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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.

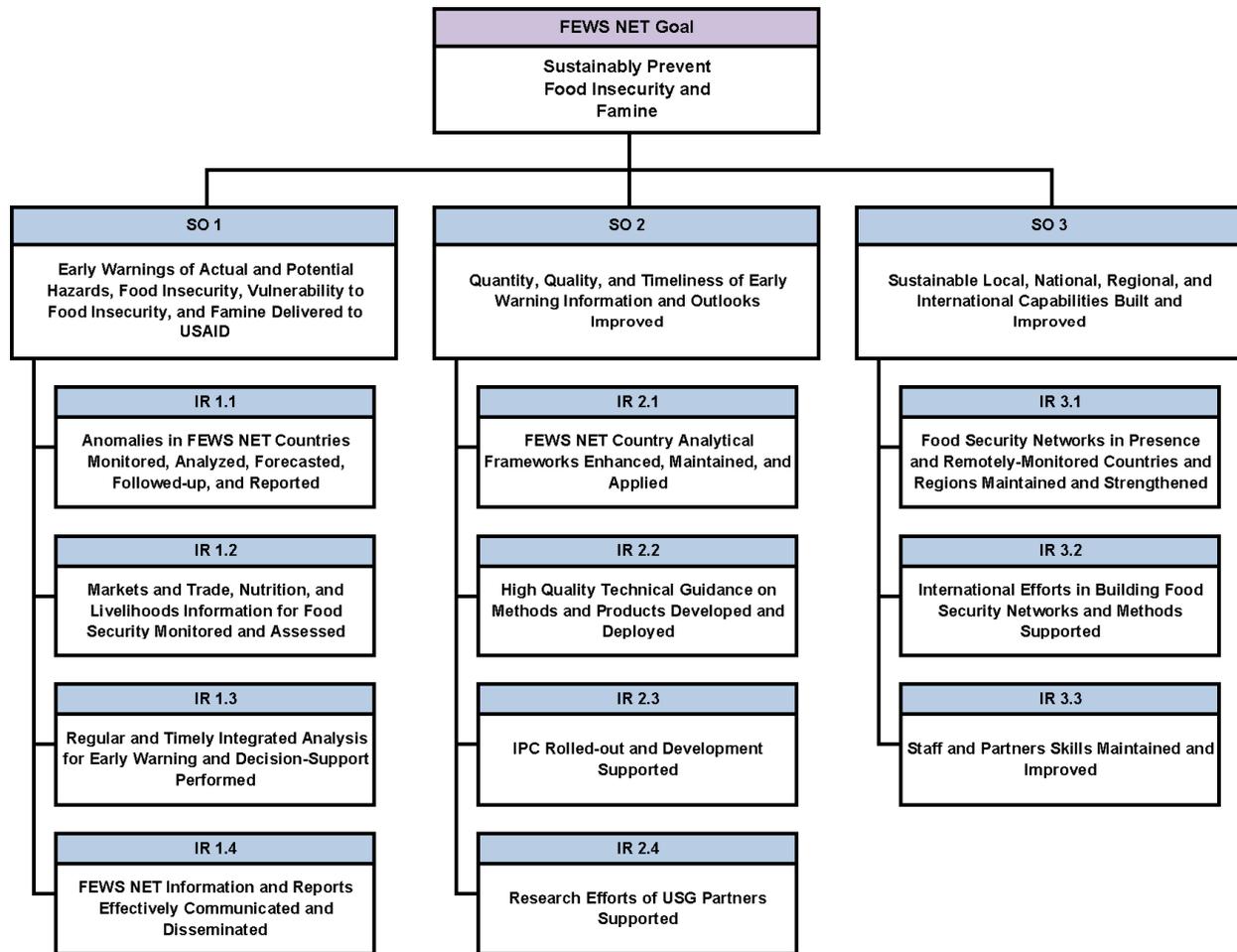
FEWS NET will work towards its goal of sustainably preventing food insecurity and famine through the three project strategic objectives of providing early warning, improving the quantity, quality and timeliness of early warning, and building capacity of partners in food security assessment, monitoring,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

The first three months of 2013 mark the beginning of Year II for the FEWS NET III project. The project has come a long way in one year both in terms of being staffed up with quality professionals and in terms of building technical skills to strengthen analysis and reporting. The project is now in full implementation mode with field and regional offices fully staffed and the home office technical team close to being complete.

During this quarter, the regional offices launched a number of important technical activities in support of the field offices in their regions or in support of remote monitoring startups. It is a truism of this project and of most development work that technical activities in the field are more likely to be successful when there is strong and consistent administrative support working in tandem. A well coordinated PMU-regional office relationship that supports and complements the work of field office technicians guided by the home office is what FEWS NET always works to achieve.

Examples of effective administrative-technical collaboration were evident in West Africa, which was a focus region this quarter with numerous special reports, alerts, field assessments, travel, workshops and multi-agency coordination. The situation in northern Mali, the ongoing impact of shocks in Nigeria on agricultural production and ongoing efforts to support CILSS in further developing the Cadre Harmonisé all required coordinated home-field offices administrative and technical collaborations. Another example of coordinated technical and administrative support is the initiation of Guinea as a remote monitoring country with livelihoods-zoning and market flow mapping workshops.

Annual Performance Evaluations

FEWS NET initiated annual performance evaluations for all home and field office staff that finished their first year of the new phase during this quarter. The COP is responsible for the NTM evaluations and for HO management team members, the DCOP takes on the RTM evaluations and all others are done by their direct supervisors. For example, the NTM is responsible for all technical and support staff evaluations in each FEWS NET country. This is an ongoing process and one that FEWS NET is committed to completing for all staff.

Management Training

- The East Africa Regional Field Accountant, Richard Omwega, trained the following individuals on financial matters while they were in Nairobi, Kenya for their GeoWRSI/Remote Sensing Training from January 28- February 1, 2013:

Yakob Seid	NTM, Ethiopia
John Vuga	NTM, South Sudan
Abdulrahim Norein	NTM, Sudan
Dan Chizelema	NTM, Rwanda
Samuel Mugarura	NTM, Uganda
Nigist Biru	RTM, East Africa

- Trained Nicholus Wandera, the temporary Office Manager/Accountant for FEWS NET Uganda while Patricia Nasike was on maternity leave. The training took place from o/a February 19 – February 22, 2013.
- Trained Nima Mouhoumed, the new Office Manager/Accountant in Djibouti from March 23 to March 28, 2013.

Staff Changes

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

- Esayas Tadiwos Asfaw as Food Security Specialist in Ethiopia
- Zerihun Mekuria as Food Security Specialist in Ethiopia
- Joel Munywoki as East Africa Regional Food Security Specialist, through subcontractor ACF
- Nima Mouhoumed as Office Manager & Accountant in Djibouti

Memorandum of Understanding

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

- Madagascar: MOU between FEWS NET and Catholic Relief Services to support the remote monitoring workshops in Madagascar
- Nairobi, Kenya: MOU between FEWS NET and the FSNAU to cost-sharing of office space

Vehicle Procurement

In Mozambique, the project procured a Nissan Patrol. In Kenya, the project procured a Land Cruiser SUV and a sedan passenger car for in-town use.

Approvals

During the reporting quarter, the project submitted a total of 82 requests to USAID, including 65 technical requests and 17 contracting officer requests.

C. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 369 reports and briefs on its public website, 109 of which are foreign language products. Table 1 shows the detail of these decision-support products.

Table 1. Summary of FEWS NET Decision-Support Products between 01/01/2013 and 03/31/2013

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	10(1)	12(5)	5(1)	2	1		30 (7)
Food Security Outlook Update	18(2)	26(12)	10(2)	6(4)	2		62(20)
RM Web Report	7	18(3)	3	15(6)	6		49(9)
Food Security Alert	3	3(1)	-	-	-	-	6(1)
FAOB						3	3
FS Outlook Poster						-	-
Special Report	7	4(1)	4	1	-	-	16(1)
Price Watch/Annex						5(2)	5(2)
Price Bulletin	62(15)	59(27)	23(4)	46(23)	8		198(69)
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	-	-	-		-
Weather Hazard Report	14			49(24)	14		
Darfur Rain Timeline	-						-
Rain Watch	1						1

(*) indicates the number of reports that are translations

D. 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, field offices followed their respective work plans and participated in various FEWS NET or joint agricultural and food security assessments. Notable assessment missions included:

- a series of joint market assessments with CILSS and partners in the three market basins of West Africa, which provided important input to a series of Cadre Harmonisé 2.0 (CH2) workshops in March,
- a FEWS NET-led joint assessment with CILSS and partners on the impact of floods on cereals production in Nigeria,
- a crop evaluation tour of South Africa and Mozambique with FEWS NET home office analyst Tiffany Imes, field staff from the region and USDA expert, and
- a field assessment of coffee rust damages in El Salvador.

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 I.1

Office	Activity
All Offices	Monitored remote sensing products
Afghanistan	Monitored seasonal progress on dekadal and monthly basis
Chad	Monitored off-season crop and cereal market development
East Africa	Participated in the Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum in Burundi
Ethiopia	Conducted joint FEWS NET/WFP food security assessment in Amhara and Tigray regions
Ethiopia	Conducted joint FEWS NET/WFP/Gov food security assessment in SNNPR
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid food security assessment in East and West Haraghe zones
Guatemala	Collected, reviewed and monitored climate information from all sources
Guatemala	Performed GeoWRSI analyses with available field data
Haiti	Gathered seasonal progress data from Coordination Nationale de la Sécurité Alimentaire (CNSA) liaison agents
Kenya	Participated in food and livestock production assessment with Technical Working Group (TWG)
LAC	Produced regional climate assumptions for Latin America and the Caribbean
LAC	Monitored the <i>Apante</i> season in Nicaragua, <i>Postre</i> in northern Guatemala, and beans harvest in Haiti
LAC	Performed GeoWRSI analysis for Central America with available data for the <i>Primera</i> Season
Malawi	Participated in floods assessment as part of the Country Humanitarian Team
Mozambique	Conducted rapid food security qualitative assessment in the central and southern zones
Mozambique	Participated in the USDA/FAS crop evaluation tour in various locations
Mozambique	Conducted rapid crop assessment in districts affected by recent flooding and the late start of season.
Nigeria	Participated in joint CILSS/OCHA/NEMA/FEWS NET post flood assessment mission
Nigeria	Attended major stakeholders pre-presentation meeting on NIMET 2013 seasonal rainfall prediction
Nigeria	Gave an update on OCHA food security strategy and action plan for the Sahel
RM - CA	Carried out field assessment of coffee rust damages in El Salvador
RM - WA	Remotely monitored food security in Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone
Rwanda	Consulted Remote Sensing products from portals and from Regional scientist
Rwanda	Participated in pre-harvest assessment
Rwanda	Conducted an assessment on dry spell impact in Eastern Rwanda
Rwanda	Conducted regular monitoring of food security in the focus areas and country at large
Somalia	Monitored <i>Jilal</i> (long dry season) impact
Southern Africa	Conducted rapid crop assessment with Zimbabwe field office staff
Southern Africa	Participated in the USDA/FAS crop evaluation tour in Mozambique and South Africa
Southern Africa	Conducted a rapid crop assessment with Mozambique field office staff
Southern Africa	Conducted pre-harvest food security assessment in southern Malawi
Southern Africa	Conducted pre-harvest food security assessment in Zimbabwe
Sudan	Monitored trend in food crop, cash crop and livestock prices from markets in the 17 states of Sudan
Sudan	Monitored the impact of conflict in areas of concern
Sudan	Monitored livestock cross border movement with South Sudan
Sudan	Monitored peace process between Sudan and South Sudan
TAC	Participated in regional food security and vulnerability CILSS/PREGEC meeting
Tanzania	Monitored Banana Bacterial Wilt in Kagera Region
Tanzania	Monitored the <i>Msimu</i> season and the start of <i>Masika</i> season
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions, particularly in northern Uganda
Uganda	Conducted field missions to better understand food security in Uganda and to build partnerships
West Africa	Participated in Nigeria post-flood and market assessment
Zambia	Monitored seasonal progress using remote monitoring products and Dept of Meteorology data
Zambia	Conducted mid-season crop and food security joint assessment with government partners
Zimbabwe	Conducted rapid assessment in various locations to assess the impact of flooding and armyworms
Zimbabwe	Participated in the USDA crop assessment in Mashonaland and Matebeleland
Zimbabwe	Carried out a field assessment in Matebeleland South and Masvingo provinces

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. Regular activities include regular price monitoring, monthly price database update and cross-border trade monitoring in eastern and southern Africa. Additional key activities this quarter included:

- continued to monitor markets in northern Mali,
- updated the price assumptions for multiple HEA scenarios in southern Malawi,
- analyzed the impact of Nigeria flood losses on regional marketing systems,
- compiled several databases including production database in Sudan and price data from Ethiopian Grain Trade Enterprise, and
- began collection of nutrition data from regional partners.

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	Monitored markets, trade and prices
All Offices	Compiled and submitted monthly price report
All Offices	Produced monthly Price Watch report and Price Bulletin
Chad	Provided the US Embassy with recent nutritional data
Chad	Provided the FEWS NET Regional Office with Chad market and price analysis
Chad	Prepared a special market report and shared with partners
Djibouti	Managed cross-border monitoring program
Djibouti	Introduced nutrition project to USAID and Nutrition Cluster
East Africa	Conducted rapid markets assessment in northern Tanzania
East Africa	Re-hired cross-border trade monitors across East Africa to collect data
East Africa	Completed re-organizing and compiling cross-border trade data for facilitated access and analysis
East Africa	Managed and monitored the cross-border monitoring program
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from Ethiopian Grain Trade Enterprise
Ethiopia	Compiled cross-border trade data
Ethiopia	Created consumer price index (CPI) database
Ethiopia	Developed database system for receiving XBT data from border via SMS
Ethiopia	Compiled production data for the previous five years
Guatemala	Reviewed and published markets and trade monitoring, analysis and updates
Guatemala	Elaborated a the special report on the coffee rust, jointly with the regional office
Haiti	Conducted field trip to monitor livelihoods changes and market prices
Kenya	Monitored cross-border trade
LAC	Produced the LAC regional Price Watch and Price Bulletin
LAC	Continued market, trade and price monitoring
Malawi	Monitored informal cross-border trade monthly
Mali	Continued to track markets in northern Mali
Market and Trade	Completed and published the Price Watch
Market and Trade	Completed and published Price Bulletins
Market and Trade	Reviewed East and Southern Africa cross-border trade bulletins

Office	Activity
Market and Trade	Provided guidance to West Africa Markets and Trade specialist on regional market monitoring
Market and Trade	Conducted field assessment in southern Haiti
Mauritania	Conducted cross-border trade assessment
Mauritania	Conducted joint markets and prices assessment with key partners
Mozambique	Provided weekly updates on markets information for various food commodities
Niger	Participated in joint outcome analysis with key partners
Niger	Participated in joint market assessment in Niger and Benin
Nigeria	Participated in ongoing discussions on joint FEWS NET/ACF nutritional survey for vulnerable areas
Remote Monitoring	Supported East Africa RTM participation in Yemen IPC analysis
Rwanda	Collected monthly CPI and fuel prices
Somalia	Implemented weekly cross border trade monitoring and reporting
South Sudan	Monitored cross border trade and markets
South Sudan	Initiated recruitment of trade flow assessment consultant
Southern Africa	Monitored and analyzed Informal cross border trade in the region
Southern Africa	Provided technical assistance to, and participated in, rapid markets assessment in Tanzania
Southern Africa	Produced regional Price Watch and Price Bulletin
Southern Africa	Met with key markets actors in Zambia to understand current key issues
Sudan	Monitored trends in formal and informal trade flows in Sudan
Sudan	Monitored macro-economic (e.g. inflation and local currency devaluation) factors in Sudan
Sudan	Monitored staple food, cash crop and livestock prices throughout Sudan
Sudan	Established technical working group in Sudan to undertake livelihood profiling of 19 livelihood zones in Sudan
Sudan	Monitored evolving food security issues at national level and in areas of concern
TAC	Participated in joint food security and market assessment in Western Basin with key partners
Tanzania	Conducted cross border trade assessment in several regions
Uganda	Monitored cross border trade at Seam and Mpondwe borders
Uganda	Compiled and submitted cross border trade data sent from monitors at two border points
West Africa	Participated in joint food security and market assessment in Eastern Trade Basin with key partners
West Africa	Collected nutritional data from ACF mission and FEWS NET offices in Niger, Burkina Faso and Chad
Zambia	Compiled formal trade data for maize and maize meal
Zambia	Monitored maize meal shortage conditions in Copperbelt and border towns; briefed USAID
Zimbabwe	Participated in disseminating preliminary findings of February Second Round Nutrition Assessment

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

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

In all regions, FEWS NET staff produced food security outlook reports in January and prepared regular food security outlook update and other analytic products, including monthly input to the Washington food assistance outlook briefing. Based on the January outlooks, FEWS NET also produced an Outlook Poster for the quarter.

In March, FEWS NET, CILSS and partners hosted another series of Cadre Harmonisé analysis workshops in western Africa. This is a work-in-progress; nonetheless national early warning systems are beginning to take ownership of the analysis. From the experience of the two series of workshops in November 2012 and March 2013, FEWS NET now plans to shift the focus to supporting food security training and to

build national early warning systems' role in coordinating data collection and data input for the CH analyses.

The decision support group at the home office continued its role in providing high-quality information products for FEWS NET clients and users. During this period, the project published 131 monthly reports, including 30 Outlooks and 49 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 4 alerts
 - January 3 Kenya: Crisis (IPC Phase 3) continues in the southeastern and coastal marginal mixed farming areas, Alert, January 3, 2012
 - February 15 West Africa: Nigeria crop losses; high prices likely
 - February 20 Nigeria: Elevated acute food insecurity likely following flooding and civil insecurity
 - February 22 Ethiopia: Following a below average Meher harvest, food access is poor in East and West Hararghe

- 13 special Reports
 - 3 Sudan market monitor products
 - 6 regional seasonal monitor products
 - 2 RM desk reviews
 - February 25 Northern Mali Market report
 - March 27 Central America Coffee rust 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	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé analysis workshop (organized by CILSS)
East Africa	Completed seasonal monitor for East Africa
East Africa	Prepared Yemen remote monitoring report
Ethiopia	Prepared East and West Hararghe Food Security Alert
Guatemala	Published the weekly weather hazard among partners and distribution list
Kenya	Completed report on October-December short rains following assessment
Kenya	Prepared Food Security Alert
LAC	Produced regional coffee rust Special Report
LAC	Supported FEWS NET Haiti office food security analysis (through construction of the SST tables)
LAC	Supported Remote Monitoring Coordinator with El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua food security analysis
Mali	Conducted Mali outcome analysis
Market and Trade	Contributed to Special Report on coffee markets and food security implications in LAC
Market and Trade	Prepared regional Food Security Alert for West Africa following flooding and markets assessment in January-February
Market and Trade	Produced northern Mali Special Report
Niger	Participated in analysis of impacts of institutional purchases on markets behavior and prices
Niger	Participated in joint (SIMA, WFP, FEWS NET) analysis on interior and border markets in Niger
Nigeria	Prepared food security alert for West Africa

Office	Activity
Nigeria	Prepared Food Security Alert for Nigeria
Remote Monitoring	Launched monthly reporting on Lesotho
Remote Monitoring	Produced coffee sector special report
RM - CA	Monitored food security and produced Remote Monitoring reports for El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua
Somalia	Contributed to production of FSNAU technical series report
Somalia	Participated in seasonal food security outcome analysis with key partners
South Sudan	Conducted food security monitoring and produced special food security report on Abyei
South Sudan	Participated in interagency assessment in Gogrial East County, Warrap state
Southern Africa	Performed price analysis for major staple food commodities in presence, RM and SADC countries
Southern Africa	Performed regional food security analysis; generated assumptions; shared with Field Offices
Southern Africa	Produced Southern Africa Seasonal Monitor

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 quarter, the project began working with Forum One to design a new website for www.fews.net. Home office staff participated in a technical discussion session to define the basic layout and requirements of the website. The USAID and partners website committee also reconvened during this quarter in bi-weekly sessions to review progress. Launch of the new website is set for late June to early July as of the preparation of this report.

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:

- 3 FAOB briefings and three FAOB products (Jan, Feb, Mar) were delivered
- 6 Pre-briefings on Somalia death toll study 2/11, 3/7 (AFR, FFP, OFDA), 3/8 (OFDA, FFP), 3/13 (Kenya mission, Africa Bureau), 3/18 (Nairobi embassy, FFP), 3/19 (USAID Administrator)
- January 12 West Africa Outlook Briefing at AMEX
- February 12 East Africa Outlook Briefing at AMEX
- February 14 Southern Africa Outlook Briefing at AMEX
- February 22 Preliminary Results of the West Africa West Basin Markets and Trade Assessment (USAID mission, Dakar)
- March 6 East and West Hararghe Analysis, Duetsche Welle Amharic language service reporter, by phone

The DSG also fielded the following special requests from USAID:

- January 10 – Request for more info on food insecurity in Malawi and Madagascar

- January 18 – Request for additional information on Guatemala
- February 4 – Statement for FAC
- February 7 – Monetization program discussion
- February 7 - January 10 – Request for more info on food insecurity in Lesotho
- February 20 - Additional info on Nigeria flood impacts
- February 25 - Effects of the Nigerian flooding and regional/local institutional procurements on food prices in West Africa

During this quarter, the DSG also redesigned the Food Assistance Outlook Brief and implemented changes to further adapt this product to USAID needs. 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	Briefed USAID, partners and Afghan government
Afghanistan	Engaged actively in food security cluster early warning group meeting
Afghanistan	Responded to ad hoc USAID request for food security information
Chad	Briefed field partners during three field visits during the reporting period
Chad	Briefed partners (US Embassy included) through Food Security cluster meetings and shared FSO and FSOU reports
Chad	Briefed Regional USAID/FFP Director and US Embassy on current food security situation and outlook in Chad
Chad	Briefed regularly the Comité d'Action de Sécurité Alimentaire et Gestion de Crise, Food Security Cluster
Communications	Consulted on key reports, including joint FSNAU press release, FAC public statement, Abyei special report, and FS profiles
Communications	Developed public release strategy for Somalia death toll study including press event and materials
Communications	Increased FEWS NET followers on twitter by 25 percent
Communications	Oversaw production of promotional materials for RM countries including hats and pads
Communications	Produced White Paper on FEWS NET approach to Remote Monitoring
Communications	Redrafted FEWS NET entry on Wikipedia
Djibouti	Briefed USAID and partners on most recent Food Security Outlook report
East Africa	Prepared and provided input to regional food security status and projected outcomes to the FSNWG
Ethiopia	Disseminated Food Security Alert to various stakeholders via email
Ethiopia	Food Security Outlook Updates for February and March disseminated for various stakeholders via email
Ethiopia	Prepared and disseminated January-June Food Security Outlook report various stakeholders via email
Ethiopia	Presented findings from rapid field assessment in SNNPR, Eastern Amhara, and South Tigray to USAID mission
Ethiopia	Presented Food Security Outlook and Outlook Updates to USAID mission
Ethiopia	Presented weather updates and severity of food insecurity situation in selected livelihood zones to USAID mission
Guatemala	Briefed USAID missions and partners, and supported others to provide information and briefings
Guatemala	Published and disseminated national FEWS NET products
Guatemala	Published one Food Security Outlook and two Outlook Updates
Info Tech	Actively posted regular reports to Facebook and Twitter
Info Tech	Continued to maintain Contact Directory at contacts.fews.net
Info Tech	Continued to support the www.fews.net website and ISPortal
Info Tech	Initiated effort to optimize mapping geodatabase in order to deliver interactive maps to the new website
Info Tech	Managed website redesign
Kenya	Published Food Security Alert
Kenya	Published and disseminated Food Security Outlook and Outlook Updates reports.
LAC	Disseminated all the Food Security reports for Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and the region

Office	Activity
LAC	Provided food security briefings to the Guatemala Office in presence and the regional office by phone
LAC	Translated and distributed weekly weather hazard products for LAC into Spanish and French
LAC	Updated regional contact database
Malawi	Briefed local USAID Mission Deputy Director on prevailing food security conditions and abnormally rising food prices
Malawi	Briefed Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Principal Secretary of Food Security on field assessment findings
Malawi	Briefed USAID BEST team on Malawi food security context
Malawi	Electronically disseminated products to decision-makers, including about 300 users
Malawi	Held dissemination meetings each month for FSO and FSOU
Mali	Produced Northern Market report
Market and Trade	Presented market information visually in national and regional maps
Market and Trade	Rolled out alternative presentation of M&T product (focusing on the Price Watch, Annex and Price Bulletins)
Mauritania	Held information sharing meetings with US Embassy to provide them with useful information for decision making
Mauritania	Shared FEWS NET analysis results during meetings, forums and food security monitoring committees
Mauritania	Briefed key in-country food security actors in Mauritania on changes in food security classification
Mauritania	Met with partners to discuss previous FEWS NET analysis and prepare for the April-June 2013 Outlook
Mauritania	Shared trip and monthly reports by mail with all key food security key actors; distributed hard copies to others
Mozambique	Provided information to mission and partners about floods and food security implications
Niger	Briefed USAID mission and US Embassy in Niger
Niger	Disseminated Food Security Outlook and Food Security Outlook Update reports
Nigeria	Presented food security conditions to the Food Security Theme Group
Nigeria	Provided monthly briefing to USAID
Remote Monitoring	Produced Remote Monitoring White Paper for communications in English, French, and Portuguese
RM -WA	Briefed USAID mission in Guinea and Mano River Union General Secretary about remote monitoring
RM -WA	Delivered monthly food security updates for Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone
Rwanda	Briefed USAID and partners on finalized Food Security Outlook report
Rwanda	Disseminated reports through mailing list
Somalia	Briefed USAID and implementing partners on post Deyr 2012/13 seasonal food security analysis outcome
Somalia	Released Deyr 2012/2013 food security current condition and projected (six months) scenario
South Sudan	Disseminated Food Security Outlook and Food Security Update reports
South Sudan	Updated contact list for improved information dissemination
Southern Africa	Attended briefings with Regional Inter Agency Coordination and Support Office (RIACSO) partners and the Food and Nutrition Security Working Group (FNSWG)
Southern Africa	Briefings held with the FFP staff, updating on regional food security situation and projections for the consumption period
Southern Africa	Maintained contact with USAID FFP /Southern Africa, and USAID/OFDA TDY staff providing regional food security updates as requested
Southern Africa	Regional food security outlook (Jan - June 2013) and food security updates disseminated
Southern Africa	Southern Africa Seasonal Monitor disseminated
Sudan	Attended 5 nutrition coordination meetings and provided brief of main food security issues in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed Evaluation team conducting evaluation of WFP program in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed FFP/USAID Sudan on evolving food security issues and food security outlook
Sudan	Briefed TUFT's study team conducting study on impact of conflict in cash crop' trade in Darfur
Sudan	Briefed UNEP about evolving food security issues to inform disaster risk management in Sudan
Sudan	Responded to written and verbal queries about food security conditions in Sudan
Tanzania	Disseminated Food Security Outlook Update reports and Price Watch to USAID and partners
Uganda	Electronically disseminated Food Security Outlook reports, Price Bulletins
Uganda	Presented food security update at the Disaster Risk Reduction platform meeting
Uganda	Presented food security update at the food security and livelihood sector support working group (FSAL SSWG)
West Africa	Briefed IRIN Humanitarian reporter in West Africa in Bamako
West Africa	Briefed USAID Dakar on CH technical committee meeting
West Africa	Briefed USAID Nouakchott on CH maps, HEA and nutrition data

Office	Activity
West Africa	Briefed USAID/FFP and WFP/Dakar
West Africa	Briefing to French Embassy in Niamey
Zambia	Briefed USAID contact on our best estimate for this season's maize production on request from the USAID Director
Zambia	Disseminated monthly reports to USAID and food security organizations
Zambia	On request from USAID, provided trend and information on informal maize traded by Zambia with her neighbors
Zimbabwe	Conducted briefings for USAID/Food For Peace
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the Food Aid Working Group

E. 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. During this quarter, FEWS NET engaged a food security consultant and began the process of developing the approach, template and guidance for FEWS NET food security profiles.

As part of remote monitoring, FEWS NET carried out livelihoods zoning workshops in Guinea and in Angola during this quarter. These workshops were followed by market commodity flow workshops. These four products are now in review and will add to the knowledge base for these two remote monitoring countries. In West Africa, the regional office took on the responsibility of updating the livelihoods zones for Mauritania. The workshop concluded successfully in March and an updated zone map and descriptions are now under review. They will form the basis for FEWS NET and partners to update the profiles or livelihoods baselines for Mauritania.

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
Chad	Discussed and established plan with partners to develop livestock production and flows map in 2013
Chad	Updated prices, production and recently nutrition database
Guatemala	Contacted key informants from Belize's Ministry of Agriculture on beans and maize production and trade information
Kenya	Updated food security databases
LAC	Provided guidance to the RMC on the elaboration of the coffee labor maps of El Salvador and Nicaragua
LAC	Updated the Latin America and Caribbean description for the Price Bulletins
Livelihoods	Conducted Livelihood Zoning Plus and Market Flows Mapping Workshop for Angola and Guinea
Livelihoods	Conducted Mauritania Livelihood Zoning Plus Workshop; prepared Livelihood Profiling exercise
Livelihoods	Livelihood Zone Profiles Sudan, (Kordofan State) and Core Facilitating Team Training
Livelihoods	Supported Somalia Post Seasonal Assessment – Dyer Short Rains – incorporating Outcome Analysis
Livelihoods	Updated South Sudan Livelihood Zones
Malawi	Updated lists for local traders in the southern region
Mali	Updated market database, including northern markets
Market and Trade	Added new countries, market, and commodities to M&T database on an as-needed basis
Market and Trade	Conducted M&T-related Remote monitoring (RM) start up
Market and Trade	Reviewed and updated country and regional M&T market descriptions published in Price Bulletin

Office	Activity
Market and Trade	Reviewed and updated markets and commodities covered in Price Bulletins, Price Watch Annex and M&T price database
Market and Trade	Reviewed regional commodity flow maps and identified needs for update
Market and Trade	Updated M&T spreadsheets/database and harmonized basic data analysis functions
Mauritania	Completed livelihood profiling field verification
Mauritania	Completed livelihood profiling update
Mozambique	Reviewed country knowledge base and discussed country monitoring plan
Niger	Created and updated database on key indicators such as cereals productions, cash crop productions and prices; stocks, numbers of vulnerable households
Remote Monitoring	Completed Guinea, Angola market flow mapping and livelihood workshops
RM - CA	Built the initial draft of the coffee labor flow map of El Salvador
RM - CA	Built the initial draft of the coffee labor flow map of Nicaragua
RM - WA	Led and facilitated Guinea livelihood zoning workshop
RM - WA	Planned and participated in field verification for Guinea Livelihood Zoning Plus
Rwanda	Conducted Market visits to compare reliability of price data with e-SOKO (the Minagri web-based database)
Rwanda	Participated in Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring System (FNSMS) field data collection
Somalia	Conducted food security Outcome Analysis using Single Zone analysis spreadsheet
South Sudan	Convened workshop for Livelihood Core Facilitators' team
South Sudan	Initiated rezoning South Sudan Livelihood zones
South Sudan	Initiated the process of recruitment of a consultant for the trade flow assessment
Southern Africa	Facilitated markets context workshop to build Knowledge Base products in Angola
Southern Africa	Participated in discussions for the development of Knowledge Base for Remote Monitoring in Angola and Lesotho
Southern Africa	Updated and maintained databases on food security for presence and non-presence countries and regional
Sudan	Developed ToR for national consultant to develop crop production database of Sudan
Sudan	Updated market spreadsheets
Tanzania	Participated in the review of MUCHALI Food Security framework and reviewed food production forecast by Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives
Uganda	Identified areas of the knowledge base requiring update and create an update plan
West Africa	Conducted update to the Mauritania livelihood zone map
West Africa	Supported planning and participation in Guinea Livelihood Zoning Plus field verification
Zambia	Initiated and updated formal trade maize and maize meal data
Zambia	Updated commodity price data
Zambia	Updated informal cross border data
Zimbabwe	Negotiated for Data Access from the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT)
Zimbabwe	Updated the Agriculture Food Security Monitoring Systems (AFSMS) Database up to January 2013

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

During this quarter, FEWS NET began preparing for the All-FEWS training workshop to be held in May 2013. As part of this preparation, the Markets and Trade team developed guidance for making price assumptions for scenario development. The M&T also provided guidance on the future creation of labor flow maps. Other efforts continued in the home office and in the field to improve methods and standards. These are captured in Table 7.

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)
East Africa	Developed and shared with Ethiopia and Djibouti a simplified conceptual framework for food security-related markets and trade analysis

Office	Activity
Ethiopia	Developed draft guidelines on hotspot woreda identification and held consultative workshop in Amhara, Oromia and Somali regions with relevant stakeholders
Livelihoods	Conducted Southern Africa Core Cadre Training
Market and Trade	Provided guidance to DSG on making price assumptions for scenario building
Market and Trade	Developed guidance for labor flow mapping (to apply immediately in Lesotho and Angola)
Market and Trade	Developed guidance for making price assumptions for scenario building
RM - VVA	Provided feedback on the EWV training manual of Sierra Leone drafted by the Food Security Task Force
Somalia	Improved cross border trade monitoring by applying effective post training data collection methods
Southern Africa	Provided input and contributed to material development for the All FEWS Meeting
Uganda	Provided input onto the updating process of the crop zone information; identified errors in the spreadsheet in which price data is collected
Zimbabwe	Participated in reviewing tools to be used during the ZIMVAC annual assessment
Zimbabwe	Prepared Baseline Updates to the ZIMVAC on the Zimbabwe Livelihood Zones including updating populations in line with the December 2012 national population projections.

IR 2.3 IPC Rolled-out and Development Supported

FEWS NET continues to support IPC and related methods such as the Cadre Harmonisé. During this quarter, the main activities are those related to the development and testing of a chronic food security scale. FEWS NET supported and participated in a pilot in Honduras. In the home office, staff attended a World Bank-hosted week-long discussion on the chronic scale. Progress is being made and the chronic working group will convene again in the following quarter.

In the field, FEWS NET staff attended a number of IPC event including an analysis in Yemen and IPC training in Haiti that FEWS NET helped organize. 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
Chad	Participated in CH2 training and analysis workshop in Chad
East Africa	Participated in IPC analysis in Yemen
Ethiopia	Held discussions with the newly launched USAID-funded project to enhance the LIU activities on ways to scale up utilization of IPC in Ethiopia
Guatemala	Participated in the IPC chronic scale pilot in Honduras
Haiti	Supported CNSA in an IPC training on behalf of its employees and those of our partners
LAC	Participated in and supported the test of IPC Chronic Scale in Honduras
LAC	Supported and coordinated with Regional WFP office for the IPC training in Haiti
Mali	Presented IPC to national warning system
Market and Trade	Participated in IPC chronic scale pilot
Niger	Participated in national Cadre Harmonisé food security analysis workshop in Niger
Remote Monitoring	Participated in IPC 2.0 Chronic Pilot of Prototypes A, B, and D in Honduras
Remote Monitoring	Participated in IPC 2.0 Chronic Prototype pilot review in Washington, DC
Rwanda	Participated in IPC discussion meeting
Southern Africa	Participated in RVAC Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on 2012-2013 IPC pilot activities
Southern Africa	Participated in the selection of the new IPC Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa
Sudan	Supported national and state IPC analysis by IPC working groups to produce national IPC update
TAC	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé Regional Technical Committee workshop to improve CH method and tools
TAC	Participated in regional harmonization national analysis exercises and mapping
TAC	Supported and lead Senegal national training and analysis workshop using improved Cadre Harmonisé methods and tools

Office	Activity
Tanzania	Participated in preparation of IPC training materials for Local Government MUCHALI in Kagera Region
Uganda	Held high-level policy meeting on IPC for Karamoja and response analysis
Uganda	Held IPC mini workshop in Karamoja for consensus building; held IPC training

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

There were no major activities under this IR during the reporting quarter. The effort to define a new global weather hazard product continues with USGS and NOAA. Field offices also continued to provide feedback and input to products from the USGS and NOAA.

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
Djibouti	Supported NOAA Climate Prediction Center's Africa Hazards Outlook
East Africa	Provide food security analysis to USGS's short rains forecast interpretation
Haiti	Distributed to partners received information from NOAA
Haiti	Provided feedback to NOAA after verification with field agents
Kenya	Provided feedback on WRSI for Maize and Sorghum
LAC	Elaborated a coordination plan in the LAC region for the production of the seasonal monitor product
LAC	Provided input for the global climate teleconference
Market and Trade	Reviewed ongoing USG research that relates to M&T
Mozambique	Provided information requested by the USGS regional representative
Nigeria	Provided feedback to the USG team on different products sent out seeking observations
Somalia	Conducted ground-truthing of the weather hazard impact assessments and always shared with USGS
Southern Africa	Collaborated with the USGS scientist in supporting the region in the analysis of weather products and analysis of evolution of cropping season
Southern Africa	Provided crop production historical data to USGS scientist to run experimental model to forecast yields
Uganda	Supported NOAA Climate Prediction Center's Africa Hazards Outlook

F. 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 notes are:

- Remote monitoring visit to Burundi by Rwanda-based staff; this visit helped networking with partners in Burundi,
- Training in Mozambique of partners by FEWS NET on Food Balance Sheet techniques and interpretation,
- Sponsoring an IPC chronic scale pilot with PRESANCA in Honduras, and
- DSG analysts traveled to the field to support networks and analysis:

- Travel to Haiti (January 9-18) to assess the food security situation in areas of concern in the South/Southeastern peninsula (Sisa, Helman)
- Travel to Senegal (Feb 15-25) for the West Basin markets and trade assessment (Lazarus)
- Travel to Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique (Feb 15 – Mar 8) to participate in USDA crop tour and Mozambique food security rapid assessment (Imes)
- Travel to Honduras (Feb 25-Mar 2) to participate in chronic IPC pilot (Coneff)
- Travel to Ethiopia (Feb 18-Mar 1) Participated in the Markets and Trade All FEWS meeting planning, Assisted the Ethiopia FEWS NET office with the February FSOU and introduced new staff to the scenario development process and other FEWS NET methods.(Stabler)
- Travel to Haiti (Mar 17-22) Capacity building through review of SST process.(Helman)

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
Chad	Provided price data to the Ministry of Agriculture, CARE International, and OXFAM
Chad	Provided WFP with price data on a monthly basis
Djibouti	Participated in Food Security cluster meeting
Djibouti	Participated in Nutrition Cluster meeting
East Africa	Introduced Rwanda technical assistant to Burundi network partners
Ethiopia	Actively participated in Task Force meetings as a regular member of the Task Forces
Guatemala	Participated in national food security network meeting and activities
Guatemala	Participated in the regional markets teleconference
Guatemala	Provided support to improve the food security analysis of the FS Forecast Committee
Guatemala	Signed Letter of Understanding for joint work in the Crop Monitoring System
Haiti	Participated and contributed in all meetings called by the Technical Group for Food Security and Nutrition (GTSAN)
Kenya	Participated in the Kenya Food Security Steering Group meeting
Kenya	Participated in the monthly Kenya Food Security Steering Group and Kenya Food Security Meetings
LAC	Began collaboration with PRESANCA in the IPC chronic scale prototype test; and other activities such as the review of coffee maps
LAC	Organized, led the regional market & trade teleconference with 8 countries of the region
LAC	Participated actively in regional working groups of climate and agriculture
Malawi	Attended launch of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Management & Launch of the Malawi Nutrition and HIV and AIDS program
Malawi	Participated in Africa Risk Capacity Technical Working Group
Malawi	Participated in Agriculture Statistics Forum, a network of agencies working towards improving agriculture statistics data collection and analysis in Malawi
Malawi	Participated in Malawi's IMF Extended Credit Facility (ECF) Review meetings
Malawi	Participated in the ACTESA/ COMESA National Food Balance Sheet Workshop
Malawi	Participated in the USAID staff and partners synergy meeting
Mali	Meeting for the implementation of a collection system for the north
Mali	Participated in Food Security Cluster meeting
Mali	Participated in market monitoring within CILSS
Mauritania	Participated in Food Security Monitoring Cluster with FAO
Mozambique	Provided training on Food Balance Sheet techniques and interpretation
Niger	Participated in Food Security Cluster meeting
Nigeria	Provided technical assistance to FAO-HQ evaluation team on Nigeria FAO-office food security impacts
Remote Monitoring	Supported Burundi visit to introduce Nadia and understand market context
RM - CA	Contributed to the crop monitoring system plan for 2013 production cycles

Office	Activity
RM - WVA	Briefed FAO/WFP country reps. in Guinea on Livelihood Zoning Plus conclusion and future collaboration
Rwanda	Made visit to partners in Burundi where we monitor remotely
Rwanda	Participated in joint food security and nutrition assessments (FNSMS)
Rwanda	Participated in regular information sharing (e.g. inauguration of CFSVA 2012)
Rwanda	Participated in various working groups
Somalia	Supported Regional food security and nutrition working group (FSNWWG)
Somalia	Supported Somalia food security cluster
South Sudan	Attended Nutrition Cluster's monthly meeting during which presentation was made.
South Sudan	Participated in the Food Security and Livelihood monthly meeting
South Sudan	Shared near-final copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Agriculture
Southern Africa	Attended RVAC Quarterly Meeting
Southern Africa	Collaborated with ACTESA and FOs, organizing and facilitating visits as part of the transitional activities in handing over informal cross border monitoring activities
Southern Africa	Participated in cross border monitoring meeting with ACTESA
Southern Africa	Supported RVAC and FSNWWG in integration of markets in vulnerability assessments (VA).
Sudan	Contracted IT expert to develop the farmers platform to enhance access to market data of Food Agriculture and Market Information System (FAMIS) via internet and SMS
Sudan	Continued to hold discussions to enhance the role of market enumerators in selected areas to play more food security monitoring roles in their respective states
Uganda	Establish partnerships at Kampala and district levels
Uganda	Held regular meetings with GoU, FAO, WFP and other key partners
Zambia	Initiated meeting with Disaster Management Coordinator in an effort to revive VAC activities for this season
Zambia	Participated in stakeholder meeting of XBT activity hand over to ACTESA with RO and WFP partners
Zambia	Participated in the meeting by the private sector to support the set up the Zambia Grain Information Services (ZAGIS)
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the Agriculture Coordination Working Group
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the Nutrition Cluster

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

FEWS NET is committed to supporting international methods and standards. The main effort now centers on IPC and Cadre Harmonisé:

- FEWS NET supported a series of training and analysis workshops on Cadre Harmonisé in March covering six countries in West Africa
- Home office staff participated in a week-long meeting at the World Bank in Washington to discuss the chronic scale
- FEWS NET working on a study to investigate the relationship between food insecurity classification and food consumption outcome indicators
- FEWS NET Provided substantial continued input on Somalia famine mortality estimation study

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
DSG	Continued work on IPC indicators study in partnership with FANTA
DSG	Provided continued input on Somalia famine mortality estimation study
Ethiopia	Identified ANTM as the focal person in FSIN activities in Ethiopia; initiated communication with FSIN
Niger	Participated in national workshop on emergency planning

Southern Africa	Attended Regional IPC Technical Working Group monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Attended Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) quarterly meeting
Southern Africa	Attended the RIACSO Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Participated in producing the monthly food security update in collaboration with FNSWG members: FAO, WFP, and OCHA
Southern Africa	Provided assistance in disseminating FSIN brochure; provided a list of southern Africa contact points
West Africa	Co-facilitated Cadre Harmonisé analysis in West Africa
West Africa	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé technical committee meeting
West Africa	Participated in CH steering committee meeting in Dakar
West Africa	Participated in CILSS PREGEC annual mid-period meeting in Dakar
West Africa	Participated in Regional Cadre Harmonisé analysis unit and Steering Committee meetings in Dakar

IR 3.3 Staff and Partners Skills Maintained and Improved

FEWS NET is committed to building the skills and capacities of its staff and those of network partners. FEWS NET is also developing an institutional strengthening strategy that will be completed in calendar 2013. During this quarter, FEWS NET provided a number of opportunities for training and also took advantage of training provided by partners, including:

- Markets and trade meeting in Ethiopia in February 2013, where the Markets and Trade Advisor and a lot of staff from the region discussed trade issues and how they relate to FEWS NET
- GeoWRSI training for staff in the eastern Africa region, late January 2013
- Emergency Markets Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) training in west Africa in February
- Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis advanced HEA training in southern Africa in March
- Food Balance Sheet training in Mozambique in March

Another approach to capacity strengthening is through on-the-job-training. Regional staff in Nairobi and Kampala traveled to Djibouti and South Sudan to help the technical team there improve their scenario development skills. Staff from southern Africa region visited Malawi and Zimbabwe to assist with Outlook analysis.

In Rwanda, the NTM works closely with staff from the National University of Rwanda (NUR) through in-house on-the-job training. FEWS NET also involves NUR staff on field activities. 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
Chad	Participated in CH2 and vulnerability assessment training in N'Djamena (organized by CILSS)
Chad	Provided new orientation and technical support to field monitors to collect tuber prices and information weekly in addition to cereals
Communications	Developed draft guide on presentation skills for field staff; coached DSG staff on presentation skills
East Africa	Supported South Sudan and Djibouti outlook processes
East Africa	Participated in the FEWS NET Summit in Ethiopia to develop markets and trade strategy and project-wide training needs
East Africa	Trained Djibouti National Technical Manager and partners on Market and Trade analysis to inform food security analysis
East Africa	Trained Ethiopia Technical Team and partners on Market and Trade analysis to inform food security analysis
Ethiopia	Hosted and participated in the Market and Trade retreat held in Addis Ababa
Ethiopia	Participated in GeoWRSI training organized by the Regional Office

Office	Activity
Ethiopia	Provided Market and Trade analysis training for FEWS Staff and experts drawn from Government Organizations, UN agencies and donor organization
Kenya	Participated in GeoWRSI training in Nairobi
Kenya	Participated in planning workshop for All FEWS NET Markets and Trade Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
LAC	Provided on-job-training to FEWS NET Haiti NTM and ANTM for capacity strenghteneing
LAC	Provided on-job-training to the RMC by email, gotomeeting or Skype for capacity strenghteneing
LAC	Shared capacity building experience in LAC with HO and communication specialist for their reports and dissemination
Malawi	Attended a Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Advanced HEA training
Malawi	Completed USAID Staff and Partners Environmental Compliance training
Malawi	Included two Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Staff in the FEWS NET pre-harvest assessment for practical training
Mali	Participated in Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) Training
Market and Trade	Continued preparation for all FEWS NET meeting in May 2013 with a focus on making price projections for Scenarior Development
Mozambique	Trained partners on ad-hoc basis on GIS/Remote Sensing
Niger	Participated in Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) workshop
Niger	Participated in internal training workshop on scenario development
Rwanda	In-house training of National University of Rwanda (NUR), physical participation in all activities
Rwanda	Day to day mentoring of partners' staff on using of FEWS NET skills through in-house practices
Somalia	Participated in WRSI, RFE and NDVI training
Somalia	Trained partners on food security outcome analysis and IPC familiarization
South Sudan	Attended Geo-WRSI training
South Sudan	Trained FEWS NET and partner staff on GIS and Remote Sensing for food security analysis
Southern Africa	Conducted Field Accounting Reviews and support to Zambia, and Malawi
Southern Africa	Conducted Food Balance sheet (FBS) training in Mozambique
Southern Africa	Provided backstopping support to Malawi Field Office
Southern Africa	Provided backstopping support to Zimbabwe Field Office
Uganda	Participated in GeoWRSI, Admin and Finance training
Uganda	Participated in the 33rd Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum
West Africa	Provided technical support to Department of Nutrition in Niger to revise nutritional data collection tools
Zimbabwe	Participated in Household Economy Approach (HEA) training

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

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

- *Updating the remote monitoring plan for Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone:* Originally scheduled for March, this has been re-scheduled for June due to unexpected regional meetings and activities this quarter taking priority.
- *Livelihoods rezoning and urban baselines for selected cities in Somalia:* Cancelled due to other livelihoods priorities. This may be reconsidered for 2014.
- *Development of database of crop production in Sudan:* We have developed the scope-of-work and began selection of a consultant; however the process of hiring the consultant took longer than expected. The activity is transferred to the following quarter.
- *Market study in Zambia:* After consultation with the Markets and Trade Advisor, we determined that this should be delayed until we have buy-in from network partners in Zambia to jointly complete this study.

- *Implement a wage monitoring system in Guatemala:* Although the gathering of initial information for major wage-demanding crops was started, the definition of the structure and design of the system is still pending due to a lack of past experiences in this area.
- *Scenario development training for partners in Zimbabwe:* Partners are not available due to heavy work scheduled for the original time slot. This has been reprogrammed for August 2013.
- *Nutrition assessment and monitoring in Niger:* This activity is led by the government and UNICEF, who have postponed the activities for this year until later in the year.
- *Nutritional assessments in Nigeria:* This was earlier scheduled for March/April in collaboration with ACF but due to security challenges that prevent international staff from traveling to the field, we have turned to UNICEF for potential collaboration on this activity.
- *Updating of livelihood zones in Kenya:* This activity is planned in conjunction with other partners. Initial planning is underway to get a consultant to review the tools and the methodology to be used during the updating.