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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
NUR	National University of Rwanda
NVAC	National Vulnerability Assessment Committee

LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

OSC	Overseas Strategic Consulting, Ltd.
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
USG	United States Government
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.

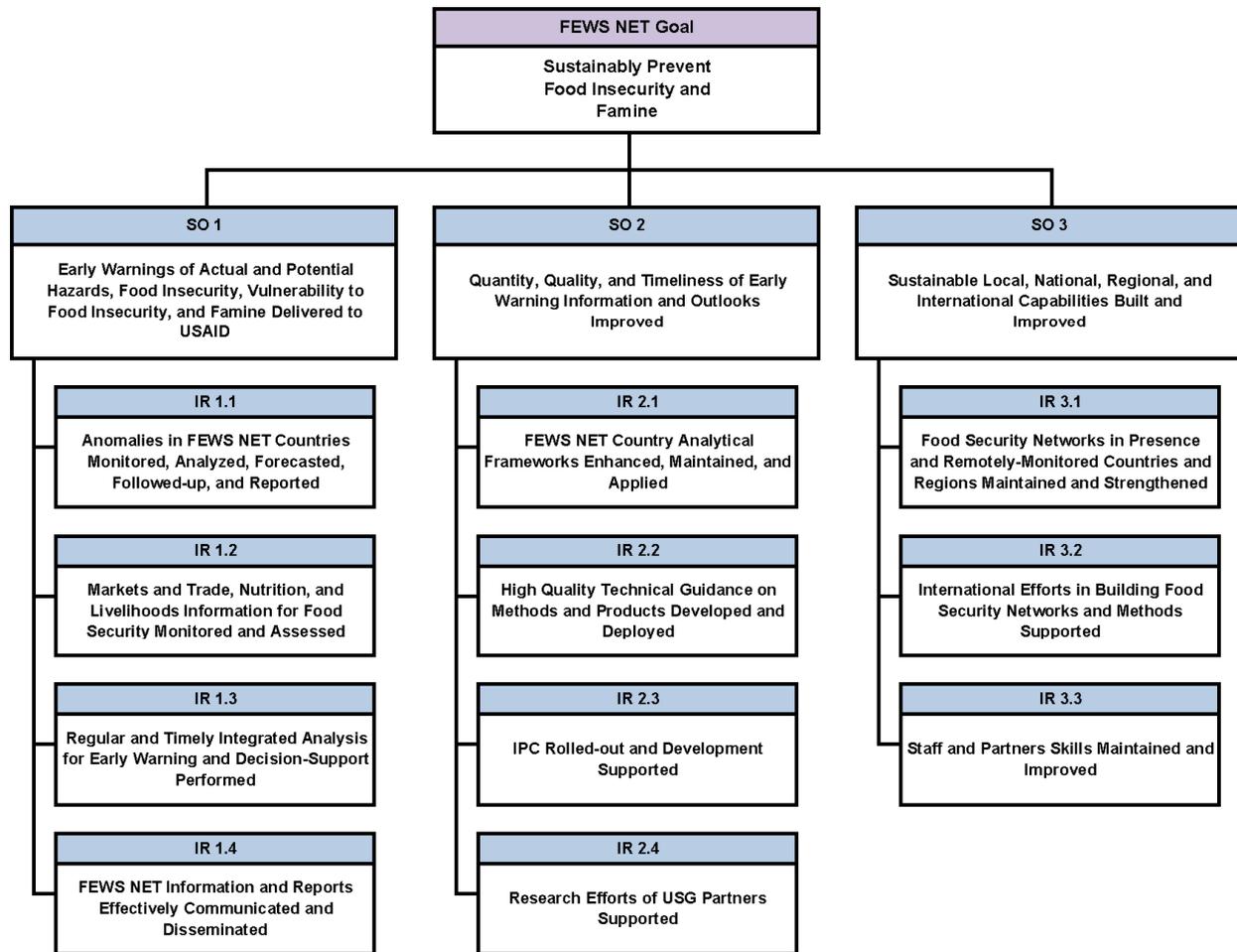
FEWS NET will work towards its goal of sustainably preventing food insecurity and famine through the three project strategic objectives of providing early warning, improving the quantity, quality and timeliness of early warning, and building capacity of partners in food security assessment, monitoring, 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 I. FEWS NET Results Framework



SECTION II

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

A. 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.

B. Management

This quarter culminated in a series of regional training workshops that included all FEWS NET field office technical staff and a portion of the Washington-based technical team. These workshops were held the final week of August in West Africa and the middle two weeks of September in Tanzania for East and Southern Africa. They marked the technical kick off of FEWS NET III since most of the new hiring was completed and the field offices were close to being fully staffed which was not the case in February in Cape Town. Organizing and executing these workshops was a major undertaking in terms of staff time and resources. The technical focus of the workshops was building capacity in scenario development, analysis and reporting along with improved communications and strengthening knowledge and use of markets and trade, livelihoods, remote monitoring and nutrition.

This quarter also marked the conclusion of most primary startup activities as they relate to recruitment and hiring of new staff, registration, memorandums of understanding, procurement and financial management training. Because of its size and spread effect across continents, cultures, languages etc., FEWS NET is constantly evolving and changing which means that startup tasks are regularly engaged in over the course of a five year contract.

Other key activities during this quarter included Chief of Party trip to 8 FEWS NET countries, some advancement with memorandums of understanding and sub-contractor activities in support of the project.

C. Supervisory Visits to Africa

Chief of Party, Curtis Schaeffer, took advantage of the three regional training workshops to travel to Africa to attend portions of these workshops and then visit selected FEWS NET countries to both provide support to field offices and help resolve different issues. The countries visited were Senegal, Niger, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania and Rwanda.

Several highlights from the trip were:

- A cordial reception in Sahelian countries from partners, government counterparts and USG representatives. The general consensus was that the trials and tribulations of the past year are

behind us and it is time to move ahead. This of course is aided by an improved agricultural situation across the region this year.

- The US Ambassador to Chad Mark Boulware said, “We are satisfied customers. FEWS NET saved us money and saved money for the Chadian government this past year.”
- In Niger, WFP Country Director Denise Brown said, “our problems last year were not with FEWS [NET] but with the regional representatives who have never been held accountable.”
- In Ethiopia, the FFP Officer said, “We recognize that there have been significant changes in FEWS NET personnel but we remain satisfied with the reporting and the weekly briefings.”
- In Malawi, USAID Director Doug Arbuckle stated that, “FEWS NET is good value for the money and provides us with useful and important information and analysis on a consistent basis.”
- In Rwanda, USAID was satisfied with a FEWS NET meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and extended funding for a year and a half.

D. Memorandum of Understanding

During this period, FEWS NET signed a memorandum of understanding with the National University of Rwanda (NUR). This MOU is the underpinning of developing local capacity and turning the early warning reporting capacity over to NUR by April 2014. In Southern Africa, the FEWS NET cross border trade monitoring network was formally turned over to ACTESA. There will be a transition of 6-8 months during which FEWS NET regional and field office staff will facilitate the turnover. In Sudan, a MOU was signed with WFP to support and house 5 food security monitors in their field offices throughout the country. For the first time, FEWS NET Mozambique signed a MOU with long time GOM counterpart SETSAN.

E. Regional Training Workshops

In an effort to strengthen field office technical capacity in early warning analysis and reporting, the regional training workshops were designed to focus on scenario development and a number of related issues including IPC 2.0, livelihoods, market analysis, communications with a focus on key messages and the introduction of new reporting templates. The Decision Support Group led the planning for these workshops and started early in the year with a survey of field technical staff on the outlook process and scenario development method. The responses were critical to the training design along with a planning meeting in early August with the four regional technical managers and the new Senior Nutrition Advisor.

Participation was strong at all three workshops as follows:

- East Africa-40 participants including Afghanistan and representatives from USAID, FSNAU, WFP and the early warning unit of Tanzania
- Southern Africa-35 participants including LAC region (Guatemala, Central America, Haiti) and representatives from SADC, USAID and WFP
- West Africa-38 participants including USAID, CILSS, WFP and ACF.

F. Startup Activities

Numerous startup activities were mostly completed during this quarter. Table I shows the status of ongoing activities in different FEWS NET countries. In addition, The regional accountants (Tai Dieudonne for West Africa, Juliet Garande for South Africa, and Richard Omwega for East Africa) travelled to

Washington, DC for a four day training in September which will allow them to perform the annual field office audits among other things. This will ensure a stronger audit function in the field.

Table I. Startup Activities

Activity	Where Completed
Policy Manuals Signed and Returned	Guatemala (Completed in Q4) Haiti Kenya Malawi (Completed in Q4) Mauritania Rwanda South Africa (Completed in Q4) South Sudan (Completed in Q4) Sudan Zambia (Completed in Q4) Zimbabwe (Completed in Q4)
Offices Registered	Afghanistan Djibouti Ethiopia Guatemala Haiti Kenya Malawi Mozambique (Completed in Q4) Nigeria Rwanda South Sudan Sudan Uganda
New Personnel Hired in Q4	Bachir Maman Brenda Lazarus Yahia Elkareem
MOUs Signed in Q4	Between NUR and FEWS NET (Rwanda) Between FSNAU and FEWS NET (Somalia) Between SETSAN and FEWS NET (Mozambique) Between ACTESA and FEWS NET (South Africa)

G. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 315 reports and briefs on its public website, 26 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 July through September 2012

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	9(1)	11(5)	6(1)	3(1)	1		30 (9)
Food Security Outlook Update	16(2)	22 (10)	9 (1)	5(3)	2		54 (16)
RMWeb Report	6	9	-	8	6		29
Food Security Alert	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
FAOB						3	3
FS Outlook Poster						0	0
Special Report	4	2 (1)	-	-	1	1	8 (1)
Price Watch/Annex						3	3
Price Bulletin	43	45	18	32	7		145
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	1	-	-		1
Weather Hazard Report		12		24	12		
Darfur Rain Timeline	9						9
Rain Watch	4						4

(*) indicates the number of reports that are translations

H. 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 eight livelihood zones in southern Malawi;
- conducting HEA analysis on Bay-Bakol high and low potential agropastoral and Bakol agropastoral livelihood zones in August, in Somalia.

In all regions, FEWS NET staff carried out seasonal monitoring, livelihoods evaluation, flood impact assessment, harvest evaluation and other missions either jointly with network partners or as a standalone project activity. In Malawi, FEWS NET carried out further in-depth assessments in southern Malawi to evaluate the impacts of the prolonged drought and economy situation on food security.

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
All Offices	Monitored seasonal progress via remote sensing products and field monitor reports
Burkina Faso	Carried out season anomaly assessments in livelihood zones 3 and 9
Burkina Faso	Monitored and shared remote sensing products with National Meteorological Service
Burkina Faso	Participated in mid-season crop assessment with national partners (SAP/GTP)
Burkina Faso	Participated in start-of-season assessment with national partners (SAP/GTP)
Chad	Carried out end-of-season assessment and monitoring to inform Outlook reporting
Chad	Carried out rapid assessments on the impact of floods and locusts
Djibouti	Carried out Djibouti-Yemen secondary data analysis
DSG	Participated in rapid food security assessment in southern Malawi
Ethiopia	Participated in main season crop performance assessment
Guatemala	Analyzed GeoWRSI to use as input in briefing to the Ministry of Agriculture and other decision-makers
Guatemala	Carried out field trips for data collection on food security to improve analysis
Guatemala	Followed up closely on rainfall anomalies with the meteorological service, during the prolonged dry spell
Guatemala	Participated in joint assessment with WFP to determine the impact of drought in western and northern Guatemala
Haiti	Monitored food availability and accessibility in close collaboration with CNSA liaison agents
Kenya	Participated in 2012 long rains food security assessments
LAC	Monitored the performance of the Primera Season in the LAC Region
LAC	Provided WRSI and Rain data to the different LAC countries and provided advice on how to use it
LAC	Supported Haiti in the use of NDVI and WRSI to monitor the season
Malawi	Participated in a FEWS NET rapid food security assessment
Malawi	Participated in the MVAC post-harvest assessment
Malawi	Supported USAID/FFP Southern Africa in a rapid food security assessment in southern Malawi
Mali	Conducted rapid food security assessments in Koulikoro, Kayes and Mopti
Mali	Continued monitoring of crop development and markets
Mozambique	Conducted rapid qualitative food security assessment in southern Mozambique

Office	Activity
Niger	Carried out seasonal assessments and monitoring missions
Remote Monitoring	Carried out remote monitoring visits to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone
Remote Monitoring	Participated in joint CILSS/FEWS NET/FAO/WFP/Government pre-harvest assessment in Liberia
Remote Monitoring	Performed mid-season monitoring for Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone, remotely
Remote Monitoring	Reviewed remote sensing products on RM countries and provided feedback to the RTM and USGS scientist
Rwanda	Carried out pre-harvest assessment
Rwanda	Carried out start of season assessment
Rwanda	Participated actively in joint food security and nutrition assessments
Somalia	Participated in post Gu food security seasonal assessment
South Sudan	Carried out food security and crop assessments
Southern Africa	Continued seasonal monitoring and reporting of hazards
Sudan	Monitored the implications of above average seasonal rainfall
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions mainly in northern Uganda
Western Africa	Assisted in overall agricultural season monitoring and reporting
Western Africa	Participated in joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET/Government pre-harvest assessment mission in Benin
Western Africa	Participated in joint CILSS/FEWS NET/FAO/WFP/Government annual crop assessment in Ghana
Western Africa	Participated in multiple seasonal crop assessment missions
Zambia	Continued to monitor development of the season and general food security contributing factors
Zimbabwe	Carried out field monitoring missions

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 complete a rapid nutritional survey for Yida Camp in South Sudan. All FEWS NET offices continued price data collection and monitoring activities. In Afghanistan, the national technical manager led a team to complete a rapid remittance assessment in the central highlands.

The regional office for Eastern Africa, in collaboration with WFP, continues to improve the cross-border monitoring system and produce regular cross-border trade bulletins. In Sudan, FEWS NET recruited and fielded all staff needed to continue the Farmers and Agriculture Market Information System (FAMIS).

In Southern Africa, FEWS NET has handed over the management of the informal cross-border trade management program to the Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA). However, FEWS NET will continue to provide some support to the system over the next 6 to 8 months to ensure proper transition and that ACTESA has the time needed to put in all technical and administrative systems to support this activity.

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	Contributed to the production of monthly price watch and price bulletin
All Offices	Continued market, trade and price monitoring
All Eastern Africa	Compiled monthly cross-border trade data
All Southern Africa	Monitored monthly cross-border trade
Afghanistan	Carried out central highlands rapid remittance assessment

Office	Activity
Burkina Faso	Began to construct a database of nutritional information
Burkina Faso	Conducted livelihood field assessments in livelihood zones of concern
Burkina Faso	Continued monitoring of livestock terms-of-trade to improve livestock forecasting
Chad	Evaluated market conditions and their capacity to function during the lean season
Djibouti	Managed cross-border monitoring program
DSG	Participated in field work to gather qualitative data in Ethiopia
DSG	Updated price assumptions, with the M&T team, for multiple HEA scenarios in southern Malawi
Eastern Africa	Conducted rapid appraisal of domestic markets and regional trade in Uganda
Eastern Africa	Developed regional price watches
Eastern Africa	Hired border monitors in Djibouti and Uganda
Ethiopia	Compiled price data for the last three years from the Central Statistical Agency
Guatemala	Followed up on the Ministry of Health's acute malnutrition analysis brief
Guatemala	Researched the status and volume of maize imports to Guatemala particularly from Mexico, USA, Brazil and Argentina
Kenya	Monitored monthly nutrition information
LAC	Collected information on imports of yellow maize to the LAC region for analysis by the M&T team
LAC	Incorporated information from Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama in the regional price bulletin
LAC	Monitored closely the drought situation in the US and its impact on prices in the LAC region
Malawi	Conducted cross-border monitoring supervisory trip
Malawi	Conducted rapid food security assessment using HEA livelihoods-based approach
Malawi	Participated in market analysis with the MVAC
Malawi	Performed HEA outcome analysis, in collaboration with the MVAC
Mali	Collected information on markets in northern Mali, through formal and informal contact and key informant inputs
Mali	Updated the markets database
Mozambique	Participated in Mozambique Vulnerability Assessment Group annual assessment and analysis
Mozambique	Provided weekly update of market information for various commodities including maize, rice, beans and groundnuts
Mozambique	Supervised cross-border trade monitoring
Niger	Collaborated with SIMA on markets analysis
Niger	Produced joint report on markets with SIMA and WFP
Niger	Supervised joint mission to validate nutrition survey
Nigeria	Monitored trade, market and seasonal development in southern Nigeria
Nutrition	Completed a rapid nutrition survey in Yida Camp, South Sudan
Rwanda	Collected monthly CPI and fuel prices
Somalia	Monitored weekly cross-border trade information and data
South Sudan	Monitored various contributing factors of food security
Southern Africa	Monitored and analyzed informal cross-border trade in the region
Sudan	Attended nutrition coordination meetings to stay current on nutritional status in Sudan
Sudan	Hired 40 staff for the Farmers & Agricultural Market Information System (FAMIS)
Sudan	Monitored food security and livelihood outcomes across Sudan
Sudan	Monitored the food security impact of conflict in Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan
Uganda	Provided information to the regional markets and trade team for regional trade analysis
Uganda	Supervised cross-border trade monitoring and trained enumerators
Western Africa	Contributed to the northern Mali market executive brief
Zambia	Conducted cross-border backstopping trip with ACTESA

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 all regions, FEWS NET staff produced food security outlook reports in July 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 continued a special HEA analysis to determine the severity and scope of the food crisis. This resulted in an additional worst case scenario analysis that the project used in various briefings. Additionally during this period, FEWS NET published eleven alerts and special report:

- Sudan/South Sudan Alert: Significant food gaps in Sudan/South Sudan, July 5, 2012
- Somalia Alert: Access to food and water deteriorating in Guban pastoral livelihood zone of the Northwest, August 9, 2012
- Somalia Alert: Joint Press Release (with FSNAU): Somalia Crisis Easing, but 2.12 Million People Remain Food Insecure, August 29, 2012
- July 19 Somalia: Special Report (w/FSNAU and WFP): Mogadishu Food Security and Nutrition Situation Trends
- August 3 Rising malnutrition/mortality in Yida Camp, South Sudan
- August 14 West Africa: Prices likely to fall as harvest approaches
- August 21 East Africa: Special Report, Potential impacts of likely 2012/13 El Nino event
- August 23 Northern Mali Market Brief in late August
- August 30 El Niño Special Report
- September 27 Yida Camp Nutrition Survey Final Report, South Sudan
- September 28 Afghanistan Special Report: Rapid remittance assessment in Bamyan and Wardak Provinces

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	Prepared scenario summary tables and food security classification mapping data
All Offices	Produced food security Outlook report
All Offices	Produced food security Outlook Update reports
All Offices	Provided information for the Food Assistance Overview Brief (FAOB)
Chad	Produced Outlook and start-of-season reports
Djibouti	Produced Yemen remote monitoring reports
DSG	Supported HEA analysis on two livelihood zones in Bay and Bakol, Somalia
DSG	Supported HEA outcome analysis for eight livelihood zones in southern Malawi
Eastern Africa	Completed the dekadal Rain Watch for East Africa
Eastern Africa	Completed the monthly Price Watch for East Africa
Eastern Africa	Provided input to the El Niño advisory report
Kenya	Participated in 2012 long rains report writing workshop
LAC	Produced three monthly regional price watch
LAC	Provided feedback and support for the translate of the weather hazard products

Office	Activity
LAC	Supported the remote monitoring countries in their reports
Livelihoods	Provided technical and analytical backstopping support for HEA outcome analysis for southern Malawi
Markets and Trade	Contributed to the development of Outlook and Outlook Update price assumptions for several countries and regions
Remote Monitoring	Carried out ad hoc in-depth analysis of Lesotho's appeal
Somalia	Collaborated with FSNAU on Food Security Nutrition Brief (FSNB)
Somalia	Participated in post Gu food security seasonal analysis
South Sudan	Completed analysis of food assistance requirements
South Sudan	Presented rainfall forecast and crop performance during Livelihood Analysis Forum (LAF) quarterly meeting
South Sudan	Presented scenario development to Livelihood Analysis Forum (LAF) to enhance IPC analysis
Southern Africa	Reviewed country scenario summary tables and draft Outlook reports
Western Africa	Produced regional assumptions to support country scenario development

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 an internal survey on the use of scenario development summary tables and the food security outlook process. Results from this survey informed changes to the table and process, as well as the series of regional training meetings in August and September.

The information technology specialist finalized and released a request-for-proposal for the redesign of the FEWS NET website. More than 20 proposals were received and a list of 5 finalists was established towards the end of this reporting period. The final selection of a subcontractor took place in the first quarter of FY 2013.

For information dissemination, all offices actively engaged the USAID and/or US missions, key partners and decision-makers and provided them with briefings on food security outlook and updates. The markets and trade team released the monthly Price Watch and price bulletins, and the DSG provided the following briefings in Washington to support decision-making:

- Three FAOB briefings and three FAOB products (Jul, Aug, Sep) were delivered
- August 15 briefing on Yemen for new FFP officer
- August 16 East Africa Outlook briefing at the Ronald Reagan Building for InterAction attendees and USAID staff
- August 23 West Africa Outlook briefing at AMEX to USAID and NGOs (InterAction sponsored)
- August 24 briefing for FFP and OFDA on updated Malawi Outlook
- August 24 briefing on Somalia for Nancy Lindborg
- August 30 briefing on Somalia Outlook to USAID/OFDA Somalia-officers
- September 7 briefing for FFP on the Sahel
- September 7 ICPAC regional consensus forecast, El Niño, and East Africa regional July-December Outlook for East Africa regional FFP

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 I.4

Office	Activity
All Offices	Disseminated food security outlook, outlook update, and other FEWS NET informational products to all partners
All Offices	Provided food security briefings to USAID and/or US Embassy
All Field Offices	Supported home office to brief USAID Washington
Afghanistan	Provided intensive orientation brief for new USAID/FFP officer/food security team leader
Burkina Faso	Shared national and regional information at SAP monthly meeting
Chad	Provided briefings to partners at food security cluster meetings
Chad	Provided the US Embassy with a report on seasonal performance
Chad	Provided the US Embassy with analytical table on the performance of some food security indicators
Chad	Provided the US Embassy with rainfall data from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
Communications	Built and launched FEWS NET Contact Directory at contacts.fews.net
Communications	Completed planning for www.fews.net website redesign and sourced for vendors
Communications	Conducted briefings on findings of user survey for staff, using results to inform communications strategy and training
Communications	Enhanced quality and clarity of reports by providing training for all staff on key messages
Communications	Expanded distribution channels by developing social media policy and launching FEWS NET on social media
Communications	Helped staff communicate effectively by providing review of regular monthly reporting, special reports and alerts
Communications	Posted reports and events to social media as part of new social media strategy
Communications	Promoted basic understanding of FEWS NET and its methods through the production of a FEWS NET brochure
Communications	Refined understanding of key audiences by conducting a user survey
Communications	Supported the intranet at ISPortal.fews.net
Communications	Supported the www.fews.net website
Communications	Worked with USAID website committee to communicate technical specifications for the new website
DSG	Issued 3 alerts—one for Sudan/South Sudan and two for Somalia
DSG	Provided 3 FAOB and 8 additional briefing to USAID Washington
DSG	Published 29 updated for remote monitoring countries
DSG	Published 8 special reports
DSG	Published 84 presence country monthly reports, including 30 Outlooks
DSG	Responded to 8 ad hoc requests for special analysis and inputs to USAID Washington
Eastern Africa	Prepared and presented regional food security status and projected outcomes to the FSNWG
Eastern Africa	Provided special food security outlook briefing to members of the FSNWG
Ethiopia	Presented rainfall outlook to USAID
Guatemala	Provided briefing to Minister of Agriculture, other government decision-makers and partners on the impact of drought
Guatemala	Provided briefings to staff from USDA, USAID and Peace Corp on the food security situation
Guatemala	Updated the country distribution list
LAC	Updated the regional distribution list; implemented a new listserv
Malawi	Conducted 10 briefings for USAID, UN Humanitarian Country Team, Joint Food and Nutrition Security Task Force and WFP
Mali	Presented current food security to international NGOs in Mali
Mali	Presented food security outlook to food security cluster in Mali
Mali	Reported on the floods in Segou and Mopti
Markets and Trade	Produced 185 regional and country price bulletins: 123 English, 42 French, 16 Spanish, and 4 Portuguese.
Markets and Trade	Produced special report on the staple food market situation in Northern Mali
Markets and Trade	Produced special report on West Africa regional market behavior and price projections
Markets and Trade	Produced three monthly Price Watch and Annexes
Mauritania	Resumed regular Mauritania price bulletins production
Mauritania	Shared the results and findings of assessment trips undertaken with key partners
Niger	Providing briefings to food security working group
Niger	Providing briefings to USAID and various NGOs
Nigeria	Presented food security outlook at the food security theme group (FSTG)
Nigeria	Provided briefing to regional humanitarian coordinator of the UN on Sahel food crisis and impacts on Nigeria
Nigeria	Provided briefing to USAID Mission and CIDA on food security conditions in northern Nigeria

Office	Activity
Nigeria	Provided briefing/orientation to new USAID mission point-of-contact for FEWS NET
Remote Monitoring	Briefed Liberia government representatives, WFP and USAID on the main conclusions of the pre-harvest assessment
Remote Monitoring	Briefed USAID Guinea on the remote monitoring initiative and plans for Guinea
Remote Monitoring	Disseminated monthly food security updates for Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone
Remote Monitoring	Provided briefings to USAID El Salvador, USAID Honduras, and USAID Nicaragua
Remote Monitoring	Shared final CAR livelihoods zone map with UN partners to support the CAP process
Rwanda	Briefed USAID and partners on food security outlook
Somalia	Disseminated post Gu seasonal food security analysis report
Somalia	Prepared technical seasonal food security outcome press release
South Sudan	Disseminated Sudan-South Sudan Food Security Alert
South Sudan	Disseminated Yida nutrition and food security survey report
Southern Africa	Briefed Regional Inter-Agency Coordination and Support Office (RIACSO) partners and the Food and Nutrition Security Working Group
Southern Africa	Maintained contact with USAID FFP/Southern Africa, providing regional food security updates as requested
Southern Africa	Provided briefings for FFP staff on regional food security situation and projections for the consumption period
Sudan	Briefed UNOCHA to inform Sudan's humanitarian work plan of 2013
Uganda	Presented food security update at the Disaster Risk Reduction platform meeting
Western Africa	Briefed USAID/Washington and FAO representative at the US Embassy in Niger
Western Africa	Met with USAID/WA, ACCRA mission in Niamey
Western Africa	Participated in USAID/AFR/SD conference call
Western Africa	Provided briefing for FFP at USAID/Washington
Western Africa	Provided Ghana crops and food security analysis to decision-makers (MOFA and USAID)
Western Africa	Supported the release of joint consensual information products for decision-makers by CILSS and partners
Zambia	Briefed the Ministry of Agriculture on prevailing maize situations at the borders and the impact on prices at major markets
Zambia	Provided updates to the Ministry of Agriculture on regional maize situation and prevailing prices, trends and outlook
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the Food and Nutrition Council on the deteriorating food security situation in Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the nutrition cluster

I. 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 completed desk reviews for Angola and completed the knowledge base—livelihoods zoning and markets commodity flow mapping—for Central African Republic. 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 National Offices	Reviewed country knowledge base
All Offices	Updated food security databases

Office	Activity
Afghanistan	Finalized FAO-led wheat market dynamic assessment
DSG	Reviewed and provided comments to market flow maps for livestock, cowpea, rice, sorghum and maize for Somalia
DSG	Reviewed and provided comments to market flow maps for wheat and wheat products for Afghanistan
Eastern Africa	Developed a comprehensive cross-border trade database
Ethiopia	Summarized HEA baseline data
Guatemala	Created country monitoring plan
Guatemala	Designed and validated a field guide to register information on field trips
LAC	Improved the regional price bulletin with information from Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama
Livelihoods	Designed, developed and submitted scope-of-work to update livelihood products in Sudan and South Sudan
Livelihoods	Developed scope-of-work for remote monitoring livelihoods information needs for Yemen
Livelihoods	Developed scope-of-work to support updating livelihoods baseline in Malawi
Livelihoods	Developed scopes-of-work for additional training in HEA outcome analysis for selected countries in eastern and southern Africa
Livelihoods	Developed strategy to updating livelihood products in West Africa
Mali	Began creating a database on humanitarian actions in Mali
Markets and Trade	Led staple food market production and flow mapping country workshop in the Central African Republic
Mozambique	Organized three regional workshops for zoning
Mozambique	Reviewed the country knowledge base and created country monitoring plan
Niger	Began a historical database on household food insecurity according to vulnerability surveys
Nutrition	Arranged to involve FEWS NET staff in an on-going NCA study in Burkina Faso
Nutrition	Begun working with ACF/New York on compilation of and value-added to historical nutrition data
Nutrition	Established contact and exchanged material with the ACF Nutritional Causal Analysis (NCA) project
Remote Monitoring	Carried out livelihood zoning plus and market flow map workshops in CAR
Remote Monitoring	Completed Angola remote monitoring desk review
Remote Monitoring	Conducted livelihoods zoning plus workshop in Central African Republic
Remote Monitoring	Conducted markets commodity trade flow workshop in Central African Republic
Remote Monitoring	Worked with partners in CAR on finalizing the livelihoods zoning report
Rwanda	Took part in National Agriculture Survey
South Sudan	Maintained and updated market and cross-border trade databases
Southern Africa	Facilitated and developed knowledge base for remote monitoring in Angola, Lesotho and Madagascar
Southern Africa	Updated and maintained databases on food security for presence and non-presence countries and regional level
Zimbabwe	Collaborated with partner in the completion of livelihood baselines

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

With the results from a user's survey, the DSG worked with other advisors and the regional technical managers and completed a draft update of the scenario development method. The product, scenario development version 2, was introduced to staff during the regional training meetings in Dakar and Arusha. The DSG also streamlined the outlook and outlook update processes and re-designed the reporting templates. These changes are designed to simply and clarify the main FEWS NET monthly reports.

The remote monitoring advisor worked with the livelihoods advisor to begin working on a guidance document for conducting livelihoods zoning plus exercises, the expected output from these workshops, and a template for the zoning plus report. The remote monitoring advisor also revised the reporting process for RM and introduced a new template for remote monitoring reporting.

Table 8 captures the activities under IR 2.2.

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

Office	Activity
All Offices	Provided feedback on scenario development guidance and scenario summary table (SST)
DSG	Developed updated scenario development version 2
DSG	Released draft guidance on reporting products
DSG	Released draft guidance on scenario building v2.0
Eastern Africa	Participated in a preparation workshop in Washington to support the regional training on scenario development
LAC	Provided feedback for the new remote monitoring reporting approach
Markets and Trade	Worked with Kimetrica and the East Africa RFSS/M on different approaches to presenting market price trends
Remote Monitoring	Initiated the development of livelihoods zoning plus guidance
Remote Monitoring	Provided feedback for the new remote monitoring reporting approach
Remote Monitoring	Revised and released RM reporting approach
South Sudan	Provided feedback on getting started with HEA-light method
Western Africa	Participated in a preparation workshop in Washington to support the regional training on scenario development

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 in September 2012, FEWS NET is committed to support the roll out of IPC in all countries where it has staff. During this quarter, the team in Central America worked closely with the IPC Global Support Unit (GSU) and co-facilitated three training and analysis workshops in the region. In Somalia, FEWS NET assisted the FSNAU to begin using IPC version 2 in its analyses.

FEWS NET Home Office staff also worked with the GSU on additional protocols for classifying chronic food insecurity. These additional protocols will be tested in the coming year. 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
Afghanistan	Participated in the development of the first IPC map for Afghanistan
Djibouti	Attended IPC training and analysis workshop
DSG	Provided initial input to the IPC GSU on the process for further developing the IPC chronic scale
Guatemala	Carried out the first IPC exercise at the national level
Guatemala	Co-facilitated IPC training for several governmental institutions, NGOs and other partners
LAC	Co-facilitated the first IPC training and analysis in Honduras
LAC	Co-facilitated the first IPC training in El Salvador
LAC	Co-facilitated the IPC training and first analysis in Guatemala with government and other partners
Malawi	Participated in national IPC acute food insecurity analysis
Mauritania	Organized an informational meeting for partners, on FEWS NET methodology and the role of IPC 2.0 in classification
Remote Monitoring	Participated in Honduras IPC analysis
Somalia	Applied IPC V2.0 analytical frame work and analysis worksheets, for the first time during the post Gu seasonal analysis
Somalia	Supported IPC V2.0 roll-out and adoption
South Sudan	Participated in the analysis of food security situation with partners, using the IPC Version 2.0
Southern Africa	Participated in planning and evaluating of the uptake of IPC in SADC countries
Sudan	Co-led, with FAO and the FSTS of Federal Ministry of Agriculture, the national IPC update of Sudan
Western Africa	Participated in IPC Levels 1 and 2 training-of-trainer workshop
Zimbabwe	Participated in IPC roll out in Zimbabwe

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

The DSG worked with NOAA and USGS scientists to refine the weather hazard products to better address the needs of field-based users. The result is a set of decentralized products that the regional technical managers and regional scientist will be responsible for, and global products that NOAA, USGS, and FEWS NET DSG will work on together. 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
Burkina Faso	Obtained feedback from partners using FEWS NET remote sensing products and shared with USGS scientist
DSG	Worked with NOAA and USGS to define and design new weather hazard products
Eastern Africa	Provided food security analysis for the USGS short rains forecast interpretation
Guatemala	Provided the USGS scientist with data on start-of-season, phenology and conditions of crops from field trips
Haiti	Provided NOAA with feedback on rainfall and dryness conditions
Kenya	Provided crop production data for USGS scientist
LAC	Participated in the CARICOF meetings promoted by NOAA to improve the climate forums for the Caribbean
LAC	Provided feedback on the Regional WRSI report drafted by the USGS representative
Niger	Supported the USGS scientist in a training workshop to improve rainfall estimate
Remote Monitoring	Provided feedback on the regional WRSI report drafted by the USGS specialist
Southern Africa	Collaborated with the USGS Scientist to support the region in the analysis of weather products
Sudan	Reviewed regional weather forecasts
Sudan	Verified and updated risk areas for the weekly weather hazard reports
Western Africa	Supported the USGS scientist in seasonal forecast analysis and production prospects
Zambia	Engaged the Department of Meteorology to continue providing updated weather data to regional USGS office

J. 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 actively engage with national, regional, and international partners. FEWS NET also participates in various national and regional clusters and contributes actively.

In West Africa, FEWS NET continued to chair the regional Cadre Harmonisé technical committee. The committee was tasked by the Cadre Harmonisé Steering Committee to update the analytic method and bring it in line with IPC version 2. 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
Afghanistan	Promoted food security networking and information sharing with the food security cluster
Burkina Faso	Contributed to technical tools improvement for WFP's food and livelihoods survey
Burkina Faso	Participated in national EWS network meetings
Burkina Faso	Participated in nutrition coordination meetings
Burkina Faso	Participated in UN clusters and humanitarian meetings
Burkina Faso	Shared RFE, NDVI, SOS, WRSI with keys partners involved in remote sensing activities
Chad	Provided Cadre Harmonisé and scenario development training for the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Chad
Chad	Supported the Chadian Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to organize a joint assessment in the Sahelian and Sudanian zones
Djibouti	Attended food security cluster meetings

Office	Activity
Djibouti	Attended nutrition cluster meetings
Djibouti	Maintained contact/networking and information sharing with local institutions in Yemen
Djibouti	Participated in the CAP preparation
DSG	Led an exercise with FEWS NET, WFP, and the Joint Emergency Operations Program (JEOP) to classify all areas of Ethiopia using IPC 2.0 for the July Outlook report
DSG	Supported a food security assessment in the Sahelian zone of Burkina Faso, led by the Government (SAP and DPGER)
DSG	Supported, in Nairobi, the first ever joint FEWS NET-FSNAU Food Security and Nutrition Outlook
Eastern Africa	Collaborated with FAO, WFP/VAM, USGS and IFRC on scenario development with respect to the then upcoming El Niño
Eastern Africa	Started discussions on sustainability of the cross-border trade activity in the region
Ethiopia	Participated in a number of food security task force meetings as a regular member of the task forces
Guatemala	Began efforts to restart the Crop and Price Monitoring System
Guatemala	Participated in consultation groups for technical advice on food security
Kenya	Participated in the monthly Kenya Food Security Steering Group meetings
LAC	Finalized a SOW for a markets and trade consultant for the region
LAC	Participated in the Climate Outlook Forum and Food Security Regional Forum
LAC	Started to establish collaborative links with the Regional Project of Food Security of European Union (PRESANCA)
LAC	Worked with Central America Agriculture Committee to disseminate FEWS NET information to high level decision-makers
LAC	Worked with the USDA-PAPA project to coordinate activities to support the market information systems in the region
Mali	Contributed to the development of food security assessment questionnaire with SAP Mali
Mali	Participated in food security cluster meetings
Mali	Participated in national early warning system meetings
Mali	Participated in national food security commissariat meetings
Mali	Participated in workshop to validate crop production results
Mali	Presented the FEWS NET approach to partners in Mali
Mauritania	Met with key partners to prepare for the regional workshop
Mauritania	Met with network partners to explain the method for FEWS NET Outlook and present the results
Mauritania	Shared analyses and results with partners during meeting, forums and food security monitoring committee meeting
Mozambique	Participated in the RVAC dissemination meeting
Niger	Attended food security working group meetings
Niger	Attended national workshop for the prevention and management of risks and disasters
Niger	Attended the African risk capacity workshop
Nigeria	Collaborated with the Canadian Agency for International Development on food security in Nigeria
Nigeria	Meeting with regional humanitarian coordinator on the Sahelian food crisis
Nutrition	Coordinated with ACF Guinea to support FEWS NET remote monitoring
Nutrition	Coordinated with nutrition coordinator of ACF/West Africa on work with UNICEF to harmonize existing nutrition database
Nutrition	Provided input and comments on the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) by UNICEF/Afghanistan
Remote Monitoring	Briefed new ACF Liberia food security coordinator on FEWS NET, RM and collaboration on data and report sharing
Remote Monitoring	Carried out initial remote monitoring visit to Guinea
Remote Monitoring	Carried out initial remote monitoring visit to Madagascar
Remote Monitoring	Introduced FEWS NET and remote monitoring to partners in Guinea
Remote Monitoring	Supported the implementation of the Crops Monitoring System in El Salvador
Remote Monitoring	Supported the implementation of the Crops Monitoring System in Honduras
Rwanda	Attended regular briefing and consultative meetings
Rwanda	Participated actively in various working groups
Rwanda	Provided day-to-day mentoring of partners' staff on FEWS NET skills, through in-house practices
Rwanda	Shared and advocated FEWS NET food security analysis tools and methods
Somalia	Supported food cluster coordinators and implementing partners to target concerned livelihood zones
South Sudan	Attended Crop and Agriculture, Urban Livelihoods, Livestock and Fisheries and Food Assistance Sub-Cluster meetings
South Sudan	Attended Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) meetings
South Sudan	Attended Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and Humanitarian Situation and Response Monitoring meetings (USAID)

Office	Activity
South Sudan	Attended meetings spearheaded by the Ministry of Agriculture for the establishment of Strategic Food Reserve (SFR)
South Sudan	Participated in the World Food Day
South Sudan	Started drafting of MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture in South Sudan
Southern Africa	Attended Regional IPC Technical Working Group monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Attended regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Attended the RIACSO Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Collaborated with ACTESA and FOs to organize and facilitate hand-over of the informal cross border monitoring
Southern Africa	Participated in producing the monthly food security update in collaboration with FNSWG members: FAO, WFP, and OCHA
Sudan	Attended all monthly food security and livelihoods coordination meetings
Sudan	Maintained partnership with state and national level food security institutions
Sudan	Maintained regular contact with national and regional partners for knowledge and information exchange
Sudan	Negotiated with WFP Sudan to accommodate FEWS NET's field monitors in 6 of WFP field offices
Tanzania	Participated in MUCHALI activities, including preparation of tools for field food security and nutrition data collection
Uganda	Attended regular meetings with GoU, FAO, WFP and other key partners
Uganda	Established partnerships at Kampala and district levels
Uganda	Obtained and exchanged data and information with partners
Western Africa	Attended Dakar food security and nutrition working group meetings
Western Africa	Initiated connections with network partners in the launching of remote monitoring in Guinea
Western Africa	Participated in CILSS/PREGEC annual crop season progress and preliminary crop production prospects meeting
Western Africa	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé steering committee meeting
Western Africa	Provided Cadre Harmonisé and scenario development training for the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Chad
Western Africa	Supported and participated in Food Crisis Prevention and Management Network (RPCA) annual meeting
Zambia	Contributed to the development of Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation system
Zambia	Reviewed a market study concept note with Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)
Zimbabwe	Attended agriculture coordination working group meetings
Zimbabwe	Attended nutrition cluster meetings
Zimbabwe	Participated in the protracted relief program closeout workshop
Zimbabwe	Participated in ZIMVAC assessment dissemination workshops

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 actively worked with CILSS, WFP, FAO, and IPC/GSU to produce a technical note for an update to the Cadre Harmonisé method, which was accepted by CILSS towards the end of this quarter. The updated method brings the West Africa region towards IPC compatibility.

FEWS NET staff also participated in the online consultation sessions of the Food Security Information Network (FSIN). Other activities to support this intermediate result are shown in Table 12.

Table 12. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.2

Office	Activity
Djibouti	Participated in the Global Food Security Information Network (FSIN) stakeholder consultation
DSG	Provided continued input on Somalia famine mortality estimation study
DSG	Signed a technical MOU with FANTA and initiated work on IPC indicators study
Ethiopia	Participated in the Global Food Security Information Network (FSIN) stakeholder consultation
Guatemala	Participated in the Global Food Security Information Network (FSIN) stakeholder consultation
Malawi	Participated in Regional VAC meeting

Office	Activity
Remote Monitoring	Presented at US Institute for Peace on Food Security and Data Workshop: Can Better Data-sharing Enhance Impact?
Somalia	Participated in the Global Food Security Information Network (FSIN) stakeholder consultation
Southern Africa	Attended 2 RVAC dissemination meetings
Southern Africa	Participated in the activity to develop a food security reference table through FNSWG
Western Africa	Chaired the Cadre Harmonisé technical committee meetings
Western Africa	Supported and contributed to overall technical guidance on Cadre Harmonisé methods and products
Western Africa	Supported and contributed to the development of the Cadre Harmonisé Technical Note
Western Africa	Supported the update and improvement of Cadre Harmonisé using IPC Version 2 tools
Zimbabwe	Participated in a ZIMVAC forum for defining and differentiating acute, transitory and chronic food insecurity

IR 3.3 Staff and Partners Skills Maintained and Improved

The main events during the quarter are the three regional training workshops in Dakar, Senegal for the western Africa Region and in Arusha, Tanzania for the eastern and southern regions. The workshops for eastern and southern Africa were held back-to-back at the same location in Arusha. Technical staff from Afghanistan attended with the eastern Africa group while staff from Latin America and the Caribbean attended with the southern Africa group. The main purpose of the workshop was to train staff on the updated scenario development method. There were also refresher sessions on other disciplines such as markets and trade, livelihoods and nutrition.

In August/September, the livelihoods advisor conducted a training workshop in Nakuru, Kenya to introduce a simplified method for HEA data collection. This workshop targeted a number of experienced FEWS NET staff as the secondary purpose of the training was to create a core cadre of livelihoods experts within the project.

FEWS NET also carried out a number of regional trainings for new staff as well as supporting new staff in their countries of posting. These and other activities for IR 3.3 are detailed in Table 13.

Table 13. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.3

Office	Activity
All field offices	Participated in the regional training workshop in Dakar or Arusha
Chad	Provided orientation, training and technical support to field monitors and ANTM
Djibouti	Trained monitors in cross-border data collection
DSG	Multiple DSG staff traveled to all regions to provide training to new FEWS NET staff
DSG	Organized and delivered scenario development training at three regional FEWS NET workshops
Eastern Africa	Participated in HEA light training (RTM and RFSS)
Eastern Africa	Provided support for country scenario-development to the Djibouti, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda offices
Eastern Africa	Provided training to NTMs and ANTM on common terminologies used in FS monitoring, early warning and vulnerability analysis
Eastern Africa	Trained Rwanda FEWS NET staff and partners on market analysis for food security early warning
Ethiopia	Attended nutrition cluster coordination training
Ethiopia	Attended regional introductory training in Nairobi
Guatemala	Conducted 4-day training in FEWS NET products and methods for new ANTM and partners from FAO and WFP of El Salvador
Haiti	Attended ArcGIS and remote sensing workshop
Haiti	Attended IPC and scenario development workshop in Guatemala
Kenya	Trained assessment teams for 2012 long rains food security assessments
LAC	Conducted 5 teleconferences with LAC staff to prepare for regional meetings
LAC	Supported Haiti by providing guideline for field visits, to improve assessment method
LAC	Trained the meteorological service and the Ministry of agriculture of Nicaragua in GeoVRSI

Office	Activity
Livelihoods	Conducted HEA livelihoods training for FEWS NET core cadre in Nakuru, Kenya
Livelihoods	Drafted and submitted training and skills development strategy for FEWS NET staff and partners
Livelihoods	Provided 3 HEA orientation/introductory for new FEWS NET staff in southern and eastern Africa, as well as Head Office
Livelihoods	Provided introduction to livelihoods analysis at regional workshops
Livelihoods	Provided support to remote monitoring countries, reviewed RM desk studies for Madagascar and Angola
Malawi	Facilitated two sessions on livelihoods-based food security assessments using HEA method for MVAC members
Malawi	Participated in first aid training for staff
Mauritania	Conducted training workshop for market monitors in SMS data transmission protocol
Niger	Provided orientation on FEWS NET methods and processes to new staff
Nutrition	Coordinated with ACF East Africa in providing introductory nutrition training to FEWS NET staff
Nutrition	Provided introduction to health/nutrition at regional workshops
Remote Monitoring	Attended IPC training and analysis workshop in El Salvador and Honduras
Somalia	Attended IPC Version 2.0, analysis worksheet and scenario development training with FSNAU field team
South Sudan	Attended regional introductory training in Nairobi
South Sudan	Provided on-the-job training to one of the cross-border trade monitors
Southern Africa	Collaborated with HO in organizing the regional training workshop
Uganda	Attended regional introductory training in Nairobi
Western Africa	Provided training for Nigerian journalists, through the Prime Minister's office, on food security and crisis terminologies
Western Africa	Provided training remote sensing products and their applications in food security, crop monitoring and early warning