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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

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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)

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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

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### 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.

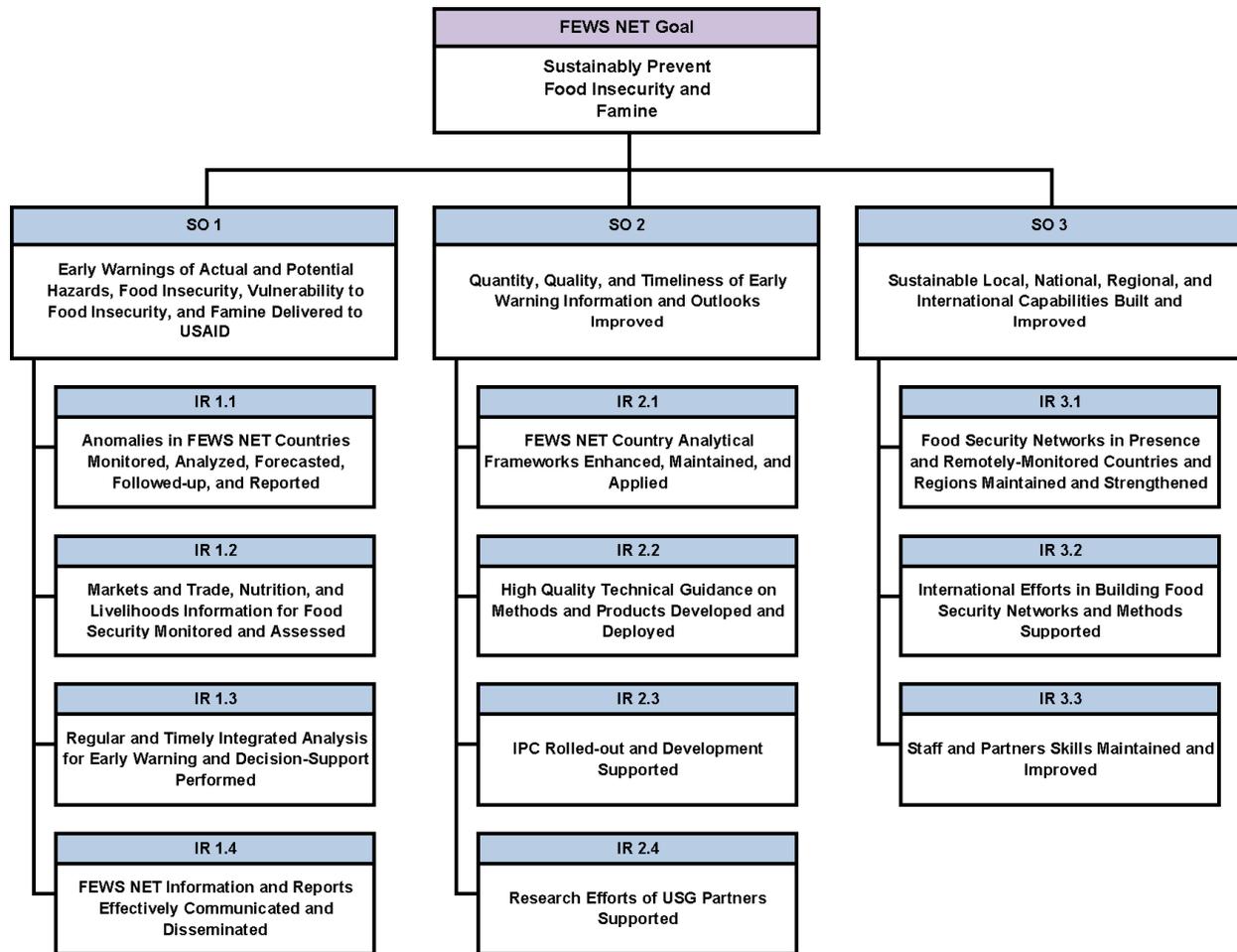
FEWS NET will work towards its goal of sustainably preventing food insecurity and famine through the three project strategic objectives of providing early warning, improving the quantity, quality and timeliness of early warning, and building capacity of partners in food security assessment, monitoring,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

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#### 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; and a list of planned activities that were not carried out or completed along with explanations where applicable. 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 reporting quarter covers the final three months of calendar year 2012. Even with major holidays, the project continued operating at full capacity throughout the period. One of the key activities this past quarter was finalizing a comprehensive work plan for FY 2013. This is a challenging exercise given the number of countries, local demands for FEWS NET time and expertise and the broad FEWS NET mandate that covers food security analysis, early warning, and capacity development. We also considered the visible profile that FEWS NET now has in the food security community and paid special attention to continued technical development and network collaboration while balancing the requirements of evidence-based quarterly outlook reporting and timeliness of alerts and special reports for 33 countries and 4 regions. Other guiding features to the work planning process included:

- continued focus on producing quality knowledge based products for multiple FEWS NET countries—presence and non-presence;
- strengthening of regional office technical capacity and ability to work effectively with their respective field offices while addressing different regional demands;
- ongoing commitment to sectoral excellence and integration throughout the project, encompassing the various inputs of livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and communications;
- continued promotion and support for IPC 2.0, including development of a chronic scale;
- build stronger relationships with USG science partners; and
- developing a capacity and institutional strengthening strategy across the project, with special attention to key FEWS NET countries.

These final months of the first calendar year of FEWS NET III largely completed the transition period from the previous phase. The project added a number of staff members in the field and in Washington while Chemonics continued the often complicated registration processes in a number of countries, particularly onerous in West Africa. The project also procured vehicles in three countries for field and regional office use, and signed Memorandums of Understandings in East Africa with WFP and in Sudan with the Ministry of Agriculture. The following sections contain additional details for these topics.

## Staff Changes

During this quarter, a number of new staff members joined the project:

- Kennedy Lweya as Southern Africa Regional Food Security Specialist for Markets & Trade
- Matias Balate as Mozambique Accountant/Office Manager
- Moussa Moctar as West Africa Regional Food Security Specialist, through subcontractor ACF
- Brehima Sacko as Assistant National Technical Manager in Mali
- Maielle Helman as Food Security Analyst with the Decision Support Group in Washington, DC

## Memorandum of Understanding

During this quarter, the project signed the following two MOUs:

- East Africa: MOU between Chemonics and WFP to support the cross border monitoring system was extended from October 2012 through December 31, 2012
- Sudan: MOU between FEWS NET and the Food Security Technical Secretariat (Sudanese Ministry of Agriculture) for the Food and Agriculture Marketing Information System that covers 34 price monitors and five data analysts

## Registrations

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics completed registration in Ethiopia, registered as “Chemonics International Inc. Ethiopian Branch”. Chemonics also completed registration in Mauritania.

## Vehicle Procurement

In Rwanda, the project procured a Toyota Prado. In South Sudan, the project procured two Honda motorcycles for use by markets enumerators. In the East Africa regional office, FEWS NET also procured two vehicles for the regional motor pool covering the regional office, Kenya, and Somalia.

## Approvals

During calendar Year 2012, the project submitted a total of 266 requests to USAID, including 167 technical requests and 99 contracting officer requests. This volume is indicative of the large volume and diversity of FEWS NET work. During this reporting quarter alone, the project submitted 43 requests including 30 technical and 13 contracting officer requests.

## C. Supporting CILSS, IPC and Cadre Harmonisé

A major activity during this reporting quarter was the series of food security analysis workshops held simultaneously across five Sahelian countries, jointly hosted by CILSS and FEWS NET. These workshops represented the culmination of three months of intense technical work by the Cadre Harmonisé technical committee, led by FEWS NET/CILSS and encompassing all key technical partners including FAO, WFP, Oxfam, Save the Children/UK, and ACF. This committee was tasked by the Cadre Harmonisé Steering Committee to examine the CH methods, incorporate appropriate updates, and bring it up-to-date with international practice. The result is a CH version 2 that is largely aligned with IPC 2.0. The series of workshops, held in early November, included a training component followed by national analysis.

FEWS NET participated actively in all five workshops, with staff members from the home office attending all workshops as advisors. The workshops were well-attended with national and regional participants. Although the workshops did not result in a consolidated regional food security map, they represent an important first step in the move by CH 2.0 to gain acceptance both in the region and in the member countries.

With lessons learned from the workshops, the technical committee worked through the rest of the year to make adjustments. A new series of workshops will take place in March 2013 to implement the updated method and to evaluate the food security outlook through the 2013 lean season in the Sahel. FEWS NET plans to continue its support for this important activity in the Sahel.

## D. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 292 reports and briefs on its public website, 62 of which are foreign language products. Table I shows the detail of these decision-support products.

**Table I. Summary of FEWS NET Decision-Support Products between 10/01/2012 and 12/31/2012**

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	10 (1)	12 (6)	8 (1)	4 (2)	1		35 (10)
Food Security Outlook Update	11 (1)	19 (6)	8 (3)	7 (3)	1		46 (13)
RMWeb Report	4	6	-	6	4		20
Food Security Alert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAOB						3	3
FS Outlook Poster						-	-
Special Report	2	4 (2)	1	-	-	-	7 (2)
Price Watch/Annex						6(3)	6(3)
Price Bulletin	34 (8)	30 (13)	10 (2)	22 (11)	4		100 (34)
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	-	-	-		-
Weather Hazard Report	18			46 (20)	13		
Darfur Rain Timeline	4						4
Rain Watch	9						9

(\*) indicates the number of reports that are translations

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

### IR I.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, field offices followed their respective work plans and participated in various FEWS NET or joint agricultural and food security assessments. In West Africa, the post-harvest assessments were coordinated with the launching of the improved Cadre Harmonisé 2.0 (CH2) method, and held simultaneously across Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. FEWS NET provided additional support for this series of assessments, sending out home office analysts to all five countries to support the CH2 analysis. Some also participated in the field assessments prior to the analytic workshops.

The Decision-Support Group (DSG) also supported monitoring and analysis efforts by providing substantial technical support to field staff in:

- Updated HEA Outcome analysis for eight livelihood zones in southern Malawi; and
- Price data analysis in Yemen (via technical support call to the Djibouti NTM).

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 2 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.1 during this reporting period.

**Table 2. 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
Afghanistan	Monitored seasonal progress on dekadal and monthly basis
Burkina Faso	Participated in pre-harvest crop assessments and food security assessments with partners
Chad	Participated in joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET post-harvest assessment
Chad	Participated in joint FEWS NET/DPSA locust and flood-impact assessments
Djibouti	Carried out seasonal food security assessment
DSG	Participated in post-harvest assessments in Chad, Burkina Faso and Mali
Ethiopia	Participated in 2012 multi-agency meher seasonal assessment
Guatemala	Carried out agricultural assessment of the postrera season
Guatemala	Collected, reviewed and monitored climate information from all sources
Guatemala	Performed GeoVRSI analyses with available field data
Haiti	Visited the north to monitor flood impacts in plantain growing areas
Kenya	Carried out food security assessments in high potential areas
Kenya	Carried out rapid food security assessment in southeastern and coastal livelihood zones
Malawi	Participated in MVAC food security update assessment
Mali	Monitored crop and market development
Mali	Participated in joint crop assessments with CILSS/FAO/WFP
Mozambique	Conducted rapid food security qualitative assessments in various districts
Niger	Participated in joint preliminary crops and food security assessment in Niger
Nigeria	Participated in joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET post-harvest assessment
Remote Monitoring	Participated in joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET/WFP/Gov 2012/13 pre-harvest assessments
Rwanda	Carried out crop and pre-harvest assessments
Rwanda	Participated in joint food security and nutrition assessments (FNSMS)
Somalia	Carried out dry season (hagaa) assessment on drought-affected pastoral zone in the northwest
Somalia	Carried out post-deyr seasonal food security assessment in northern areas and Mogadishu
Somalia	Monitored short rains (deyr) seasonal performance
South Sudan	Participated in Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM)
Sudan	Participate in annual Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission (CFSAM) with partners
Tanzania	Monitored banana bacterial wilt spread in Kagera banana growing areas
Tanzania	Monitored start of vuli and progress of rainfall season
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions, particularly in northern Uganda
Uganda	Participated in annual food security assessment
Western Africa	Participated in pre-harvest assessments in Guinea, Niger and Senegal
Western Africa	Participated in the joint CILSS/FEWS NET/FAO/WFP/GOM annual crops and food assessment in Mali
Zambia	Monitored crop development using USGS products, through the Farming Season Watch Group
Zimbabwe	Carried out field assessments of the agricultural season

## 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.

Due to the special security situation in northern Mali, most normal information channels were stopped and little formal information was available concerning food security and general food situation in the north of the country. FEWS NET home office, regional and national staff mobilized their formal and informal network of colleagues and key informants, such as traders and humanitarian workers, and managed to obtain up-to-date quantitative and qualitative information concerning the market trends in northern Mali. The collection of information depicts a situation where foodstuff is available in the markets despite civil insecurity and that informal flows of commodities are going into the region. Based on this information, FEWS NET published two special reports on market situation in northern Mali, provided briefing to USAID and partners, and continued to monitor the situation throughout the period.

Another special activity during this quarter was a markets and trade theme visit to Malawi, where the team worked with the regional markets and trade specialists from eastern and southern Africa to assist the national team on assessing the markets situation in southern Malawi and formulating assumptions for scenario development.

On the health and nutrition front, FEWS NET fielded a regional nutrition specialist in Western Africa, who will begin to manage and support nutrition-related activities. In Eastern Africa, the candidate identified originally withdrew his candidacy. Fortunately FEWS NET was able to identify another candidate who would be joining the project in early 2013. With these positions filled, we will fast track in the nutrition sector starting the following quarter.

Table 3 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.2 during this reporting period.

**Table 3. 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	Managed and monitored the cross-border monitoring program; compiled monthly cross-border trade data
All Southern Africa	Monitored monthly cross-border trade
Afghanistan	Monitored markets, trade and prices
Chad	Monitored price data regularly through field enumerators
Chad	Performed Chad market and price analysis
DSG	Supported Djibouti RTM in price data analysis for Yemen
Eastern Africa	Conducted rapid appraisal of markets and trade in South Sudan
Eastern Africa	Continued discussions on sustainability of XBT activity in the region
Eastern Africa	Hired and trained border monitors along the Kenya/Tanzania border
Eastern Africa	Provided technical guidance in assessment of markets and trade in southern Malawi
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from the Ethiopian Grain Trade Enterprise
Guatemala	Monitored markets and trade
Guatemala	Tested a wage data monitoring system using data from one sector
Malawi	Performed rapid markets evaluation
Mali	Prepared special reports on markets in northern Mali (Oct, Dec 2012)
Mozambique	Handed over management of XBT system to ACTESA
Mozambique	Updated markets and trade information/data weekly
Remote Monitoring	Drafted and shared remote monitoring plan for CAR with HO and FEWS NET Chad

Office	Activity
Remote Monitoring	Updated Liberia market description, in collaboration with HO
Rwanda	Collected monthly CPI and fuel price data
Somalia	Monitored CPI and minimum food basket expenditure
Somalia	Prepared grain and livestock price bulletins
Southern Africa	Monitored markets and trade in Malawi
Sudan	Supported livestock, food and cash crop price monitoring system
Tanzania	Monitored food prices anomaly
Tanzania	Monitored food prices, cross-border trade and market food supplies
Western Africa	Contributed to special reports on markets in northern Mali
Zambia	Conducted markets assessment of Central Province to evaluate impact of price increases

### 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 October and prepared regular food security outlook update and other analytic products, including monthly input to the Washington food assistance outlook briefing. As customary to allow for a period of rest during the holidays, the project did not produce updates in December except in countries with heightened food insecurity.

In early November, five home-office based staff traveled to Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger to support the Cadre Harmonisé analytic workshops, where an improved, IPC-compatible method was tested in the five countries.

During this period, FEWS NET published five special reports:

- October 19 Summary of Somalia Post-*Gu* assessment findings
- October 22 Somalia Post-*Gu* technical series report
- October 26 Angola Remote Monitoring Desk review
- October 31 Northern Mali Markets Special report
- December 17 Northern Mali Markets Special report

Table 4 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.3 during this reporting period.

**Table 4. 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	Estimated the 2012/2013 cereals/food production and assessed crop losses due to flooding and pest attacks
Djibouti	Prepared Yemen remote monitoring report
DSG	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé analysis workshops in 5 Sahelian countries
DSG	Provided assistance to Mali and Niger in assessments and analysis
DSG	Provided technical support to Malawi in assessments, analysis, and scenario development

Office	Activity
DSG	Updated HEA Outcome analysis for eight livelihood zones in southern Malawi
DSG	Updated price assumptions for multiple HEA scenarios in southern Malawi
Eastern Africa	Prepared and distributed the third quarter cross-border trade bulletin
Eastern Africa	Updated seasonal monitor for Eastern Africa
Guatemala	Published food security Outlook and Outlook Update
Kenya	Analyzed results and prepared report on the assessments in high potential areas
LAC	Provided inputs for regional climate assumptions
Malawi	Prepared Food Security Outlook and Outlook Update reports
Markets and Trade	Contributed to the development of price assumptions for Outlook analysis
Markets and Trade	Led special reporting on staple food market trends in northern Mali
Markets and Trade	Produced country and regional Price Bulletins
Nigeria	Attended the presentation of the joint FSTG-EPRWG post flood assessment
Nigeria	Developed the Joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET/Government post-harvest assessment report
Remote Monitoring	Launched remote monitoring reporting for Central African Republic
Remote Monitoring	Prepared remote monitoring reports
Remote Monitoring	Provided feedback on regional assumptions for Outlook analysis
Remote Monitoring	Provided support to Mauritania in assessment and analysis
Rwanda	Participated in Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring System data analysis and reporting
Somalia	Contributed to FSNAU Quarterly food security and nutrition Brief (FSNB)
South Sudan	Participated in Annual Needs and Livelihood Analysis (ANLA)
South Sudan	Presented rainfall forecast and crop performance updates at Livelihood Analysis Forum (LAF) meetings
South Sudan	Produced Food Security Outlook for October
South Sudan	Produced Food Security Outlook Update for November
Southern Africa	Produced seasonal monitor report with USGS scientist
Tanzania	Provided input for remote monitoring reporting of Tanzania
Western Africa	Provided regional assumptions to support Outlook analysis
Zimbabwe	Conducted outcome analysis for the Beitbridge South Western Communal Livelihood Zone

#### **IR I.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 quarter, the project selected a finalist for the re-design of the FEWS NET website. The subcontractor, Forum One, will provide design and implementation services for the new website. Chemonics obtained contracting office consent for the subcontract, and would obtain USAID IT approval to proceed in the following quarter. We anticipate the launch of a new website by the end of June 2013.

For information dissemination, all FEWS NET field staff remained active in their food security network, distributing reports and information pro-actively and on requests; and also providing special briefings on FEWS NET approach and methods to improve the transparency of FEWS NET analysis. All offices also 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 (Oct, Nov, Dec) were delivered
- November 19: Briefing on East Africa Food Security Outlook, FFP and Interaction NGOs
- December 4: Briefing on Southern Africa Outlook, FFP and Interaction NGOs
- December 11: West Africa Outlook briefing at FFP/AMEX

The DSG also fielded the following special requests:

- October 25: provided USAID with information on tropical cyclone Murjan that affected Somalia and Ethiopia
- November 19: Copies of Somalia maps and review of analysis
- December 6: Analysis of red sorghum prices in various Mogadishu-area markets
- December 6: Information about refugees in Maban County and a high refugee planning number from Ethiopia
- December 11: Analysis/counterpoint of mention of word “famine” in Feed the Future Ethiopia newsletter
- December 13: Clarification of rainy season performance in Ethiopia

Details of other activities undertaken in the context of IR 1.4 are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.4**

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 information to support HO briefings
Afghanistan	Responded to ad hoc requests from USAID for food security information
Afghanistan	Translated and disseminated weekly weather hazard forecast
Burkina Faso	Briefed government agencies on pre-harvest results
Burkina Faso	Shared national and regional food security information at SAP monthly meeting
Burkina Faso	Shared national and regional food security information with FFP/USAID
Chad	Briefed field partners during field visits
Chad	Provided briefings to partners through food security cluster meetings
Chad	Provided the US Embassy with rainfall data
Communications	Engaged external audiences and educated them about FEWS NET work
Communications	Promoted understanding of FEWS NET and its methods through the production of collateral materials
DSG	Delivered 3 FAOB briefings and products to USAID
DSG	Posted 21 web reports for remote monitoring
DSG	Provided Outlook briefings to FFP and Interaction NGOs
DSG	Published 81 presence country reports including 35 Outlooks
Eastern Africa	Prepared and presented regional food security status and projected outcomes to the FSNWG
Eastern Africa	Provided food security briefings to USAID East Africa regional office
Eastern Africa	Published monthly Price Watch for Eastern Africa
Eastern Africa	Published monthly Rain Watch for East Africa
Ethiopia	Presented markets and weather updates to USAID
Guatemala	Improved the mechanisms for diffusion of information and reports
Guatemala	Published and distributed weekly weather hazard products
Haiti	Provided food security briefings to USAID Haiti
Info Tech	Actively posting reports and events to social media

Office	Activity
Info Tech	Evaluated and interviewed pool of vendors; Selected vendor for www.fews.net website redesign
Info Tech	Maintained and developed FEWS NET Contact Directory at contacts.fews.net
Info Tech	Supported the intranet at ISPortal.fews.net
Info Tech	Supported the www.fews.net website
Info Tech	Wrote and approved technical specifications for contract with vendor
LAC	Provided food security briefings to USAID in Guatemala, Honduras and Panama
LAC	Updated regional contact database
Mali	Disseminated special reports on northern Mali
Mauritania	Briefed partners on the results of assessment missions
Mauritania	Shared analysis with partners during food security meetings and forums
Niger	Briefed agricultural minister on crop production
Niger	Participated in Roundtable Meeting with USAID and US agency heads in Niger
Nigeria	Presented current and projected food security conditions to the Food Security Theme Group
Nigeria	Provided rice data and information to IFPRI
Remote Monitoring	Briefed agricultural minister in Burkina Faso about the main findings of the joint 2012/13 pre-harvest assessment
Remote Monitoring	Briefed USAID Sierra Leone and agriculture minister on the main findings of the joint 2012/13 pre-harvest assessment
Remote Monitoring	Delivered monthly food security updates for Senegal, Liberia and Sierra Leone
Remote Monitoring	Drafted guidance for RM introductory visit
Rwanda	Briefed USAID and partners on finalized outlook
Somalia	Provided formal quarterly food security presentations to USAID Kenya and Regional Office
Somalia	Provided informal briefings to USAID and partners via phone calls and ad hoc meetings
Southern Africa	Briefed FFP staff on regional food security situation and projections for the consumption period
Southern Africa	Disseminated Southern Africa Seasonal monitoring products
Southern Africa	Provided briefings for regional partners and The Food and Nutrition Security Working Group
Sudan	Presented FEWS NET Outlook to UNOCHA to support the 2013 humanitarian work plan
Sudan	Responded to ad hoc USAID requests on specific food security issues
Tanzania	Sent FEWS NET reports to USAID
Uganda	Provided food security update presentation at the Disaster Risk Reduction platform meeting
Western Africa	Briefed USAID/Dakar on the 2012/13 food security situation and outlook
Western Africa	Provided briefings to USAID Mali
Western Africa	Provided food security briefing to SAP and other relevant Mali government agencies
Zambia	Briefed USAID and Regional FEWS NET offices on maize, maize meal prices and shortages
Zambia	Briefed USAID and Regional FEWS NET offices on the Army worm outbreak
Zambia	Provided updates on informal maize exports, prices and markets conditions to the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit
Zimbabwe	Provided Briefings to the Food Aid Working Group
Zimbabwe	Provided Briefings to the Nutrition Cluster

## F. 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 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.

For livelihoods, the home office livelihoods advisor visited eastern Africa and made stops in Sudan and South Sudan. In Eastern Africa, he discussed with the Somalia staff on ways to assist the simplification of livelihoods analysis. This resulted in a consultancy late in the quarter that successfully helped the team in refining the baseline spreadsheet and creating a simple format for data monitoring and analysis. In Sudan, the livelihoods advisor discussed with partners on plans for a FEWS NET-led, joint effort to elaborate livelihoods profiles for Sudan. The actual work will take place in 2013. In South Sudan, the livelihoods advisor discussed with partners on plans to update the old livelihoods zones for the country. The zoning activity will also take place in mid-2013.

During this period, FEWS NET also completed desk reviews for Madagascar. Table 6 captures the main activities for the IR.

**Table 6. 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
Burkina Faso	Updated HEA database with SAP 2012 livelihood profiles
Burkina Faso	Updated the nutrition database
DSG	Reviewed updated Somalia production and market flow maps
DSG	Updated Malawi's production and trade flow maps
Eastern Africa	Developed a comprehensive cross-border trade database
Livelihoods	Established plans to develop livelihoods profiles for Sudan
Livelihoods	Established plans to support outcome analysis and livelihoods monitoring in Somalia
Livelihoods	Established plans to update livelihoods zones for South Sudan
Livelihoods	Supported updating of livelihoods baseline in Malawi
Markets and Trade	Continued to update market context narratives in country-specific and regional Price Bulletins
Markets and Trade	Maintained and updated the M&T price database for content and functionality
Markets and Trade	Worked with Kimetrica to improve the markets and trade data collection and management system
Remote Monitoring	Completed desk review of Madagascar in French
Remote Monitoring	Completed livelihoods zoning plus of CAR
Somalia	Created livelihoods problem specification sheet for monitoring and data collection
Somalia	Developed single zone outcome analysis spreadsheet
South Sudan	Held a consultative meeting with partners on plans to update South Sudan livelihood zone
South Sudan	Maintained and updated market and cross-border trade databases
Southern Africa	Facilitated the development of knowledge base for remote monitoring in Angola and Lesotho
Western Africa	Reviewed West Africa livelihoods products to plan for updates
Zambia	Updated informal cross-border trade database

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

During this quarter, the remote monitoring advisor and the livelihoods advisor completed a guidance document on how to conduct a livelihoods zoning plus workshop successfully. This guidance will be field tested in Guinea with the upcoming zoning plus activity. Other home office advisors continue to work on improving methods, providing templates and other guidance. In West Africa, the regional livelihoods

specialist developed a simple instrument to guide the collection of livelihoods information during rapid field assessments. Table 7 captures these activities under IR 2.2.

**Table 7. 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)
Communications	Drafted five new reporting templates and detailed guidance on core reporting products
DSG	Provided feedback to Livelihoods team on the Livelihood Zoning Plus training package
LAC	Updated field assessment tools to include questions related to scenario development
Livelihoods	Developed Livelihood Zoning Plus training package
Livelihoods	Participated in and advised the design of livelihood zoning activities for Angola and Madagascar
Markets and Trade	Led study on how FEWS NET conceptualizes and incorporates labor market information into analyses
Markets and Trade	Piloted online spatial price visualization tool using Kenya as an example
Markets and Trade	Worked with LAC team to improve existing labor market products
Remote Monitoring	Launch improved RM reporting and mapping formats
Remote Monitoring	Provided feedback on remote sensing products for RM countries
Western Africa	Developed form for collecting livelihoods information during assessments

### 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. The main activity during this quarter was the launching for Cadre Harmonisé 2.0. This coordinated effort, supported by FEWS NET and IPC and involving all regional partners, aimed to bring Cadre Harmonisé to a point where the classification is compatible with IPC 2.0. FEWS NET and partners worked from April through October to define the issues, crafted technical solutions, developed technical papers and trained a number of “coaches”. This all culminated in a series of coordinated, simultaneous post-harvest assessments in late October, followed immediately by CH 2.0 analysis workshops in five countries—Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger. The workshops were well attended by national and regional partners. Although there were problems encountered in the workshop, such as confusions over how to incorporate certain indicators, the general result is positive. The CH 2.0 technical committee told the lessons learned and refined the methods during the rest of the quarter. The next round of analysis is now programmed for March 2013.

FEWS NET Home Office staff continued to work with the GSU on additional protocols for classifying chronic food insecurity. These additional protocols will be tested in the coming year. Table 8 summarized the activities carried out to support IR 2.3.

**Table 8. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.3**

Office	Activity
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC technical discussions
Burkina Faso	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Burkina Faso
Chad	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Chad
Chad	Participated in IPC 2.0 training and remote monitoring activities in CAR
Djibouti	Participated in IPC training and analysis workshop
DSG	Continued development of two alternative chronic scale prototypes
DSG	Participated in the initial meeting of the IPC chronic working group
Eastern Africa	Participated in a one-day IPC donor consultation meeting
Eastern Africa	Participated in a two-day TWG consultative meeting on IPC

Office	Activity
Eastern Africa	Participated in IPC steering committee meeting
Guatemala	Participated in and supported IPC training in Guatemala
Kenya	Provided inputs into the planning of the chronic IPC pilot in Kenya
Malawi	Participated in IPC chronic pilot in Malawi
Mali	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Mali
Mauritania	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Mauritania
Mauritania	Worked with partners to explain IPC and CH2
Niger	Met with SAP to discuss CH2, IPC 2 food security classification
Niger	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Niger
Remote Monitoring	Supported IPC training in Honduras
Rwanda	Participated in IPC advocating discussion meeting with FAO
Southern Africa	Attended IPC planning meetings with SADC RVAC
Western Africa	Strongly supported CH improvement and make it compatible with IPC 2
Western Africa	Worked with partners to develop CH2 methods, technical guidance and tools
Zimbabwe	Participated in IPC chronic pilot 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. Although the decentralized products are now in production, the global product still require additional refinement, including re-definition of the hazard categories and verification of a series of crop zone maps that will become the background layer for the product. This work was ongoing during the quarter and is expected to be completed by February 2013.

Table 9 provides a summary of activities related to this IR.

**Table 9. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.4**

Office	Activity
DSG	Began crop zone shapefile revision for use in new global hazards product
DSG	Facilitated transition to regional Seasonal Monitor products
DSG	Initiated a new monthly seasonal forecast call with key science partners to inform scenario building
DSG	Participated in FEWS NET science meeting
Guatemala	Provided inputs for the new agriculture/weather monitoring product
Haiti	Provided inputs/feedbacks to the Weather Hazards product
Kenya	Assisted HO and USGS in refining cropping area maps
LAC	Participated in the USGS Science meeting
LAC	Provided input for the regional seasonal monitoring product
Nigeria	Provided inputs/feedbacks to the Weather Hazards product
Remote Monitoring	Defined crop zones for Liberia, Sierra Leone and Senegal to be used in the new global hazards product
Remote Monitoring	Provided feedback to regional seasonal monitoring products from the USGS
Somalia	Worked with USGS scientist to use NDVI time series to define cropping areas in Somalia
South Sudan	Provided crop calendar to support the use of high resolution satellite images for South Sudan crop area estimate
Southern Africa	Collaborated with the USGS scientist in supporting the region in the analysis of weather products
Uganda	Provided inputs/feedbacks to the Africa Hazards Outlook product
Zambia	Engaged the Department of Meteorology (MET) to provide updated weather data to Regional USGS office

## G. 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.

Of special interest is in South Sudan, where FEWS NET is working on a memorandum of understanding with the ministry of agriculture. A draft MOU is now circulating for comments. At the same time FEWS NET South Sudan was nominated to lead the Early Warning Thematic Working Group for the National Strategic Food Reserve. The NTM is now developing draft Terms of Reference of the working group.

Other activities undertaken in the context of IR 3.1 are shown in Table 10.

**Table 10. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.1**

Office	Activity
Afghanistan	Actively engaged USG and other partners in food security
Afghanistan	Participated in ACF National training on SMART
Burkina Faso	Participate in ACF workshop of Malnutrition causal analysis
Burkina Faso	Participated in an workshop on Nutritional Causal Analysis
Burkina Faso	Participated in market information analysis workshop with partners
Burkina Faso	Participated in national Early Warning System monthly meetings
Burkina Faso	Participated in National Food Security Council General Assembly
Burkina Faso	Participated in WFP workshop on food security monitoring tools
Chad	Provided WFP with cereals price data
Djibouti	Maintained contacts with local institutions in Yemen
Djibouti	Participated in food security cluster meetings
Djibouti	Participated in nutrition cluster meetings
Eastern Africa	Participated in USAID's strategic retreat meeting
Ethiopia	Participated actively in a number of task force meetings
Guatemala	Participated in national food security network meeting and activities
Guatemala	Participated in the Guatemala Food Security forecast committee
Guatemala	Provided technical input to the design of the WFP Emergency Food Security Assessment
Haiti	Coordinated field assessment conducted by CNSA and partners in municipalities affected by hurricane Sandy
Haiti	Participated in forum discussion organized by CNSA to determinate new sentinel sites
Haiti	Participated in GTSAN (Food Security and Nutrition Technical Group) meeting
Kenya	Participated in harmonizing the National Drought Monitoring Authority (NDMA) strategic plan
LAC	Continue trying to coordinate with PRESANCA in regional food security efforts
LAC	Participated in the regional climate forum and regional food security forum
LAC	Support FAO in Colombia in build their food Security Observatory
Malawi	Participated in Agriculture Statistics Forum in Malawi
Mali	Facilitated CH food security outcome analysis workshops in West Africa
Mali	Participated in a workshop to validation the results of the 2012/2013 crop statistic survey
Mali	Participated in food security cluster meetings
Mali	Participated in food security commissariat meetings
Mali	Participated in national warning early system meetings
Mali	Participated in workshop on identifying indicators for urban food security monitoring
Mali	Worked with partners to identify tools/methods to monitor the north

Office	Activity
Markets and Trade	Provided support to Kimetrica's Price Data Warehouse project for FEWS NET
Markets and Trade	Shared our price and cross-border trade data with science partners on an as-needed basis
Mauritania	Assisted WFP on field monitors training
Mauritania	Held meeting with key partners for outlook preparation
Mauritania	Met with partners to explain Outlook analysis and updating of LH profiles in Mauritania
Mauritania	Reviewed progress of the rainy season and impacts on crops, with partners
Mauritania	Supported ACF and CSA in the preparation of an HEA workshop in 2013
Mauritania	Supported ACF on preparations for an HEA workshop
Mozambique	Supported Phase 2 of the INGC and UN Joint Program on Climate Change
Niger	Participated in a workshop to refine tools for vulnerability analysis
Niger	Participated in food security cluster meetings
Niger	Participated in meeting of the Select Committee coordination meeting at the Prime Minister's Office
Niger	Participated in meeting on market analysis
Niger	Participated in SAP annual meeting on vulnerability assessment and mapping
Nigeria	Discussed joint FEWS NET/ACF nutritional survey in vulnerable areas
Nigeria	Provided technical assistance on food security conditions to ACF partners
Nutrition	Participated in ACF Annual Nutrition and Food Security Coordinator Meeting
Remote Monitoring	Briefed ACF and FAO in Sierra Leone about RM, collaboration, sharing data and report
Remote Monitoring	Launched remote monitoring for Lesotho
Remote Monitoring	Participated in the Food Security Forecasting Committee workshop in Burkina Faso
Remote Monitoring	Supported the implementation of the Crops Monitoring System in El Salvador
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
Somalia	Attended Somalia Water And Land Information Management (SWALIM) drought monitoring / early warning expert workshop
Somalia	Supported food security cluster and other food security working groups
South Sudan	Drafted and shared an MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture in South Sudan
South Sudan	Nominated to lead the Early Warning Thematic Working Group for Government-led National Strategic Food Reserve
Southern Africa	Assisted SADC RVAC in planning technical content and agenda for the 2012 Annual Organizational Meeting
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	Attended the SADC RVAC Annual Organizational Meeting
Southern Africa	Collaborated with ACTESA for handing over the informal cross-border monitoring activity
Southern Africa	Undertook a preparatory visit to Lesotho ahead of the RM launch
Sudan	Conducted consultative workshop to prepare for livelihoods profiling of Sudan
Sudan	Developed a draft MoU with WFP to host six FEWS NET' field monitors in WFP sub-offices
Sudan	Led an initiative to profile livelihoods zones in Sudan
Tanzania	Participated in the implementation of MUCHALI work plan activities
Uganda	Attended regular meetings with GoU, FAO, WFP and other key partners
Uganda	Established partnerships at Kampala and district levels
Western Africa	Attended Dakar Food Security and Nutrition Working Group meetings
Western Africa	Attended the CILSS/PREGEC annual cereals balance, food security meeting in Niamey
Western Africa	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé training and analysis and the regional results consolidation in Niamey
Western Africa	Participated in meeting on agricultural markets analysis in relation to household food security in Niger
Western Africa	Supported and Participated in the WA/CILSS Food Crisis Prevention and Management Network annual meeting
Western Africa	Took part in the 28th annual meeting of the food crises prevention network (RPCA)
Zambia	Attended the SADC RVAC Annual Organizational Meeting
Zambia	Consulted on the formulation of the Zambia Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Framework
Zambia	Held consultative meeting with ACTESA on XBT activity handover

Office	Activity
Zambia	Participated in the preparation of the Zambia Contingency Plan for 2012/2013
Zambia	Participated in the Southern African Region Climate Outlook Forum (SARCOF) Mid season forecast
Zimbabwe	Conducted a workshop in partnership with the National Early Warning Unit on Food Balance Sheet
Zimbabwe	Exhibited FEWS NET at the commemoration of Millennium development goals, organized by Development Reality Institute
Zimbabwe	Introduced the FEWS NET Early Warning Concept and Products to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
Zimbabwe	Introduced the FEWS NET scenario building method to the Government and OCHA-led Contingency Planning Workshop

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

FEWS NET is committed to supporting international methods and standards. The two main efforts now center on the IPC and FSIN, where FEWS NET is actively engaged in research efforts to improve the IPC and to assist in the implementation of the FSIN. In October 2012, FEWS NET staff from southern and eastern Africa attended the launch of the FSIN and IPC in Rome, Italy.

Other activities to support this intermediate result are shown in Table 11.

**Table 11. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.2**

Office	Activity
Chad	Participated in IPC training in Central African Republic
DSG	Continued work on IPC indicators study in partnership with FNTA
DSG	Provided continued input on Somalia famine mortality estimation study
Eastern Africa	Participated in the launch and technical meeting of the Food Security Information Network (FSIN)
Guatemala	Participated in and supported the FSIN efforts by providing input on FSIN on-line consultation
Remote Monitoring	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé technical committee meeting in Niger
Remote Monitoring	Participated in the TOT of Cadre Harmonisé analysis, in Burkina Faso
Southern Africa	Attended Meeting to launch the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) in Rome
Southern Africa	Participated in the activity to develop a Food Security Reference Table/ Response Tool through FNSWVG
Western Africa	Contributed to the drafting of lessons-learned from the November 2012 round of CH application in 5 countries
Western Africa	Contributed to the planning and the management of the CH application and analysis workshops
Western Africa	Defined the scope of work and the agenda of the CH technical committee meeting planned in early January 2013
Western Africa	Led and coordinated the improvement of CH training tools
Western Africa	Supported the roll out of Cadre Harmonisé 2.0 in West Africa
Zimbabwe	Participated in the Regional VAC Methodology Development for conducting urban vulnerability assessments

### IR 3.3 Staff and Partners Skills Maintained and Improved

The main events during the quarter are the Cadre Harmonisé workshops in the Sahel in November, where FEWS NET and partners were trained on the improved CH2 method. In Eastern Africa, the RTM and RFSS provided on the job training and support to Djibouti, South Sudan and Uganda, where they worked with the NTM on scenario development, food security classification and outlook reporting.

Other events of note include GIS and remote sensing training for FEWS NET and partners in Rwanda, and GeoWRSI training for partners in Zambia. Both training were provided by the regional USGS scientists in eastern and southern Africa respectively. Other activities for IR 3.3 are detailed in Table 12.

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

Office	Activity
Afghanistan	Trained partners in scenario development
Burkina Faso	Conducted a workshop for WFP and partners on the steps to scenario development
Chad	Participated in CH2 and vulnerability assessment training in Chad
Chad	Provided orientation, training and technical support to field monitors and ANTM
Communications	Helped staff communicate effectively via coaching on key messages and advice on communications products
DSG	Attended an IPC training at Save the Children
DSG	Attended a webinar on remote sensing imagery, led by USGS
DSG	Attended ESRI GIS training
Eastern Africa	Provided support to Djibouti for Outlook report
Eastern Africa	Provided support to South Sudan for Outlook report
Eastern Africa	Provided support to South Sudan NTM in food security presentation
Eastern Africa	Provided support to Uganda for Outlook report
Malawi	Trained MVAC members on HEA based livelihoods assessment methods
Mali	Trained SAP agents on basic HEA tools
Mauritania	Provided continued on-the-job training for the ANTM
Mauritania	Trained markets enumerators on SMS data transmission
Mozambique	GeoWRSI training for FEWS NET and partners
Mozambique	Provided a four-day training on basic HEA Outcome analysis for Mozambican VAC members
Nigeria	Participated in HEA training organized by Save the Children International
Remote Monitoring	Participated in the regional climate forum and regional food security forum
Remote Monitoring	Provided IPC training in El Salvador for decision-makers of the National Food Security Committee
Remote Monitoring	Provided scenario development training to partners in Lesotho
Rwanda	Conducted GIS and remote sensing training for partners in Rwanda
South Sudan	On-the-job training provided to cross-border trade monitors
Southern Africa	Assisted OCHA in delivering workshop on Contingency Planning in Zimbabwe
Southern Africa	Assisted SADC in delivering the REWU training on EW methods and Food Balance Sheets
Southern Africa	Attended the FNSWG/RIACSO workshop to finalize the Response Tool
Southern Africa	Provided ACTESA staff orientation and training for handover of cross-border data, processing and reporting
Western Africa	Provided support to establishing FEWS NET Mali and WFP Mali collaborations
Western Africa	Supported TOT training for CH2 implementation
Western Africa	Trained new Niger-based staff on FEWS NET framework, approaches, and scenario development
Zambia	GeoWRSI training for FEWS NET and partners
Zimbabwe	Attended the 2012 Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Organizational Meeting in South Africa
Zimbabwe	Participated in the SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Preparedness and Response Planning Workshop

## H. Review of Actual and Planned Activities according to the Work Plan

A quick review of the FY 2013 work plan indicates that the majority of activities planned for the October to December 2012 period were completed as planned. The few notable exceptions, with explanations, follow:

- *Somalia Famine death toll calculation through displacement study*: This activity started as planned. However, due to difficulties in obtaining some input data, as well as delays in the contracting with the consultant, this activity will not be completed until around March 2013, one quarter later than planned. This delay will not have any significant impact on the project as this is a retrospective study and not time-sensitive.

- *Lesotho market context statement Review*: Due to the large volume of remote monitoring work, the Lesotho market context review has been delayed until the following quarter. This will not have any negative impact on remote monitoring as information for Lesotho is readily available and the project has already initiated coverage. When this work is completed in the following quarter, it will contribute to improving RM coverage for Lesotho.
- *Website development*: The anticipated launch date for a new website is now late-June 2013. This is six months later than the original, self-imposed timeline of December 2012. Much of the delay is due to the administrative process that may be completed before a contractor can be engaged. The administrative process is now completed. The contractor, Forum One, is now full steam ahead with the re-design. Although it would have been desirable to have a new website early in the new phase of a project, a hastily done site can actually damage the reputation of the project. We are therefore taking deliberate steps to complete this task correctly. Meanwhile we are making sure the existing site is adequately supported to minimize any unexpected interruptions.
- *Investigate structural change with rice production in the Niger Delta*: This activity is suspended due to increased insecurity in the area. When conditions improve, we will evaluate if the timing is right to take up this study or defer until after the next harvest.
- *Review of country knowledge base*: For many countries, this activity was scheduled for the first quarter of FY 2013. However, due mostly to workload, this activity is still on-going. The original timing for the completion of this activity was ambitious and unnecessary, since the development of a project-wide strategy for updating the knowledge base and creating national food security profiles is not anticipated until mid-2013. We will however work with all NTMs to have this activity completed before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY 2013, in time for discussion at the planned project-wide workshop in May.
- *Regional GIS training in LAC*: The LAC region has not had a GIS training and one was planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY 2013. This activity is still being planned and will now take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2013.