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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

LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

NVAC	National Vulnerability Assessment Committee
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 1

INTRODUCTION TO FEWS NET

A. Background

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

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

B. Results Framework

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

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

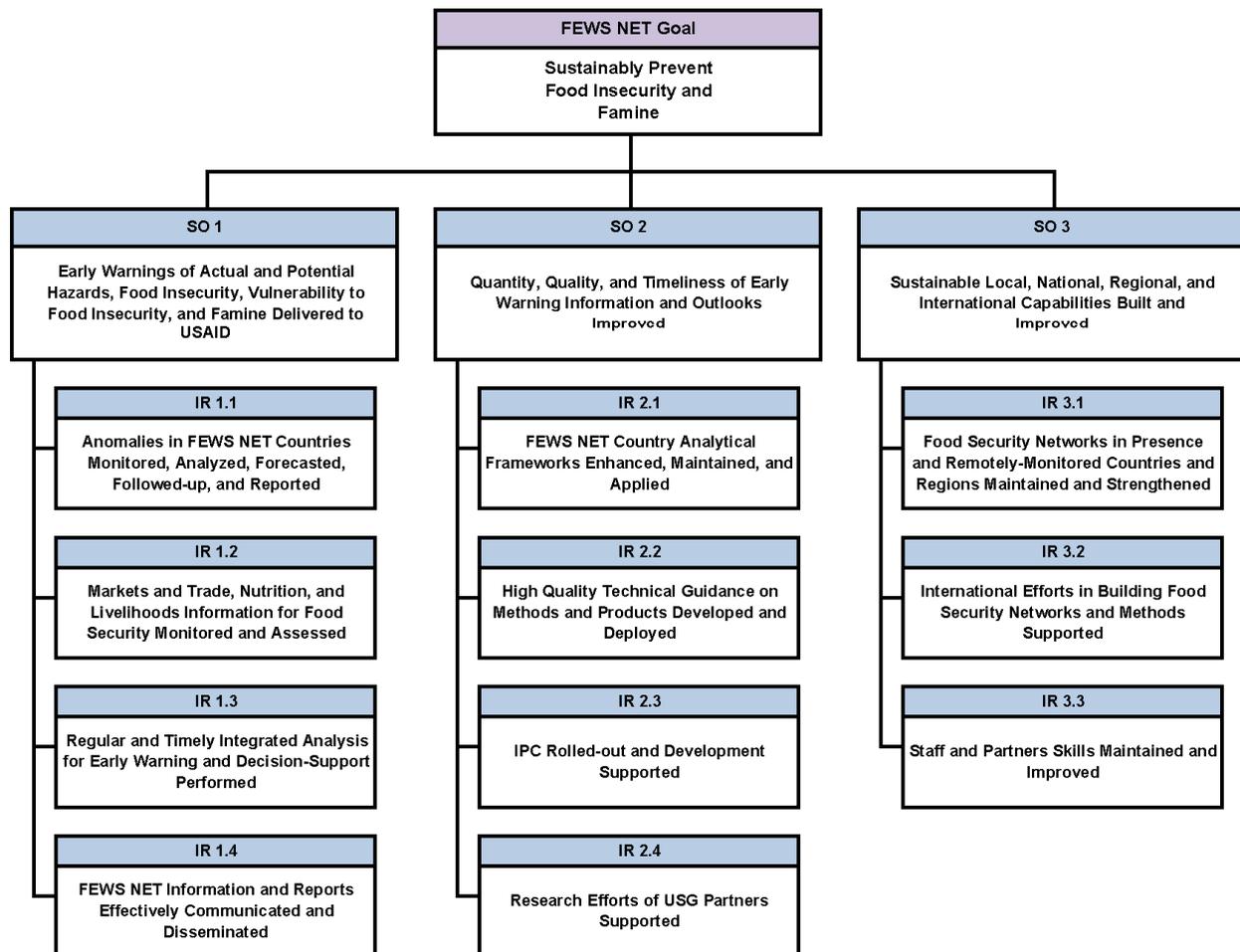
Under SO 1, FEWS NET will carry out its core activities of early warning. The four IRs represent 1) identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes; 2) monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context; 3) performing food security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

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

with other implementation partners to support the overall goal of FEWS NET in areas such as climate change, remote sensing applications, etc.

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

Figure 1. FEWS NET Results Framework



SECTION II

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

A. Developing the Quarterly Report

The Quarterly Performance Report process began with each FEWS NET office compiling a list of key activities, organized by results, that were either 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 reviewed and commented on by the regional managers. This review served two purposes: it allowed the regional technical managers to be informed of key activities in the region and it allowed the regional managers to discuss the progress to date with national managers and to 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 office for review and compilation. Inputs from Washington-based advisors and managers are incorporated into the final report.

B. Management

During this quarter, FEWS NET devoted significant home office technical team and regional office efforts to the work planning for Fiscal Year 2014. For FY 2014 work planning, we re-designed the process to further integrate work planning into proactive results and technical management. We will present this in detail in this section of the quarterly report. Considerable PMU and regional office management support went into this process.

Other activities of note for the quarter were:

- Regional capacity strengthening
- Completion of remote monitoring start-up, and
- Strengthening collaborations with CILSS.

FY 2014 Work Planning

FEWS NET completed FY 2014 work planning during this quarter and submitted the draft work plan to USAID by the end of the report period. The work planning process begun as a mini-retreat in the home office where advisors for the various technical areas reconfirmed their visions for the project and formulated the implementation strategies for their technical areas for FY 2014. The home office then shared these updated visions and strategies with all field offices as guidance to draft their country and regional work plans. During this drafting process, national technical managers contacted key partners to obtain inputs to the process. The NTMs sent the draft country work plans to their RTMs for comments and review, which led to revised drafts.

In late August 2013, the RTMs came to Washington, DC for a work planning workshop. During the workshop, we reviewed country and regional work plans from two angles: by country and by technical areas. This process ensured technical and geographic integration of FEWS NET work. We adjusted the work plans after the workshop and sent them back to country offices for final comments and

presentation to USAID and partners. Meanwhile the home office consolidated all the work plans into a project-wide work plan and presented the draft to USAID. Based on comments from USAID, we plan to update this work plan by mid-November.

Building Regional Centers of Excellence

During the preceding reporting quarter, the Senior Management Team held an internal retreat and identified as one of the priorities the strengthening of technical and management capacity of the regional offices, led by the regional technical managers. Stronger, more technically-focused regional offices has been a FEWS NET III imperative from day one with the addition of regional technical positions in markets and trade, livelihoods, nutrition, and in some cases remote monitoring. These positions combined with strong leaders/technicians and the USGS scientists, office managers, and accountants are designed to provide more timely and effective support to the country offices and non-presence countries. The vision is to build the regional offices into regional centers of excellence.

With less than two years into FEWS NET III, this commitment to building regional office competence to drive the technical agenda in their respective regions is well along the way but still a work in progress. This quarter saw an acceleration in the implementation of this vision including a RTM only mini-retreat during the work planning week in Washington, DC, a new process to work planning, and weekly teleconferences between senior management and the RTMs.

RTM mini-retreat: The regional technical managers met by themselves for half a day during the work planning week in Washington, DC. The objective of the mini-retreat was to allow the RTMs to discuss their common issues, learn from each other's experiences, and propose to senior management ways to improve their effectiveness and to realize the vision of regional centers of excellence for FEWS NET. Following the retreat, the RTMs presented their findings to senior management. The main outcomes are:

- Clarifying the roles of RTMs and their relationship with country offices
- Strengthening oversight of the RTM by gradually transferring problem-solving functions to the regional offices
- Re-designing the reporting requirements of regional offices to balance the RTM technical and management workloads
- Identifying and providing addition resources to regional offices, and
- Holding regular consultations via teleconference between senior management and RTMs to review progress and to manage the work plan

Regional Capacity Strengthening

The following list of trainings, assessments, and audits is a reflection of stepped-up regional technical and operational support for field offices:

- Rwanda, July 2013 – Country office audit by Richard Omwega, Regional Field Accountant
- South Sudan, July 2013 – Training of newly-hired Office Manager/Accountant by Richard Omwega, Regional Field Accountant
- Ethiopia, August 2013 – Livestock herd dynamics training and pastoral field assessment, organized and supported by regional office

- Uganda, August 2013 – Country office audit by Richard Omwega, Regional Field Accountant
- Madagascar, August-September 2013 – “Strike Team” assessment in locust-impacted areas of central and northern Madagascar, led by HO Food Security Analyst and Regional Livelihoods Specialist
- Angola, September 2013 – Drought assessment in selected areas, led by RTM Phumzile Mdladla
- Burkina Faso, September 2013 – West Africa regional food security assumptions workshop, led by RTM Laouali Ibrahim
- Chad, September 2013 – Country office audit by Richard Omwega, Regional Field Accountant
- East Africa, September 2013 – Regional nutrition and IPC training workshop for East Africa staff in Nairobi, Kenya, organized and supported by regional office
- Guatemala, September 2013 – Seasonal assessment in Guatemala, led by RTM Lorena Aguilar

Remote Monitoring

During this quarter, FEWS NET completed the final knowledge base workshop for remote monitoring countries by completing the livelihoods zoning for Angola in September 2013. Home office Livelihoods Advisor Gary Sawdon and RTM Phumzile Mdladla led this activity. Also during this quarter, FEWS NET began regular remote monitoring report on the final RM countries. FEWS NET now reports regularly on all 15 remote monitoring countries. FEWS NET also carried out “strike team” assessments in Angola to investigate the impact of drought and in Madagascar to investigate the outcome of locust infestations.

Collaborations with CILSS in West Africa

In August, Deputy Chief-of-party Felix Lee traveled to Burkina Faso to meet with the new Executive Secretary of CILSS, Djimé Adoum. RTM Laouali Ibrahim accompanied the DCOP on this visit, which was also attended by Salif Sow and Karim Ouedraogo. FEWS NET reaffirmed the commitment to technical support and collaborations with CILSS. FEWS NET also presented Mr. Ouedraogo as the designated technical contact to be seconded to CILSS. Mr. Ouedraogo replaces Mr. Sow who left the project after August 2013. The Executive Secretary welcome continued collaborations with FEWS NET and requested an extension of the MOU to continue beyond the current end-date of December 2013. CILSS and FEWS NET also agreed to begin a joint bulletin on food security in West Africa. The partners issued the first joint bulletin for September 2013.

New Staff Members

The following staff joined FEWS NET during this reporting quarters:

- Bertrand Randrianarivo, Remote Monitor (part-time), Madagascar
- Degu Issac: Office Manager/Accountant, South Sudan
- Pedro Dozi: Food Security Analyst, Angola
- Siyad Mohammed: Food Security Specialist, Ethiopia

Memorandum of Understanding

During this quarter, Chemonics signed an MOU with the Congressional Hunger Center. The main objective is to support a Leland Fellow who will work with FEWS NET over the coming two years. The fellow will investigate the role of select IPC outcome indicators and will assist FEWS NET in creating and compiling a database on humanitarian assistance. The fellow will begin work in October 2013 at the FEWS NET regional office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Approvals

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics submitted a total of 64 approval requests to USAID of which 40 were technical approvals and 24 were contracting office action requests. Through the end of the quarter in September 2013, the project submitted a total of 468 official requests of which 316 were COR actions and 152 required CO action.

C. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 339 reports and briefs on its public website, 80 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 07/01/2013 and 09/30/2013

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	8	11 (5)	6 (1)	4	1		30 (6)
Food Security Outlook Update	14	27 (12)	11 (2)	5 (1)	2		59 (15)
Remote Monitoring Web Report	9	15	5	5	6		40
Food Security Alert	4	-	1	-	-	-	5
FAOB						3	3
Special Report	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Price Watch/Annex						2	2
Price Bulletin	48 (12)	44 (20)	18 (3)	34 (17)	8		152 (52)
Cross border trade bulletin	1	-	-	-	-		1
Weather Hazard Report		7		21 (7)	7	3	38 (7)
Rain Watch	-						-
Seasonal Monitor	3	3	-	3			9

(*) indicates the number of reports that are translations

D. SO 1—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

This IR relates to seasonal monitoring and assessment activities, which is a core part of FEWS NET. During this reporting period, field offices followed their respective work plans and participated in various FEWS NET initiated or joint agricultural and food security assessments.

Notable assessment missions included:

- start-of-season and mid-season crop assessments throughout western Africa,
- end of *primera* and start of *postrera* seasonal assessments in Central America,
- seasonal performance assessments in Ethiopia, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda,
- long-rain season assessment in Kenya,
- seasonal performance assessments in southern Africa,
- seasonal assessments in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea jointly undertaken with CILSS,
- a wheat harvest assessment in Ghor Province of Afghanistan,
- a special 2-person field assessment to southern Angola to investigate the impacts of drought in three provinces, and
- a 4-person *strike team* assessment in Madagascar to gather additional information on the impact of locusts and cyclones on acute food insecurity in the central and southern regions of the country.

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 remote sensing products
All Offices	Carried out seasonal monitoring
All Offices	Reviewed, collected, and followed available climate information
HO Remote Monitoring	Continued startup of new remote monitoring countries
HO Remote Monitoring	Initiated coverage of all new remote monitoring countries
HO Remote Monitoring	Explored full-time monitor in Yemen
Afghanistan	Carried out wheat harvest assessment in Ghor Province
Burkina Faso	Conducted start of season assessment with national partners
Burkina Faso	Conducted mid-season crop assessment with national partners
Central America	Monitored the end of <i>primera</i> and start of <i>postrera</i> season in all LAC region
Central America	Carried out field assessment in Nicaragua
Chad	Monitored the progression of the agricultural season in Chad
Chad	Conducted field assessment in southern Chad to monitor the progress of the growing season
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid crop performance assessment in the northwestern Ethiopia
Ethiopia	Assessed seasonal performance in Gambella, Benshangul (Kumruk), Metema, and Humera
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid seasonal assessment in North Wollo Zone
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid seasonal assessment in East Tigray Zone
Guatemala	Conducted field assessments in central and eastern Guatemala to monitor rainfall anomalies
Guatemala	Conducted field assessments in eastern Guatemala to monitor coffee production
Guatemala	Participated in the Emergency Food Security Assessment on coffee rust carried out by the World Food Program
Haiti	Participated in crop assessment organized by CNSA
Haiti	Conducted field trip to monitor the progress of the growing season and observed markets
Kenya	Conducted long rains assessment
Malawi	Conducted food security and livelihoods assessment for Mzimba Self-Sufficient, Kasungu-Lilongwe Plains, and Middle Shire LHZ
Malawi	Conducted food security assessment in southern Malawi districts
Mozambique	Assessed the performance of post-flood planting, specifically production prospects and harvest and recovery in focus areas

Office	Activity
Mozambique	Participated in the Food Security Unit led post-flood emergency FSA
Mozambique	Planned and conducted rapid food assessment in Kuando Cubango, under the remote monitoring activity in Angola
Mozambique	Conducted rapid food security assessment and verified the post-flood harvests and the second season in Lower Limpopo districts
Niger	Participated in joint start of crops season assessment
Niger	Participated in joint rainy season progress assessment
Nigeria	Conducted pre-harvest assessment in the cereal surplus production areas
Remote Monitoring (WA)	Conducted pre-harvest assessment in Ghana with regional partners (CILSS/FAO/WFP)
Remote Monitoring (WA)	Monitored remotely food security in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea
Rwanda	Conducted regular monitoring of food security in focus areas and country at large
Rwanda	Participated in field assessment of the joint Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring system
Somalia	Conducted and reported on post <i>Gu</i> food security seasonal assessment
South Sudan	Conducted a field assessment mission in Jonglei state's Pibor County
Southern Africa	Assessed various food security outcome indicators following the harvests with emphasis on areas of concern
Southern Africa	Planned and conducted rapid food assessment in southern provinces of Angola
Sudan	Monitored below average rainfall performance in East and Central Sudan
Sudan	Monitored the impact of flooding that have affected over 500,000 people in Sudan
Sudan	Carried out a joint mid-season assessment in surplus producing areas of East and central Sudan
Tanzania	Monitored banana bacterial wilt in Kagera
Uganda	Conducted field missions to better understand food security in Uganda and build partnerships
Zimbabwe	Supported and participated in the Madagascar Strike Team Assessment

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:

- assuming the management of the Sudan FAMIS price and trade monitoring and reporting system, including an evaluation of the system and strategy plan moving forward,
- launching a pilot on collecting marketing costs data and information, starting in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, and
- incorporating nutrition and livelihoods elements into field assessment tools in West Africa.

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	Produced monthly price watch and price bulletin
All Offices	Reviewed, collected, and followed available market, trade, and price data
All Offices	Updated commodities price data and information on a monthly basis
HO Decision Support	Completed Sudan FAMIS price/trade monitoring/reporting system 1-year evaluation and strategic plan
HO Markets and Trade	Compiled and edited Price Watch and Annex
HO Markets and Trade	Provided review for East and Southern Africa Cross border trade bulletins
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed Sudan Market Monitor
HO Markets and Trade	Established price bulletin for Yemen

Office	Activity
Burkina Faso	Conducted markets and trade assessment with national partners
Chad	Monitored cereals and livestock price data by field enumerators on a weekly basis
Chad	Supported ANTM for remote monitoring activities (FSOU et FAOB reports) in Central African Republic
East Africa	Managed cross-border monitoring program
East Africa	Compiled cross border trade data
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from Ethiopian Grain Trade Enterprise
Ethiopia	Updated CPI database
Haiti	Participated in the regional monthly markets and trade call
Kenya	Participated in Market Margins Study to update markets costs in different trading routes in Kenya
Mauritania	Participated in monthly meeting for Price Bulletin preparation
Remote Monitoring (SA)	Continued the creation of commodity flow mapping for Angola under the Remote Monitoring
Rwanda	Collected monthly CPI and Fuel prices
Somalia	Monitored and reported weekly cross border trade
Southern Africa	Monitored and analyzed informal cross border food trade in the region
Southern Africa	Completed price discovery analysis/report for Zimbabwe field office
Sudan	Renewed contracts of 34 enumerators and 5 data checkers
Tanzania	Monitored and followed up on high food prices following poor season in central Tanzania areas
Tanzania	Analyzed cross border trade to and from Tanzania and examined and reported its implication to food security
West Africa	Monitored nutrition situation in West Africa
West Africa	Contributed to northern Nigeria market Executive Brief
West Africa	Developed livelihood tools to support Mali and Burkina assessments
West Africa	Developed tools for collecting qualitative data to describe nutritional status during the field mission
Zambia	Conducted maize market monitoring field trip in Southern province
Zambia	Updated formal and informal maize and maize meal trade data
Zimbabwe	Produced the First Price Projection Report for Zimbabwe

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

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

In all regions, FEWS NET staff produced food security outlook reports in July and prepared regular food security outlook update and other analytic products, including monthly input to the Washington food assistance outlook briefing.

The decision support group at the home office continued its role in assuring high-quality information products for FEWS NET clients and users. During this period, the project published 129 monthly reports, including 30 Outlooks and 40 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 6 Alerts
 - Aug 22, 2013: East Africa – *A late start to main season rains threatens crops and labor demand*
 - Sept 3, 2013: Somalia – *Acute malnutrition persists in Somalia while 870,000 people remain food insecure*
 - Sept 3, 2013: Southern Africa – *Food Tight cereal supplies and greater emergency food assistance needs expected*

- Sept 4, 2013: Uganda – *A second consecutive year of poor crop production expected in parts of Karamoja*
 - Sept 26, 2013: East Africa – *Forecasts suggest below-average October to December in the eastern Horn of Africa*
 - Sept 27, 2013 (*Internal*): Central America – *Maize losses exacerbate impacts of coffee rust in the region’s dry corridor*
- 2 special Reports
 - July 2013: West Africa Special Report – *Conflict continues to disrupt Nigerian markets; elevated levels of food insecurity in neighboring areas*
 - September 2013: Special Malawi FSOU with focus on marketing context – *Unusually low maize market supplies; atypical price increases persist for second year in a row*

The home office-based Decision Support Group, the Markets and Trade Advisor, and the West Africa Livelihoods Specialist also provided substantial technical guidance to West Africa NTMs to support outcome analysis in select livelihoods zones.

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	Collected data and information for the Scenario Summary Table (SST)
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 inputs for FAOB
Regional Offices	Reviewed and provided feedback on country scenario summary tables, outlooks and outlook updates
HO Livelihoods	Conducted Outcome Analysis for the south west regions with Zimbabwe Rural Livelihood Baselines
HO Markets and Trade	Generated Price Bulletins
HO Markets and Trade	Contributed to Northern Mali Special reporting
HO Markets and Trade	Contributed to Southern Africa Alert
HO Markets and Trade	Wrote Malawi Food Security update (focused on markets)
HO Markets and Trade	Provided support to West Africa regional assumptions workshop
HO Markets and Trade	Provided support to Madagascar rapid assessment planning
HO Remote Monitoring	Facilitated handover of RM responsibilities between Karim/Adama and Karim/Nasser in West Africa
HO Remote Monitoring	Published first Guinea and Madagascar Price Bulletins
HO Remote Monitoring	Conducted MG strike team: example of improving RM processes when anomalies are observed
Central America	Produced regional assumptions for Latin America and the Caribbean
Central America	Produced three regional market & trade reports with the Market Information Systems of Central America
Central America	Produced Remote Monitoring Report for the three RM countries in LAC
Central America	Produced Regional Alert for Central America (due to rainfall irregularities for the primera season)
Central America	Produced three regional reports on markets with the market Information Systems of the Americas
Central America	Participated and organized monthly teleconference with the LAC team to analyze crop situation and climate
Central America	Provided support to the office of Guatemala and Haiti in their analysis and reports
East Africa	Participated in the Somalia Post-Gu analysis of food security and nutrition at Hargeisa
East Africa	Developed the regional markets and trade assumptions for June through December 2013
East Africa	Completed the monthly Seasonal Monitor for East Africa
East Africa	Completed the Yemen remote monitoring report
East Africa	Completed the Djibouti remote monitoring report

Office	Activity
Guatemala	Reviewed and published markets and trade monitoring, analysis and updates
Somalia	Analyzed and reported on post-Gu food security seasonal food security outcomes
Somalia	Contributed heavily to the seasonal Technical Series of FSNAU and planned to use as September FSOU
Somalia	Applied fully the technical and fundamental price projection analysis during Gu'13 outcome analysis
South Sudan	Continued with the recruitment process of the Food Security Monitors
Southern Africa	Performed regional food security analysis and generated assumptions; shared with field offices
Southern Africa	Provided input for the Southern Africa Alert
Sudan	Published East Africa Alert
Sudan	Produced rapid mid-season assessment report
West Africa	Conducted regional assumptions workshop
West Africa	Produced regional assumptions for July-December 2013 Outlook
West Africa	Performed livelihoods outcome analyses in select livelihoods zones of concern
West Africa	Drafted the September joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security report and shared with CILSS
Zimbabwe	Carried out an HEA Outcome Analysis in 2 Livelihood Zones in Matebeleland North and South Provinces

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 and updates.

During this quarter, the project continue to work with Forum One to design a new website for www.fews.net. Initial developed based on the original scope-of-work completed early in the reporting period. However due to unforeseen requirements, additional work is necessary before the new website can be publicly launched. The Deputy Chief-of-Party and Information Technology Specialist worked with Forum One to finalize a supplementary scope-of-work and subcontract modification and obtained USAID approval towards the end of the reporting period to continue this work. Work will continue in the following quarter and a tentative launch date is now set for December 16, 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:

- 3 FAOB briefings and three FAOB products (July, August, September)
- July 15: Brown bag at Chemonics on Somalia famine, early warning and lessons learned
- August 15: Southern Africa Food Security Outlook through December 2013
- August 8: East Africa Food Security Outlook August to December 2013
- August 29: Somalia Outlook August to December 2013 Pre-Brief
- September 26: Introductory presentation on FEWS NET for Congressional Hunger Center and new class of Leland Fellows

The DSG also fielded the following special requests from USAID:

- July/August: Multiple requests for clarification of assistance plans in Zimbabwe and their impact on food security outcome
- July 16: Current and projected food security in East Africa in 2013/early 2014
- July 18: Special report on food security in Pibor, South Sudan
- August 2: Mapping data and shapefiles for Madagascar
- August 12: Updated list of countries and status (presence, remote monitoring)
- August 23: Feasibility of LRP in Southern Africa, specifically in South Africa, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, and DRC
- August/September: Various requests for information on food security in Mali and the results of the Mali EFSA
- September 11: The costs of the minimum food basket in Northeastern Somalia

Details of other activities undertaken in the context of IR 1.4 are shown in Table 5. Notable activities include the establishment of a policy on public data availability, special one-page flyers on various FEWS NET technical sectors, and preparation for FEWS NET participation in the 2013 World Food Prize conference.

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

Office	Activity
All Offices	Communicated monthly food security information electronically to USAID and partners
All Offices	Distributed FEWS NET information and analysis products to partners
All Offices	Briefed USAID/US Embassy and key partners on food security outlook and updates
All Offices	Drafted FY 2014 work plan
Regional Offices	Reviewed FO Quarterly progress reports, and prepared and submitted the RO report
HO Communications	Researched, drafted, and finalized policy on public data availability
HO Communications	Reviewed, commented, and/or edited key reports and other documents
HO Communications	Finalized one-page briefs on: livelihoods, scenario development and agroclimatology
HO Communications	Planned, designed and began preparing for FEWS NET side panel at the 2013 World Food Prize
HO Information Technology	Managed website redesign and defined deliverables for contract modification
HO Information Technology	Managed GIS optimization work
HO Information Technology	Supported www.fews.net and ISPortal
HO Information Technology	Posted to social media
HO Information Technology	Researched and selected cloud-based file sharing system
Burkina Faso	Communicated food security information to SAP during monthly meeting
Chad	Provided the Regional FFP Food Security Advisor, USAID/Dakar with information related to Chad food security
Chad	Briefed regularly the Comité d'Action de Sécurité Alimentaire et Gestion de Crise, food security cluster
East Africa	Contributed to the presentation of regional food security and projected outcomes to the FSNWG.
Ethiopia	Prepared and submitted Belg/Sugum seasonal assessment findings to USAID
Ethiopia	Presented severity of food insecurity in two livelihood zones of Amhara and Afar region to USAID
Ethiopia	Presented results of the rapid assessment in Northwestern parts of the country to USAID
Ethiopia	Presented highlights on Nutritional Survey Results to USAID
Malawi	Provided briefing for FFP Officers on prevailing food security conditions and abnormally high food prices in Malawi
Malawi	Conducted an introduction meeting with new USAID/Food For Peace officers
Mali	Presented FEWS NET food security outlook and updates to the government's Food Security Commission
Mauritania	Shared information via phone or e-mail with embassy and USAID representative
Nigeria	Provided poverty-related data to USAID/Nigeria mission

Office	Activity
Somalia	Briefed Somalia's Federal Government on the country's current and six-month projected Food Security
South Sudan	Updated contact list for improved information dissemination
South Sudan	Provided a trade flow map as requested by USAID
Southern Africa	Disseminated Southern Africa Food Security Alert
Sudan	Circulated electronic versions of FEWS NET reports to Food Security and Livelihood (FSL) coordination sector and nutrition coordination sector forums
Sudan	Presented North Kordofan Livelihood Profiling to technical government partners, FSL and nutrition coordination forums
Sudan	Presented North Kordofan Livelihood Profiling to partners at state level in North Kordofan state
Sudan	Briefed WFP Consultants undergoing supply chain analysis of sorghum, wheat, millet, groundnut, sugar and lentils in Sudan
West Africa	Briefed USAID/Dakar
West Africa	Participated in USAID/FFP/OFDA Dakar monthly conference call briefing
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Agriculture Coordination 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

The FEWS NET approach to monitoring, analysis, and early warning includes the establishment of basic knowledge products that provide baseline information for the various contributing disciplines of food security, including livelihoods zoning and profiling, markets commodity trade flow, markets context, and nutrition database. IR 2.1 captures the results of creating and maintaining these knowledge base products.

During this quarter, FEWS NET made significant progress in updating and/or finalizing basic knowledge base products for both presence and remote monitoring countries, including:

- Completing the livelihoods zoning and descriptions of Angola, Madagascar, and Mauritania
- Completing the livelihoods profile for Kordofan State of Sudan
- Completing the livelihoods zoning for South Sudan
- Completing commodity production and trade flow maps for Angola
- Completing the markets context for Lesotho
- Creating nutrition databases in West and East Africa
- Updating and confirming the selection of commodities for tracking in markets and trade products, and
- Updating the description of markets in price bulletins.

In the preceding quarter, FEWS NET launched a pilot to create *Food Security Briefs*, which are comprehensive reference documents that provide an integrate context for the various knowledge base products. The Briefs will form the basis for understanding food security context and creating/updating seasonal monitoring plans. In this quarter, FEWS NET has finalized the Kenya Food Security Brief and is nearing completion with the Zambia Brief. FEWS NET has recruited four consultants to work on the first round of briefs and has provided detailed written and verbal guidance to the consultants to begin work. This first round of briefs will contribute to refinements of the products. We plans to complete this first round of briefs, review the results and lessons learned, before continuing this work for other countries.

Table 6 captures the main activities for IR 2.1.

Table 6. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.1

Office	Activity
All Offices	Updated food security databases
HO Livelihoods	Completed Livelihood Zoning Plus Workshops & Final Reports for Angola, Madagascar, and Mauritania
HO Livelihoods	Updated South Sudan Livelihood Zones
HO Livelihoods	Completed Sudan Livelihood Zone Profiles for Kordofan State
HO Livelihoods	Conducted Mauritania Livelihood Zoning Plus workshop
HO Livelihoods	Completed Uganda Desk Review for Karamoja Sub-Region Livelihood Baselines
HO Markets and Trade	Supported Angola M&T knowledge base
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed and updated country and regional M&T market descriptions published in Price Bulletin
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed and updated the choice of markets and commodities covered in the price bulletins, Price Watch Annex, and the more general M&T price database
HO Markets and Trade	Collaborated with Kimetrica to establish Markets and Trade database, starting with price data
HO Remote Monitoring	Planned and implemented Angola Livelihood Zoning Plus workshop
HO Remote Monitoring	Finalized Angola market flow map
HO Remote Monitoring	Completed Lesotho market context statement
HO Remote Monitoring	Planned Honduras Livelihood Zoning Plus
Central America	Contacted and secured involvement of the key partners for the livelihood zoning plus activity in Honduras
Central America	Collected secondary data for the livelihood zoning plus exercise of Honduras
Central America	Participated in the regional community-based livelihood exercise promoted by WFP for El Progreso, a Guatemala department
Chad	Updated prices, production and rainfall database
EA Nutrition	Developed nutrition information database for East Africa region
East Africa	Developed and carried out marketing costs baseline pilot for staple foods in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda
East Africa	Supervised the development of pilot marketing cost database in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania
East Africa	Participated in Nutrition Cluster meeting for Somalia and Kenya intended to obtain data and information for development of the regional nutrition database
Ethiopia	Completed compilation of nutritional data obtained from standard surveys from different organizations
Guatemala	Established relationships with contacts in Belize to get in-country market information
Malawi	Developed maize marketing cost baseline for northern and southern Malawi
Malawi	Updated the maize marketing costs baseline with information for the northern region
Rwanda	Conducted Market visits to compare reliability of price data with e-SOKO (the Ministry of Agriculture web-based database)
South Sudan	Created the new Livelihood Zone maps for South Sudan following the rezoning workshops
South Sudan	Drafted South Sudan Livelihood Rezoning report
Southern Africa	Developed maize marketing cost baseline for Malawi
Southern Africa	Participated in discussions for the development of the knowledge base for remote monitoring in Angola, Lesotho, and Madagascar
Southern Africa	Participated in the LHZ workshop to complete the zoning in Angola and validate the Market Flow maps
Southern Africa	Drafted the Lesotho Market Context Study Report
Uganda	Completed marketing margins database for Uganda
West Africa	Finalized Mauritania livelihoods zoning plus report
West Africa	Continued finalizing database for centralizing admission and SMART survey data
Zimbabwe	Updated the database for the Agriculture Food Security Monitoring Systems

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

During this quarter, FEWS NET launched a pilot of herd dynamics analysis to better understand pastoral livelihoods, which comprise a large portion of population in countries covered by FEWS NET. The pilot, carried out in Ethiopia, is designed to inform a planned guidance document and training materials.

Another important activity during this period was the work planning workshop in Washington, DC attended by the regional technical managers and home office senior management and advisors. The workshop represents a new approach to work planning where the RTMs are empowered to exercise technical oversight in countries of their region. Work planning will also inform future project management and performance review. Other efforts continued in the home office and in the field to provide guidance and to improve methods and standards, including the continuing development of a FEWS NET capacity / network development strategy. These activities are captured in Table 7.

Table 7. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.2

Office	Activity
Regional Offices	RTMs attended the FEWS NET Annual Work planning Meeting and briefed NTMs on final work plans and meeting outcomes
HO Communications	Proposed new reporting templates for regional assumptions document and seasonal monitor
HO Communications	Finalized first complete draft of universal guidance manual covering all DSG reporting products
HO Markets and Trade	Developed guidance on making price assumptions for the scenario building process
HO Remote Monitoring	Initiated evaluation of decision support group review standards and level of effort for remote monitoring
Central America	Provided input to the FEWS NET Capacity Building Strategy
EA Nutrition	Developed nutrition training curriculum for East, Southern and West Africa regions
East Africa	RTM participated in the herd dynamics activity in Ethiopia which is expected to lead to the development of a guideline for pastoral areas
Ethiopia	Undertook field exercise to test the herd dynamics modeling
West Africa	Continued to improve and propose a survey protocol on SMART method combined with NCA and HEA approach to better explain the causes of malnutrition

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 continued to be those related to the development and testing of a chronic food security scale, including a pilot in Kenya.

In the field, FEWS NET staff attended a number of IPC event including IPC training and analysis. Table 8 summarized the activities carried out to achieve IR 2.3.

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

Office	Activity
HO Remote Monitoring	Participated in Kenya Chronic IPC Pilot
HO Remote Monitoring	Participated in IPC Chronic development through teleconferences
HO Remote Monitoring	Provided substantive feedback to IPC process in Tajikistan
Central America	Supported the Guatemala office in getting the Guatemala government involved in the run of chronic and acute IPC
Central America	Supported the FAO consultant to fill out the templates for the acute IPC exercise in Guatemala at the end of the year
Djibouti	Participated in national IPC training and analysis
East Africa	Participated in the development of the IPC Chronic Food Insecurity Scale
Guatemala	Presented thrice to SESAN the importance of IPC chronic and acute scales, in support of the exercises in Nov and Dec
Kenya	Participated in piloting of the Chronic IPC Scale
Malawi	Participated in IPC Acute Analysis for Malawi
Malawi	Participated in IPC Technical Working Group meeting for Malawi
Rwanda	Continued discussion with Ministry of Agriculture on the roll out of IPC in Rwanda
Somalia	Reviewed/enhanced analysis procedures that FSNAU Field teams use and helped to maintain focus on IPC V2.0
Somalia	Applied IPC V2.0 during Post Gu 2013 food security outcome analysis
South Sudan	Participated in the Quarterly IPC Analysis

Office	Activity
South Sudan	Attended IPC Technical Working Group meeting
Southern Africa	Attended RVAC meetings to support IPC activity plans for 2013 in the region
Southern Africa	Provided feedback on the draft IPC Strategy for Southern Africa to be discussed at the Global IPC meeting
Sudan	Participated in 2 state-level IPC analysis in South and East Darfur states and attended one national IPC update workshop
Sudan	Conducted national IPC update
Sudan	Supported National IPC update organized under the umbrella of the National IPC Working Group and attended by representatives of 18 states in Sudan
Sudan	Attended one week level 1 IPC training organized by the Global IPC working group in Khartoum
Uganda	Attended post IPC National workshop meetings at which final product was disseminated

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

In addition to working with science partners to define and launch a new global weather hazards product, FEWS NET continued to work with Kimetrica on a data warehouse that will become the main tool for FEWS NET database management and archive. The data warehouse effort is well underway with price data as the first application. During this quarter, FEWS NET completed two sprints with Kimetrica on this effort and is now proceeding to complete the conversion of all price data into the new coding and data structure.

The Decision Support Advisor attended a meeting with USG science partners in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to discuss drought metrics and to begin initial planning for a series of training workshops in 2014 that will feather agroclimatology assumptions for scenario development.

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
All Offices	Contributed to the weekly weather hazard
All Offices	Disseminated remote sensing product to key partners
All Offices	Provided comments and updates for the African weather hazards prepared by the USGS
HO Decision Support	Attended science meeting at the EROS Data Center to discuss drought metrics and to prepare for 2014 training workshops
Regional Offices	Reviewed weather hazards reports and participated in seasonal forecast calls
East Africa	Provided food security analysis to USGS's short rains forecast interpretation
Kenya	Provided data and information on short rains seasonal progress to support USG science partners
Sudan	Provided ground truth information to support the progress of rains and vegetation provided by satellite images via USGS' reports

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:

- Participation in the socioeconomic analysis and early warning working groups of coffee in Central America,
- Participation in a food security and nutrition analysis workshop with FSNAU in Hargeisa, Somalia by the FEWS NET East Africa Nutrition Specialist,
- Participation in the annual CILSS meeting on agriculture and food prospects in the Sahel and West Africa (PREGEC), and
- Collaboration with CILSS to re-start a joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security bulletin for West Africa.

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	Promoted food security networking information and sharing through food security cluster meetings
Burkina Faso	Participated in UNHCR meeting
Burkina Faso	Participated in WFP meeting for national food security study
Burkina Faso	Participated in national early warning system network meeting
Central America	Provided comments to the EFSA assessments carried out in Guatemala and Honduras
Central America	Participated actively in regional working groups of climate monitoring through the met services of the region
Central America	Presented FEWS NET Initiative at the Food Security and Nutrition Workshop of IICA
Central America	Participated in two regional working groups (Socioeconomic Analysis and Early Warning) of coffee coordinated by the Regional Agriculture Committee (CAC)
Central America	Participated in the Climate Outlook Forum in Honduras
Central America	Participated in the Regional Food Security Workshop
Central America	Participated in Early Warning Coffee Rust Meeting
Chad	Briefed partners (US Embassy included) through Food Security cluster meetings and shared FSO and FSOU reports
Chad	Provided the "Group Technique sur les Prix" and WFP with cereals price data on a monthly basis
Chad	Participated in Group "suivi des prix" meeting to discuss strategies for developing a joint price bulletin
Chad	Participated in Food Security Cluster Meetings
Chad	Participated in Groupe Technique Pluridisciplinaire (GTP) meetings
Djibouti	Participated in Food Security Cluster Meetings
Djibouti	Participated in Nutrition Cluster meetings
EA Nutrition	Attended Nutrition Cluster meeting for Somalia and Kenya
East Africa	Attended Somalia Post-Gu analysis of food security and nutrition at Hargeisa
East Africa	Participated in Networking deliberations with FAO, WFP/VAM and USGS on strengths and shortcomings in regional food security presentations to development partners
East Africa	Started preparations with MAS partners Oxfam, WFP, FAO and EAGC for a presentation on sources and analysis of market data; and dissemination of market reports
East Africa	Participated in the FSNWG and formed a nutrition sub-group to be headed by FAO, intended to enhance nutrition information sharing within the region and also facilitate analysis of data
Ethiopia	Actively participated in a number of Task Force Meetings as a regular member of the Task Forces
Ethiopia	Assisted LIU-ELA and in organizing HEA baseline data and the LIAS to be transformed in to Access database
Guatemala	Presented to the World Bank the Rainfall Enhancement process in order to use it for agriculture insurance
Guatemala	Presented to Cathalac and the National Geographic Institute the process of Rainfall Enhancement to be used in their analysis
Guatemala	Provided support to improve the food security analysis of the FS Forecast Committee
Guatemala	Participated in national food security network meetings and activities
Guatemala	Participated in the regional market teleconferences
Guatemala	Participated in regional teleconferences related to the socioeconomic impact of rust and the development of a Rust Early Warning System

Office	Activity
Haiti	Participated in a monthly early warning meeting with Multiple Year Activity Project partners
Haiti	Participated in and contributed to all meetings called by the technical group for food security and nutrition (GTSAN)
Haiti	Chaired and participated in the early warning meeting with partners implementing the project MYAP
Kenya	Participated in the Kenya Food Security Steering Group meeting
Malawi	Participated in Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR) and Commercial maize sub-committee meeting
Malawi	Attended MVAC meetings
Malawi	Participated in Malawi VAC annual food security analysis and report writing
Malawi	Participated in Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MoAFS) report pre-dissemination technical reporting
Malawi	Participated in the national food balance sheet development process with MoAFS
Malawi	Participated in the Informal Cross Border Trade assessment with ACTESA
Mali	Participated in dekadal meeting of the "group météo"
Mali	Participated in crop and food security monitoring meetings with the government Food Security Commission
Mali	Supported a training workshop for SAP and NGOs on HEA methodology, organize by Oxfam
Mauritania	Held explanation and clarification meeting with partners on outlook analysis
Mauritania	Conducted preparation meeting for the October-March Outlook
Mauritania	Collaborated with key partners in analysis report preparation
Mauritania	Attended cluster meetings on food security
Mauritania	Assisted ACF during HEA analysis workshop preparation
Mozambique	Planned, facilitated, and provided technical leadership on generating a national Livelihood Zoning Map and Description ("Plus") product for Angola
Niger	Participated in food security cluster meeting
Niger	Participated in Niger food security decision makers meeting (Comité Elargi de Concertation-CEC)
Nigeria	Provided technical support to USAID/Global Health Supply Chain program in Nigeria
Nigeria	Presented at the Food Security Theme Group meeting
Nigeria	Supported Household Economy Analysis in the Sahel cluster meeting coordinated by Save the Children
Remote Monitoring (WA)	Participated in the Regional annual CILSS meeting on the agriculture and food prospects in the Sahel and in West Africa (PREGEC), Niamey Niger
Rwanda	Participated on finalizing the National Nutrition strategy workshop
Somalia	Supported Somalia food security cluster, UNOCHA, NGO Consortium and other cluster
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	Participated in the analysis of country data collected through the VACs for the annual dissemination meeting
Southern Africa	Collaborated with ACTESA and FOs, organizing and facilitating visits as part of the transitional activities in handing over the informal cross border monitoring activity
Southern Africa	Attended RVAC Annual Dissemination Meeting
Southern Africa	Attended Food and Nutrition Security Working Group meetings, supporting development of the response analysis methodology and integration of nutrition in VAA
Southern Africa	Continued efforts to develop and maintain networks in Angola, Lesotho and Madagascar
Southern Africa	Attended Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) quarterly meeting
Southern Africa	Attended Food and Nutrition Working Group (FNSWG) and IPC monthly meetings
Southern Africa	Attended the RIACSO monthly meetings
Sudan	Supported Tufts study on marketing of cash crops in Darfur
Sudan	Attended three Food Security and Livelihoods cluster meetings
Sudan	Attended five Nutrition cluster meetings
Tanzania	Participated in country MUCHALI activities
Uganda	Presented food security update briefings at the Food security and livelihood sector support working group (FSAL SSWG)
Uganda	Established partnerships at district, local, and government level in Karamoja, Southwestern Uganda
Uganda	Participated in regular meetings with GoU, FAO, WFP and other key partners
West Africa	Met with CILSS High Management in Ouagadougou
West Africa	Met with WFP, FAO and ECHO regional offices in Dakar
West Africa	Drafted the September joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security report and shared with CILSS
West Africa	Participated in West Africa Regional Workshop on Cross Border Trade in Lomé, Togo

Office	Activity
West Africa	Participated in the FEWS NET meeting with the CILSS new General Secretary and its Food Security Program Coordinator on the transition of FEWS NET technical assistance to CILSS
West Africa	Conducted field visit in Dakar to introduce Mali NTM newly in charge RM in Senegal to national partners
West Africa	Regional annual CILSS meeting on the agriculture and food prospects in the Sahel and in West Africa (PREGEC), Niamey Niger
West Africa	Participated in a CILSS/FEWS NET meeting to discuss the implementation of the monthly joint food security reporting in West Africa
Zambia	Attended a paper presentation on Improved Modelling of Household Food Security, Decision Making and Investments Given Climate Change under the USAID Feed the Future Program
Zambia	Attended Southern Africa Agriculture development Partnership Platform (SAADP) Zambia conference to review constraints to investments and trade
Zambia	Attended a presentation by the World Bank on Zambia Diagnostic Integration Study DTIS; Informal trade and trade in agriculture chapter
Zambia	Consultations with ZVAC members, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock field staff and other stakeholders on food security status
Zambia	Participated in the ZVAC Strategic Plan preparations / consulting process
Zambia	Participated in a workshop: Maize marketing outlook for 2013/14 marketing season organized by Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI)
Zambia	Held FEWS NET with USAID contact meeting with Director of Policy and Planning and head of EWU at Ministry of Agriculture (MAL) on prospects for institutional building and buy in and way forward
Zimbabwe	Provided briefings to the Agriculture Coordination Working Group
Zimbabwe	Attended the Ministry of Agriculture one day workshop to update the country cereal balance sheet
Zimbabwe	Provided a presentation to the COMESA Food Balance Sheet Workshop
Zimbabwe	Provided a presentation to the Zimbabwe Linkage Association hosted by the USAID Zim AED project
Zimbabwe	Attended Cluster Meetings (Food Aid and Nutrition)
Zimbabwe	Provided technical input into the ZIM VAC renewed effort to integrate the HEA methodology into the ZIM VAC Annual Assessments
Zimbabwe	Attended the Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forecasting Dissemination meeting in Zimbabwe

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

FEWS NET is committed to supporting international methods and standards including the FSIN, IPC, and Cadre Harmonisé. Other ongoing efforts include:

- Urban vulnerability study in Burkina Faso led by CILSS,
- Crop monitoring system for Central America, and
- Improving food balance sheet in Southern Africa.

Activities to achieve this intermediate result are shown in Table 11.

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

Office	Activity
Burkina Faso	Participated in CILSS study on urban vulnerability
Guatemala	Supported the improvement of the Crop Monitoring System
Mozambique	Reviewed the instruments of the Food Security and Nutrition Baseline Study
Remote Monitoring (WA)	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé technical committee meeting in Niamey, Niger
Tanzania	Participated in the development and refining of nutrition assessment guidelines in Tanzania
West Africa	Chaired and participated in the Cadre Harmonisé meeting in Niamey
Zambia	Participated in design and implementation of a district food security monitoring tool for the ZVAC
Zambia	Participated in the Maize Stock Monitoring Committee, to discuss and update food balance sheet. Presented regional maize supply outlook and implications for Zambia

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 working on a capacity / network development strategy that is near completion. The next step will be for regions and countries to develop specific network enhancing and strengthening plans based on the strategy. This is planned for the second quarter of Fiscal 2014.

During this quarter, FEWS NET held its first nutrition training for all technical staff in East Africa. The Regional Nutrition Specialist spearheaded the development of the training and the Deputy Chief-of-Party attended the training and worked with RTMs to launch this training in West and Southern Africa in the following quarter.

Concurrent with the nutrition training held in Nairobi, Kenya, FEWS NET also requested support from the IPC Global Support Unit to provide a 3-day IPC Level 1 training to all FEWS NET technical staff. Two technicians from the FSNAU also attended the training.

In Rwanda, the NTM continue to work closely with staff from the National University of Rwanda (NUR) through in-house on-the-job training. Other activities for achieving IR 3.3 are detailed in Table 12.

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

Office	Activity
Regional Offices	Held Monthly teleconference with the HO senior management
HO Communications	Consulted with USAID and partners to finalize two drafts of a multiyear capacity development strategy
HO Livelihoods	Provided Somalia staff with Outcome Analysis training and supported livelihoods technical activities
HO Remote Monitoring	Provided guidance and training to new monitors (MG, AO)
Central America	Organized and provided the regional market & trade training through teleconference to 8 countries of the region
Central America	Provided training on the job to the acting RMC
Central America	Participated in the annual meeting of Market Information System of the Americas
Chad	Provided orientation to field monitors to collect additional data on food products and livestock movement between Chad and its neighbors (Nigeria and Libya).
EA Nutrition	Delivered regional nutrition training to all technical staff in the region
EA Nutrition	Developed nutrition training curriculum for EA, SA and WA regions
East Africa	Trained all regional technical staff on IPC level 1
East Africa	Strengthened capacity of Kenya nutrition cluster via the data clinic workshop
East Africa	Provided support to country Scenario Development for South Sudan, Sudan, Djibouti and Uganda for the NTMs and ANTM in scenario development including markets and nutrition analysis
East Africa	Provided training on Remote Monitoring reporting to Djibouti NTM
East Africa	Continued to provide technical guidance to South Sudan, Somalia, and Tanzania on price projections to inform scenario development.
East Africa	Provided technical support to the Kenya team during the Long Rains Assessment Analysis Workshop
East Africa	Strengthened capacity of Kenya nutrition cluster during the Data Clinic Workshop
East Africa Offices	Participated in Regional training on IPC and Nutrition
Ethiopia	Participated in herd dynamics training
Guatemala	Provided training to the representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and FAO about the Crop Monitoring System
Haiti	Provided training in market data collection method to enumerators
Mali	Attended remote sensing training by USGS scientist
Rwanda	Conducted in-house training of National University of Rwanda (NUR), physical participation in all activities
Sudan	Attended 5 days IPC level training organized by the Global IPC support group
Sudan	Facilitated two IPC trainings held in two states for state levels IPC working groups in East and South Darfur states
WA Nutrition	Participated in the FEWS NET East Africa Regional IPC Training Workshop in Nairobi/Kenya
West Africa	Held Regional assumption workshop

Office	Activity
West Africa Offices	Participated in workshop on regional assumptions
Zambia	Trained new border monitor at Mpulungu in support of ACTESA XBT data collection activity
Zimbabwe	Organized and participated in training on use of USGS products with partners including the Zimbabwe Meteorological Office and the National Early Warning Unit
Zimbabwe	Attended the Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Annual Dissemination Forum

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 July to September 2013 period were completed as planned. The few notable exceptions, with explanations, follow:

- *Completing guidance and training materials for scenario development:* This activity is largely completed, but not yet finalized due to the heavy workload of the Decision Working Group. With additional staff joining the project, we will complete this activity by the following quarter.
- *IPC training and analysis in Rwanda:* This planned activity remains on hold, the government of Rwanda has requested a date change and new dates are still not available.
- *Burundi and Ethiopia marketing costs studies:* After discussions with senior management and the markets and trade team, we decided to *downscale* this activity and replace it with a limited pilot in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda; therefore these two studies are cancelled. They will be re-programmed for FY 2014; exact dates are not yet determined.
- *Remote sensing training for partners in Ethiopia:* Originally planned for August to be delivered by FEWS NET Ethiopia staff, we have re-designed the activity to be delivered by the regional USGS scientist with new dates to be determined. This change is desirable as we have now planned to launch a series of agroclimatology assumption workshops in 2014, with refresher training in remote sensing for each country as a pre-requisite. Therefore the USGS regional scientist is better suited to deliver this training for both FEWS NET Ethiopia staff and partners.
- *Commodity production and flow mapping for various countries:* We have temporarily suspended these activities as the markets and trade team works to define an improved approach to markets and trade knowledge base that will include additional information currently not part of the flow maps. We have planned to pilot the modified approach in West Africa in early 2014, with implementation in other FEWS NET countries to follow soon afterwards.
- *IPC training in West Africa:* This activity is postponed for two reasons: to allow time for the Cadre Harmonisé effort to complete and lack of trainer availability from the IPC GSU. We have now re-programmed this activity for March 2014.
- *HEA training for partners in Mozambique:* SETSAN requested this training from SADC RVAA, to be delivered in collaboration with FEWS NET. The training was planned to feed into the SETSAN baseline study and was supposed to precede the FEWS NET re-zoning workshops. However given delays of the SETSAN baseline study, this activity will be rescheduled to take place next year.
- *Supporting SAP, Oxfam, and Acted to complete 3 HEA baselines in Niger:* This is indefinitely postponed due to lack of funds with SAP/Oxfam/Acted.
- *Livelihoods zoning and profiling of Nigeria.* We have decided to postpone this activity to early 2014 due to heightened food insecurity in Nigeria this year, which required additional time and resources from the project. The postponement will also allow FEWS NET to properly

design this activity and to complete it for the entire country, not only northern Nigeria as it now stands.

- *FEWS NET participation in the joint pre-harvest assessment in Liberia:* This was scheduled for September but FEWS NET had to withdraw from it due to a death in the family of the designated staff. The assessment was completed by CILSS.