary of activities related to this IR.

Table 10. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.4

Office	Activity
Home Office	Work with USGS regional scientist in Yemen to identify partner needs for remote sensing water point/recharge monitoring in Yemen
West Africa	Reviewed ITCZ results based on the result of West Africa 2012 seasonal forecast
West Africa	2012 Season forecast update
West Africa	Finding an analog year for 2012/13 cropping year
Burkina Faso	Contact between FEWS NET USGS Scientist and General Directorate for National Meteorological relatively to development of telemetry station
Burkina Faso	Share with FEWS NET USGS scientist the decadal agro-meteorological report
Nigeria	Provided the Regional Scientist with Nigeria Meteorological forecast for 2012
Djibouti	Participated in national IPC working group meetings
Southern Africa	Collaborated with the USGS Scientist in supporting the region in the use of remote sensing products in monitoring season performance
Southern Africa	Collaborated with USGS Regional Scientist in orienting and training new staff
LAC	Worked in coordination with USGS and FEWS NET Guatemala to determine the factors for validating NDVI in Guatemala
LAC	Form designed together with USGS to validate NDVI products with field points
Haiti	Providing feedback while using USGS products/methods in analysis
Afghanistan	Collaborate with USGS and other donors

K. SO 3—Sustainable Local, National, Regional and International Capacity Strengthening

IR 3.1 Food Security Networks Maintained and Strengthened

An important aspect of FEWS NET is collaboration and coordination of network partners. During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET continued to renew relations with national, regional, and international partners. A number of MOUs and implementation protocols were drafted or established with key partners across FEWS NET countries, including MOUs signed with CILSS to support development of analytic methods and supporting the nutrition and information sectors; with FSNAU to define joint activities and mutual support; and with CRS in Central America for information sharing. FEWS NET also worked with partners to review and share methods and tools for food security and early warning, and participated in network meetings and activities to promote transparency and sharing. Details of these activities undertaken in the context of IR 3.1 are shown in Table 11.

Table 11. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.1

Office	Activity
West Africa	CHB food insecurity mapping exercise led by the Regional food security Unit
West Africa	Technical support to FEWS NET Chad in the framework of the food security cluster meeting
West Africa	Participate in CILSS/Partners Food Security meeting
Burkina Faso	Coordination meeting of nutrition humanitarian sector
Burkina Faso	Participated in National Council of Food Security General Assembly
Mali	Participated in the meeting of the cluster food security
Niger	Food security cluster meeting
Niger	Technical workshop on the development scenarios of early warning for food security
Niger	Workshop on re-evaluation the food security
Nigeria	Meeting with OCHA on Sahel food crisis and impacts on Nigeria

Office	Activity
Nigeria	Participated in early warning messages to farmers and stakeholders on season onset, disaster risks reduction and emergency response planning
Nigeria	Technical support to MAFAP on food price monitoring and food flow methods
Nigeria	Technical support to Save the Children staff on field mission to implement cash voucher in Nigeria
Remote Monitoring	Introducing FEWS NET and RM to partners in Central African Republic
Chad	Attended regular/bimonthly food security cluster meetings and monthly health and nutritional cluster meeting
Chad	Working towards providing training to 15 participants from the Ministry of Agriculture in August
Eastern Africa	Meeting with FAO to plan the engagement and collaboration of FEWS NET in key activities including IPC application; food security monitoring and reporting; scenario development; and briefings to the FSNWG
Eastern Africa	Reconstitution of the South Sudan FEWS NET country office and new staff introduced to USAID South Sudan
Djibouti	Food Security cluster meeting
Djibouti	Yemen - meeting with key Food Security partners and participation on Food Security Cluster meeting
Djibouti	CAP process mid-year review meeting
Kenya	Active participation in the Kenya Food Security Meeting (KFSM) monthly meeting
Kenya	Active participation in the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG) monthly meetings
Rwanda	Participation Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA)
Rwanda	Active participation in various working groups
Sudan	Developed partnership with DARA to ensure flow of localized market prices data from Darfur
Sudan	Attend FSL and nutrition coordination meetings
Sudan	Maintained good relationship with state level technical line ministries and operational UN agencies and INGOs
Sudan	Discussions are underway with WFP about the possibility of undertaking joint activities in Sudan
Sudan	Discussions are underway with WFP to accommodate FEWS NET field monitors
Somalia	Implementation and monitoring of FSNAU and FEWS NET Somalia Memorandum of understanding (MOU)
Somalia	Support food cluster coordinators and technical members to target concerned livelihood and develop livelihood based strategic responses
Tanzania	Participated in work planning of national MUCHALI activities and implementation of MUCHALI work plans
Uganda	Establish partnerships at Kampala and district levels
Uganda	Regular meetings with GoU, FAO, WFP and other key partners
Southern Africa	Participated and facilitated in drafting the Letter of Understanding for handing over the Informal Cross Border Trade activities to Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa's Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA).
Southern Africa	Attended meeting in Zambia to discuss final plans to hand over of the informal cross border trade activities to ACTESA
Malawi	3 MVAC workshops and 1 MVAC IPC training workshop
Malawi	Attended 3 Humanitarian Country Team Meetings
Malawi	Attended 6 MVAC meetings
Malawi	Attended and presented one meeting at the DECAFS meeting
Zambia	Improvement of the VAC field instrument for the in-depth assessment
Zambia	Joint seasonal monitoring through the Farming Season Watch Group-FSWG (FEWS NET, Ministry of Agriculture & Department of Meteorology) in early warning activity
Zambia	Collaborative preparation of market study concept note with Ministry of agriculture and Livestock
Zambia	Technical assistance in the VAC in-depth assessment report writing
LAC	Started drafts of letters of understanding to share information with partners of the RM countries
LAC	Training of WFP and FAO of El Salvador was carried out in Guatemala about scenario development, crop monitoring system and remote sensing imagery
Guatemala	Signing of a letter of understanding between FEWS NET and CRS for sharing data and products, when necessary
Haiti	Organizing jointly with CNSA regular meeting with food security network members
Remote Monitoring	Support the implementation of the Crops Monitoring System in Central America

IR 3.2 International Efforts in Building Food Security Networks and Methods Supported

FEWS NET is committed to supporting international methods and standards. During the reporting period, FEWS NET worked directly with CILSS and other partners in Western Africa to address the differences in analytical methods, with the objective to encourage and support a transition to adopting IPC version 2 as the classification method for Cadre Harmonisé. As part of this effort, FEWS NET encouraged the inclusion of CILSS as a member on the IPC Steering Committee and supported the first meeting attended by the CILSS food security specialist in Rome by providing him with relevant background information and the history on the development of IPC version 2. FEWS NET also met with officials at Agrhymet to discuss the use of IPC version 2. While that meeting did not yield immediate result, the stage is set to continue this discussion.

IR 3.3 Staff and Partners Skills Maintained and Improved

Three main events took place during the quarter in staff training: the IPC training in Washington, DC; the orientation training in Nairobi for new staff in the region; and the orientation training in Harare for staff in southern Africa. In addition, FEWS NET RTMs and other staff provided numerous on-the-job training for new staff and partners, as detailed in Table 12.

Table 12. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.3

Office	Activity
All Staff	Chemonics' mandatory training in Integrity in leadership completed
Home Office	Developed a livelihoods training and skills development strategy
Home Office	Surveyed staff skills in livelihoods and established a livelihoods core cadre of FEWSNET staff in the field
Home Office	Presented orientation/introductory HEA presentation to HO staff
Niger	Participated in workshop organized by Save the Children to familiarize partners including FEWS NET on HEA approach
Eastern Africa	NTMs of Kenya and Somalia trained on how to continue collecting and transmitting cross-border data
Eastern Africa	Hiring and orientation of new Ethiopia NTM and Food Security Specialist
Eastern Africa	Hiring Regional Markets and Trade Specialist
Eastern Africa	Hiring of Kenya National Technical Manager
Eastern Africa	Orientation and initial training provided for the new staff in the region
Tanzania	Participated in nutrition in emergency training with Food security and Nutrition Working group
Southern Africa	Organized and facilitated a training and orientation for new staff
Malawi	FEWS NET staff attended the IPC country analysis workshop in Tanzania
Mozambique	Ad hoc training on remote sensing analysis and GIS
Mozambique	Training in the use of HEA outcome analysis to project the FS outcomes until March 2013 and its inclusion in the July Outlook
Zimbabwe	HEA capacity building meeting
LAC	Training on Remote Monitoring reports, livelihoods, markets was provided to the RMC, FS Monitor of Nicaragua
LAC	Training on Remote Sensing to five new colleagues of FEWS NET
LAC	Introduction to FEWS NET was done for the new ANTM, TLRA, Accountant, and administrative manager
LAC	Exchange of Experience was done between Haiti and Guatemala about Urban livelihood and Outlook Committee of Guatemala
Haiti	Introduction of FEWS NET scenario development method to CNSA
Remote Monitoring	Training of Trainers on Collection of Wholesale Market Information
Remote Monitoring	WRSI Training