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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 the Sahel and the Horn of 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) 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) (Figure 1) is a planning, communications, and management tool. 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.

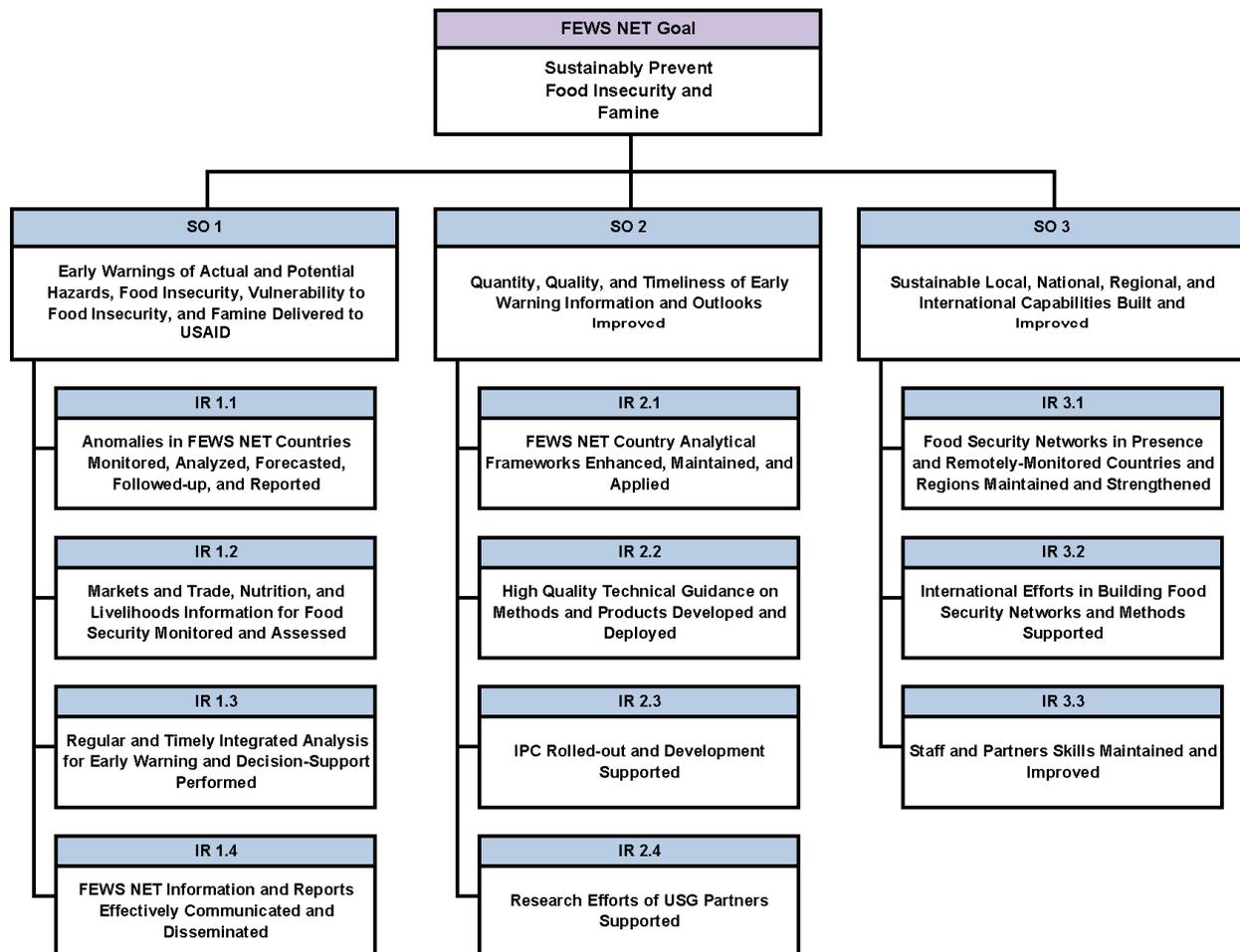
Under SO 1, FEWS NET will carry out its core activities of early warning. The four IRs represent 1) identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes; 2) monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context; 3) performing food security 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 as well as management information from the project management unit (PMU) are incorporated into the final report.

B. Management

This has been a busy quarter for FEWS NET with several major events taking place: the annual training workshops, the South Sudan emergency, transition to new leadership at FEWS NET/Chemonics, launching of the price data warehouse, new staff recruitment, and office registrations.

Annual Training Workshops

FEWS NET is required to provide its staff with at least one week of training per year to maintain and development staff skills. In the first year of the project, we implemented three regional workshops focused on scenario development as the foundation method for food security Outlook and analysis. Key to this method is the formulation of assumptions based on available historical and current information and data. During the second year of the project, the training focused on making markets and trade assumptions. For 2014, we worked closely with our science partners USGS and University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) to develop training modules on making agroclimatology assumptions in a four-stage framework: climatology, climate mode, climate forecast, and actual observations and data. We carried out a series of three workshops. In late May, we carried out the first two workshops in Arusha, Tanzania for the eastern and southern Africa staff respectively. Staff from Central America and Haiti joined the southern Africa group for training. We held the third workshop for western Africa staff in Accra, Ghana in late June. In addition to the theme of making agroclimatology assumptions, we also provided a refresher training on price projection method.

South Sudan Emergency

As civil war broke out in South Sudan in December 2013, millions of South Sudanese have been internally displaced or have found refuge in neighboring countries. Fighting between opposing factions, especially in three states controlled by the opposition, has disrupted markets and caused major disruptions in livelihoods, leading to a sudden increase in acute food insecurity. Situations in certain areas have deteriorated into IPC Phase 4 Emergency. FEWS NET South Sudanese staff members were also affected and the project temporarily shifted operations to neighboring Uganda. We formed

a crisis group and dedicated resources to ramp up monitoring and evaluation activities for South Sudan, introduced dekadal crisis reporting, and brought in a consultant to help respond to the emergency. The field team returned to Juba in early May and, together with a special team from the home office, participated in an IPC analysis that covered the June to August period. Although no areas were classified in Phase 5, there is high risk of rapid deterioration and we continued to monitor the situation closely and increased coordination with key partners in South Sudan. During this period, the FEWS NET team issued alerts and provided numerous special briefings to USAID and partners in Sudan and in Washington.

Leadership Transition

The former chief-of-party of the project, Curtis Schaeffer, retired from the project in mid-June 2014. While a new chief-of-party is identified and will start in August, the deputy COP assuming acting COP role during the transition period. All project activities continued normally during the transition and the team has put in place a plan to brief the new COP in August.

Price Data Warehouse

In collaborations with technology support partner Kimetrica Inc., FEWS NET is implementing a series of databases in a newly designed data warehouse system that will serve as an integrated data system and archive for FEWS NET. The first warehouse is designed to handle market price data. For nearly nine months, the Markets and Trade Advisor and various FEWS NET staff have been working to transition the price data archive into the data warehouse system and test the analysis and reporting capabilities of the warehouse. In March, Kimetrica tested the system in a pilot with our Nairobi office, using data from eastern Africa. The Price Data Warehouse was officially launch on May 22 in Arusha, Tanzania during the eastern Africa training workshop. Over one and a half day, Kimetrica and Chemonics experts introduced field staff to the warehouse and trained them to begin using the new system. Lessons learned from the launch went into refining the operations manual and development of a full training module. We plan to launch the Price Data Warehouse in the rest of the project during the second half of 2014.

New Hires

- Southern Africa Regional Food Security Specialist-Markets and Trade, Yvonne Vhevha, May 19
- Burkina Faso National Technical Manager, Bernadin Zoungrana, June 2
- Mali Assistant National Technical Manager, Amadou Tibou Traore, June 2
- Zimbabwe Assistant National Technical Manager, Alycan Mushayabasa, June 2
- Chad Assistant National Technical Manager, Seraphin Djimnade Djendadje, June 16
- Rwanda Office Manager Accountant, Nathalie Niyonzima, June 30
- Uganda Office Manager Accountant, Alice Okecho, June 23

Office Registrations

- South Sudan: Annual re-registration completed April 15, 2014
- Burkina Faso: Registration complete April 23, 2014

Approvals

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics submitted a total of 84 approval requests to USAID of which 61 were technical approvals and 23 were contracting office action requests. Through the end of the quarter in June 2014, the project, including all tasks orders, submitted a total of 663 official requests of which 461 were COR actions and 202 required CO action.

C. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 342 reports and briefs on its public website, 96 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 04/01/2014 and 06/30/2014

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia/ Middle East	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	8	13 (6)	6 (1)	4 (2)	1		31 (9)
Food Security Outlook Update	17 (1)	24 (11)	8 (1)	5 (2)	3		54 (15)
Remote Monitoring Web Report	12 (2)	24 (9)	12 (3)	7 (3)	3		58 (17)
Food Security Alert	2	2 (1)	-	2 (1)	-	-	6 (2)
FAOB						2	2
Special Report	4	6 (1)	-	-	-	-	10 (1)
Price Watch/Annex						3	3
Price Bulletin	40 (10)	43 (21)	22 (3)	36 (18)	3		144 (52)
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	-	-	-		-
Global Weather Hazard Report						14	14
Rain Watch	-						-
Seasonal Monitor	13	3	1	3			20

(*) indicates the number of reports that are in a foreign language

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:

- Joint pre-harvest assessment in Afghanistan with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) and WFP in May,
- Assessment of South Sudanese refugees in Gambella Region of Ethiopia by South Sudan ANTM, Ethiopia ANTM, and East Africa RTM in May and June,
- Assessment the onset of the *belg* season in East and West Hararghe zones of Ethiopia in April,
- Assessments in east semi-arid agro pastoral zone, east Congo Nile highland subsistence farming zone, and west Congo Nile tea and food crops zone of Rwanda,

- Food security assessment in Awerial, Bor, and Malakal in South Sudan, and
- IDP assessment in South Darfur State of Sudan in June.

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
All Offices	Monitored crops and market
East Africa Regional	Coordinated and participated in South Sudan refugees assessments in Gambella Region of Ethiopia
Southern Africa Regional	Collected and monitored relevant information from partners on food security situation in Lesotho and other non-FEWS NET presence SADC countries
LAC	Monitored the <i>primera</i> season in all LAC region
HO Livelihoods	Supported South Sudan/Gambella assessment guidance
HO Livelihoods	Supported northeast Nigeria/Niger assessment guidance
HO Nutrition	Participated in food security/nutrition rapid assessment in Chad (WA/RFSS)
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint food security assessment mission in the Sahel and Centre-Nord regions
Chad	Conducted a food security and nutrition assessment of host and refugee populations
Mali	Monitored food security in Mopti and Ségou
Mali	Conducted food assessment and monitored crops installation Koulikoro and Mopti
Niger	Participated in SAP annual workshop on vulnerability assessment
Nigeria	Assessed remotely the food security situation in the northeast of Nigeria
Ethiopia	Conducted assessment regarding the onset of the <i>belg</i> season in East and West Hararghe zones
Ethiopia	Participated in South Sudan refugees assessment
Ethiopia	Conducted a rapid food security assessment in Raya Valley livelihood zone
Ethiopia	Participated in a joint <i>belg</i> seasonal assessment
Rwanda	Conducted FS assessments in east semi-arid agro pastoral, east Congo Nile highland subsistence farming, and west Congo Nile tea and food crops zones
Rwanda	Conducted crop assessment in Burundi
South Sudan	Conducted food security assessment in Awerial County, Lakes State
South Sudan	Conducted food security assessment in Bor, Jonglei State
South Sudan	Conducted food security assessment in Malakal
Sudan	Assessed the food security status of new IDPs in South Darfur State
Tanzania	Monitored and analyzed poor production in central marginal rainfall areas of Dodoma
Uganda	Monitored agro-climatic conditions in northern Uganda, cattle corridor districts, southwestern Uganda, and other parts of the country
Uganda	Conducted food security monitoring and data collection in the Karamoja Region
Malawi	Carried out a food security monitoring assessment in Central Karonga and Middle Shire livelihood zones
Mozambique	Assessed the progress of the season rainy and crop development in the flood affected areas in South and Central
Mozambique	Carried out food security rapid qualitative assessment in Inhambane and Gaza
Zambia	Conducted pre-harvest desk review, assessment, and analysis with farming season watch group to inform in depth vulnerability analysis plan
Guatemala	Conducted field assessment in the western highlands and northern region focusing on availability of family reserves and coping strategies
Afghanistan	Conducted pre-harvest assessment jointly with WFP and Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL)
Afghanistan	Monitored seasonal progress via remote sensing products and field monitors reports

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

While IR 1.1 is designed to focus attention on monitoring anomalies, IR 1.2 is designed to provide sectoral context in markets and trade, health and nutrition and livelihoods. 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:

- Collaborating with the Market Information Systems of Mesoamerica and Caribbean to produce regional markets and trade reports,
- Issuing Crisis Price Monitor reports for South Sudan, and
- Implementing a wage labor monitoring system in Guatemala.

During this quarter, FEWS NET continued working with the Bellmon Estimation Studies for Title II (BEST) Project on support to local and regional procurement (LRP) analysis and decision-support. 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 (national and regional)
All Offices	Reviewed, collected, and followed available market, trade, and price data including cross-border trade data
All Offices	Updated commodities price data and information on a monthly basis
Southern Africa Regional	Collected (with ZIMVAC), key livelihood parameters for four zones in Matebeleland South for HEA analysis pilot
Southern Africa Regional	Monitored and analyzed prices of major staple food commodities, especially maize in presence, RM and other SADC countries
Southern Africa Regional	Monitored and analyzed regional information on informal cross border trade (Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia)
Southern Africa Regional	Reviewed country reports / fundamentals analysis on staple cereal price projections, and assisted the Zimbabwe team with their price projections
Southern Africa Regional	Updated and analyzed regional cereal demand and supply for the 2014/15 consumption year
LAC	Produced three regional M&T reports with the Market Information Systems of Mesoamerica and Caribbean
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed Sudan monthly market update
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	Provided assistance with conceptualizing the market-related issues facing Sudan and alternative reporting strategies
HO Markets and Trade	Worked with Southern Africa RFSS to prepare regional food supply summary as part of context for regional food availability and opportunities for LRP
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint market and flow assessment mission
Burkina Faso	Conducted food security assessment mission in livelihood area 7 and 8
Chad	Monitored cereals and livestock price data by field enumerators on a regular basis
Mauritania	Collected price data from 10 markets monitored by FEWS NET
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from WFP and the Central Statistical Agency
South Sudan	Prepared the crisis price monitor
Sudan	Conducted weekly market monitoring from 17 markets in Sudan
Sudan	Closely monitored the food security of refugees from South Sudan crossing into Sudan
Tanzania	Monitored and analyzed impact of cross-border trade in Musoma, Moshi, Arusha on market prices and implications on food security in adjacent areas
Zambia	Monitored formal maize trade using secondary data
Zimbabwe	Participated in the ZIMVAC rural livelihood assessment
Zimbabwe	Consolidated cereal import data from the Zimbabwe revenue authority (ZIMRA)
Guatemala	Implemented a labor monitoring system
Guatemala	Participated in M&T teleconference with Market Information Organization of the Americas

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.

The decision support group (DSG) at the home office continued its role in supporting integrated analysis and assuring high-quality information products for FEWS NET clients and users. During this period, the project published 143 monthly reports, including 31 Outlooks and 58 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 4 Alerts
 - April 30, 2014: Central African Republic - *Crisis levels of food insecurity will continue into the coming months due to the effects of conflict*
 - May 9, 2014: South Sudan - *Without urgent action, populations in localized areas could face Famine*
 - May 15, 2014: Central America - *El Niño conditions will heighten the food insecurity of subsistence farmers*
 - June 4, 2014: East Africa - *Increased likelihood of a dry June to September season in parts of East Africa*

- 9 special Reports
 - 3 joint CILSS/FEWS NET West Africa food security and nutrition reports
 - 3 South Sudan Crisis Price Monitors
 - April 15, 2014: Sudan - *Staple food prices expected to reach record high levels in June*
 - June 16, 2014: *Central America El Niño Special Report*
 - June 2014: Afghanistan - *The grain harvest is likely to be above average for the third year in row*

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
All Regional Offices	Reviewed and provided feedback on country scenario summary tables, outlooks and outlook updates
All Regional Offices	Developed food security assumptions and projections for the region
All Regional Offices	Completed the seasonal monitor
West Africa Regional	Drafted the monthly joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security bulletin and coordinated the review process
West Africa Regional	Diffused regional assumptions for April-September 2014 Outlook
West Africa Regional	Drafted special report on 2013/14 crop year peanut trade in Senegal
West Africa Regional	Supported country staff in monitoring and use of the nutritional information to do food security analysis

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Prepared the Yemen remote monitoring report
East Africa Regional	Completed the quarterly cross-border report for East Africa
Southern Africa Regional	Performed food security analysis and produced Lesotho RM report
Southern Africa Regional	Reviewed annual VA assessment analysis conducted by Lesotho VAC
Southern Africa Regional	Provided input to, and reviewed the Southern Africa El Niño special report
LAC	Produced the remote monitoring report for the three countries
LAC	Produced three regional reports on markets with the Market Information Systems of the Americas
LAC	Produced one regional food security alert
LAC	Produced one special report on El Niño
LAC	Participated and organized monthly teleconference with the LAC team to analyze crop situation and climate assumptions
HO Markets and Trade	Published monthly Price Watch and annex
HO Markets and Trade	Generated monthly price bulletins
HO Markets and Trade	Assisted the Sudan office to formulate M&T assumptions for the April 2014 OL and June 2014 SSTs
HO Markets and Trade	Provided TA to South Sudan office to develop market assumptions and future monitoring approach in preparation for the April IPC meeting
HO Nutrition	Analyzed historical nutrition data in South Sudan to inform current analysis of the food security and nutrition situation in the country
Mali	Produced food security updates for Senegal
Mauritania	Evaluated irrigated farming and lean season farming impact on poor households food security
Niger	Participated in sentinel sites initiative
Somalia	Performed monthly and quarterly price trend analysis
Somalia	Performed dekadal rainfall performance analysis
Somalia	Performed special food security analysis which triggered alert in areas affected by conflict
Somalia	Performed three months climate (<i>gu</i> 2014) performance and time series analysis
Somalia	Performed market and climate current situation and projected scenario analysis for FSNAU
South Sudan	Contributed to preparation of South Sudan food security alert
Sudan	Assessed the impact of soaring food prices on food security in Sudan
Sudan	Assessed the likely impact of El Niño on main agricultural season in Sudan
Zimbabwe	Carried out an HEA outcome analysis of the Betbridge South Western Lowveld Communal
Afghanistan	Produced remote food security monitoring updates for Tajikistan

IR 1.4 FEWS NET Information and Reports Effectively Communicated and Disseminated

During the reporting period, FEWS NET continued to meet and exceed timeliness requirements for all monthly reports and bulletins. 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.

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:

- Multiple briefings on South Sudan for USAID and other USG partners
- 3 FAOB briefings and three FAOB products (April, May, June)

- June 5: West Africa Food Security Outlook - June 2014 to end of the 2013/2014 consumption year
- May 15: South Sudan Food Security Outlook – May to August 2014

The DSG also fielded the following special requests from USAID and partners:

- April 7: Information on the food security situation in Niger as it relates to the recent Cadre Harmonisé analysis
- April 14: Progress of the *Belg* rains in eastern Ethiopia
- April 17: USDA/FAS requested information about Tanzania
- April 25: Briefing materials on the Sahel and the Horn of Africa
- April 26: Kimetrica requested copies of all FEWS NET Somalia reports for most recent six months
- May 9: USAID Kenya Mission requested information on El Niño’s impact on Kenya
- May 10: Information on Sudan Strategic Grain Reserve Stocks
- May 12: Additional information about food security in Somali Region of Ethiopia
- May 12: USAID Afghanistan Mission requested additional information about potential flooding in eastern Afghanistan
- May 13: Information on the impact of Cyclone Hellen on rice production and food security near Soalala, Madagascar.
- May 20: Additional information about populations in Shabelle Valley in southern Somalia that were food insecure and moving into Emergency (IPC Phase 4)
- May 27: Information on how recent violence in Kidal was impacting food security in northern Mali
- June 11: Information on estimates for food insecure populations in Senegal
- June 13: Chart explaining different food insecure populations in southern Somalia between June and December 2014
- June 26: Information on timing of an assessment for OFDA Afghanistan fact sheet
- June 30: Additional information on situation in Tekeze River catchment in Ethiopia
- July 8: An overview of staple food prices in Khartoum

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	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 Regional Offices	Reviewed FO Quarterly progress reports, and prepared and submitted the RO report
West Africa Regional	Delivered restricted briefing to regional FFP staff
West Africa Regional	Briefed USAID mission in Senegal on West Africa food security Outlook for the 2013/14 consumption year
West Africa Regional	Participated to the WFP Dakar regional office donors briefing on West Africa food security situation
West Africa Regional	Briefed USAID WA in Accra on the joint activities with CILSS and FEWS NET partnership in West Africa
West Africa Regional	Briefed USAID mission in Burkina Faso on the country's food security and outlook
West Africa Regional	Briefed US Embassy in Niamey on Niger and West Africa food security update

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Briefed US ambassador to Chad on joint activities with CILSS in Chad and the country's food security update
West Africa Regional	Briefed US ambassador to Chad on CILSS-FEWS NET-FAO joint effort to support CH and EWS in Chad, FS monitoring, and conclusions of the PREGEC meeting
East Africa Regional	Reviewed the livelihood section of the FEWS NET website and provided feedback by country
Southern Africa Regional	Maintained contact with USAID FFP /Southern Africa, and USAID/OFDA TDY staff providing regional food security updates as requested
Southern Africa Regional	Briefed Regional Inter-Agency Coordination and Support Office (RIACSO) and Food and Nutrition Security Working Group (FSNWG) partners
LAC	Prepared a regional market analysis for the Economist magazine
LAC	Updated the regional contact database (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and other countries)
LAC	Presented applications of remote sensing for drought early warning at the Central American experts meeting organized by UN SPIDER project
LAC	Presented the regional report of basic grains for Mesoamerica and Haiti in the Central America MIOA meeting
HO Livelihoods	Reviewed and updated LH website and archives
HO Markets and Trade	Finalized new Sudan monthly market update reporting template and guidance
HO Markets and Trade	Produced special market monitoring product for South Sudan (price and cross-border trade flows)
HO Markets and Trade	Worked with communications specialist to establish a new report template for the East Africa cross border trade report
HO Nutrition	Briefed USAID global health nutrition division on FEWS NET's nutrition strategy
HO Communications	Reviewed, commented, and/or edited key reports and other documents including alerts, external presentations, and draft M&T knowledge base report
HO Communications	Produced "electronic poster" on FEWS NET analysis in Zimbabwe for IFPRI global resilience conference
HO Communications	Collaborated with HO and East Africa office M&T advisors on redesign and new guidance for the East Africa cross border trade report
HO Communications	Reviewed revisions to www.fews.net and revised pages in line with USAID requests
HO Communications	Supported DSG in preparing for possible media related to South Sudan food insecurity including talking points and outreach to key journalists
HO IT	Worked to get contract mod in place for high priority website fixes (Forum One); oversaw completion of 60% of tasks during this time frame
HO IT	Continued to manage tasks backlog and remedy tasks that can be completed in-house
HO IT	Prepared scope of work for ongoing time & materials maintenance and growth contract with new website vendor
HO IT	Managed continued GIS optimization work
HO IT	Prepared scope of work for new FEWS NET VPN; work to begin once vendor selected
HO IT	Continued to manage social media accounts and other service accounts including Dropbox for Business
HO IT	Began RSS feed driven email campaigns via Mailchimp; oversaw and troubleshoot campaign issues
Burkina Faso	Shared national and regional food security information at SAP monthly meeting
Chad	Introduced the joint mission (CILSS,RTM, SISAAP) on the CH to the US Embassy and explained the objectives of the trip to Chad
Chad	Provided briefing to US Ambassador on USGS scientist visit to Chad and USG training for FEWS NET and partners
Mali	Distributed special report on Senegal groundnut market
Nigeria	Briefed USAID mission on the hiring of 5 new field monitors and their training
Ethiopia	Briefed USAID on the 2014 <i>belg</i> 2014 mid-season performance
Ethiopia	Briefed USAID on overall national food security and an overview of the <i>belg</i> 2014 seasonal performance in East and West Hararghe zones, Oromia Region
Ethiopia	Briefed USAID on the <i>belg</i> 2014 seasonal performance; and the 2014 <i>kiremt</i> climate and food security outlook update for June 2014
Kenya	Presented the Kenya food security situation to the Kenya food security steering group (KFSSG)
Somalia	Briefed Somalia's federal government's Ministry of Agriculture on FEWS NET activities and analysis
South Sudan	Briefed and updated USAID on the food security situation, based on results from IPC analysis, and the FEWS NET perspective
Sudan	Briefed USAID Sudan's strategic planning workshop about FEWS NET activities in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed Tufts university team undertaking resilience research in Sudan about FEWS NET' livelihood analysis
Sudan	Briefed the European Union (EU) in Sudan, about the 2013/14 rainfall forecast in Sudan
Malawi	Carried out briefings to key partner organizations (Oxfam, IFPRI, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security)
Zambia	Briefed the maize stock monitoring committee on cross-border and regional maize trade data and market prospects for Zambia
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 context and database. IR 2.1 captures the results of creating and maintaining these knowledge base products.

During this quarter, FEWS NET continued to make significant progress in improving the livelihoods knowledge base:

- Published updated national livelihood zones for Nigeria,
- Updated livelihood profiles for Mauritania,
- Published updated national livelihood zones for Mozambique, and
- Completed Sudan livelihood profiles.

The markets and trade team launched the Price Data Warehouse in collaboration with partner Kimetrica in May. The team also completed the final draft of the Sudan commodity trade flow.

The livelihoods team also held a one-week retreat in Washington, DC where the team discussed livelihood strategy, to draft plan to improve the livelihood profiling method to produce more quantitative data that can be used in outcome analysis, and to plan for livelihoods activities in Haiti and Tanzania.

The nutrition team released a request-for-proposal to carry out the nutrition causal analysis in Niger. They are currently completing contracting process with the finalist. Work will begin after the rainy season in Niger.

The DSG completed the final drafts of all Food Security Briefs – Haiti, Kenya, Niger, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. These reports are now published on the FEWS NET website. As directed by USAID, FEWS NET will suspend the production of these briefs and re-direct resources towards other priorities.

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 including price, nutrition, and CPI
Regional Offices	Participated in the agro-climatology dry run meeting in Washington (RTM)
West Africa Regional	Participated in the livelihood strategy workshop in Washington, DC (RFSS/LH)
West Africa Regional	Participated and led Nigeria livelihood zoning (RFSS/LH)
West Africa Regional	Participated and led Mauritania livelihood profile update (RFSS/LH)
West Africa Regional	Finalized, validated and published RFP of nutritional causal analysis research in Niger
East Africa Regional	Contributed to questionnaire design, analysis, and report writing for the urban livelihood work in Somalia
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the conceptualization of the livelihood re-zoning work in Somalia
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the finalization of Sudan's livelihood profiling report and livelihood baseline preparation
East Africa Regional	Contributed and reviewed Rwanda's livelihoods profile report

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the preparation of the concept note on household economy approach (HEA) sensitivity analysis
East Africa Regional	Prepared a concept note on the uses of secondary data in informing the livelihood baselines and profiles
East Africa Regional	Contributed to ongoing preparatory work for updating Kenya's livelihood zones, data, information, and profiles
East Africa Regional	Provided technical guidance and reviews in the development of the data warehouse for commodity prices and support countries in submitting meta data
Southern Africa Regional	Led the seasonal assessment preparation for updating livelihood 2014/15 access in Lesotho
Southern Africa Regional	Updated the single zone and LIAS analysis spreadsheets for Lesotho
Southern Africa Regional	Consolidated Zambia livelihood zone report comments and adjust map revisions
Southern Africa Regional	Discussed with Malawi FO and Malawi VAC (MVAC) technical advisor on approach for plans to update livelihoods baselines
Southern Africa Regional	Merged baselines for some livelihood zones in Mozambique following rezoning exercise and finalized LIAS tools for 11 baselines
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the livelihood strategy workshop in Washington, DC (RFSS/LH)
LAC	Participated in meetings and supported the establishment of wages monitoring system in Guatemala
HO Livelihoods	Produced and published Nigeria Livelihoods Zone plus map
HO Livelihoods	Updated Mauritania livelihood profiles
HO Livelihoods	Continued work on Zambia Livelihoods Zone plus
HO Livelihoods	Published Mozambique Livelihoods Zone plus in English
HO Livelihoods	Completed Sudan livelihood profiles for Center/East
HO Livelihoods	Updated Rwanda Livelihoods Zone plus
HO Livelihoods	Planned and prepared for Haiti livelihood re-zoning and baselines
HO Livelihoods	Produced Haiti livelihoods-based food security analysis concept note
HO Markets and Trade	Engaged with East RO and Tanzania RM coordinator to establish a market monitoring strategy for Tanzania
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 Nutrition	Prepared and presented to Kenya partners proposal for secondary analysis of SMART data to identify risk factors for acute and chronic under-nutrition
HO Nutrition	Provided technical input on cost of diet tool as part of FEWS NET's livelihoods workshop
HO Nutrition	Reviewed nutrition database for select countries in west Africa
HO Nutrition	Released RFP for field support nutrition causal analysis research in Niger
Burkina Faso	Developed term of reference to assess the impact of gold mining
Chad	Hired a data entry person in January and completed cereals and livestock prices data entry the first week of April
Chad	Improved the quality of data base on nutrition
Mali	Participated in HEA workshop for profiling livelihood zones 09 and 12
Mauritania	Updated livelihood profiles
Nigeria	Produced and published Nigeria Livelihoods Zone plus map
Kenya	Finalized terms of reference for the Kenya livelihood zones review exercise consultant
Kenya	Participated in finalization of the Kenya livelihood zones review planning exercises, through the Kenya food security steering group (KFSSG)
Somalia	Re-introduced HEA seasonal data collection tools
Mozambique	Completed the Portuguese and English versions of the of the Mozambique livelihood zone report
Zambia	Reviewed country livelihood zone product (report)
Zimbabwe	Supported the ZIMVAC to develop tools for the HEA pilot

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

FEWS NET launched the network development / capacity strengthening initiative during the regional training workshops in May and June. Country and regional offices all drafted their implementation plans. We are currently refining these plans that will be incorporated into work planning for FY 2015.

Another important activity during this period was the completion of training materials for the 2014 training workshops on making better assumptions on agro-climatology. This training module is also available as a set of PowerPoint presentations and exercises, entitled *Developing Agro-climatic Assumptions for Scenario Development*, for all FEWS NET offices to use with partners.

These and other activities for IR 2.2 are captured in Table 7.

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

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Provided technical guidance to Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Rwanda on price projections to inform scenario development
HO Livelihoods	Explored base camp application for livelihood project management
HO Livelihoods	Drafted rapid livelihood profile methods, guidance
HO Livelihoods	Provided input to South Belet Hawa pilot of urban livelihood assessment methods
HO Livelihoods	Updated herd dynamics guidance v1.1
HO Livelihoods	Continuing research on building livelihood baselines from household surveys
HO Livelihoods	Carried out Zimbabwe HEA pilot integrating livelihood monitoring and outcome analysis into annual seasonal assessments
HO Markets and Trade	Completed MT knowledge base pilot report in Sudan
HO Markets and Trade	Drafted price projections guidance document for scenario development
HO Markets and Trade	Collaborated with Kimetrica to establish M&T database that streamlines the data entry process for price data with improved functionality and analysis
HO Markets and Trade	Provided guidance to LAC team to improve the content of their regional M&T teleconferences with partners
Somalia	Performed urban food security data collection in order to generate improved urban food security analysis
Sudan	Organized two-day workshop with partners, developed market knowledge base and trade flow maps of Sudan

IR 2.3 IPC Rolled-out and Development Supported

FEWS NET continues to support IPC and related methods such as the Cadre Harmonisé. The deputy Chief-of-Party also serves as the chairperson of the IPC Global Steering Committee beginning May 2014 for a one-year term.

FEWS NET staff participated in numerous IPC analyses during the quarter including:

- South Sudan national IPC analysis in April
- Regional IPC analysis in Karamoja, Uganda in April
- IPC roll-out in Musanze, Rwanda in May
- Eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo analysis in Goma, DRC in June
- Acute IPC analysis in El Paraiso, Honduras in June
- Acute IPC analysis in Lesotho, June

Other FEWS NET staff actively participated in IPC trainings to become officially certified in IPC Level 1 or 2.

In West Africa, FEWS NET worked with CILSS and Cadre Harmonisé to establish national technical support and working groups to support and promote Cadre Harmonisé. FEWS NET also facilitated exchanges between CILSS and IPC aimed at further integrating the two approaches. 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
West Africa Regional	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé (CH) advocacy mission in Chad
East Africa Regional	Conducted IPC training for FEWS NET Rwanda's food security partners
East Africa Regional	Held discussions with Djibouti's FAO-led IPC TWG on the country's latest analysis and future plans
Southern Africa Regional	Participated and provided FEWS NET feedback and insights in the IPC use and impact baseline study
Southern Africa Regional	Chaired and participated in IPC TWG meetings where IPC activity plans for 2014 in the region were drawn up and agreed upon
Southern Africa Regional	Conducted the regional launch of the IPC 2014-2016 strategic program
Southern Africa Regional	Provided comments on the IPC analysis for Lesotho VAC
Southern Africa Regional	Provided awareness briefing on IPC at RVAC dissemination meeting
LAC	Participated in the different teleconferences related to IPC coordination
LAC	Participated in the acute analysis in El Paraiso, Honduras
LAC	Participated in IPC level 1 regional training in Panama City
LAC	Participated IPC training level 1 for the new FEWS NET LAC staff
HO Decision Support	Continued to participate in the IPC Technical Working Group on Chronic classification.
HO Decision Support	Participated in IPC analysis in South Sudan
HO Decision Support	Participated in IPC analysis for eastern DRC in Goma
HO Livelihoods	Conducted IPC chronic teleconferences and document review
Mauritania	Provided technical partners with information on IPC and assisted CILSS technician in CH analysis using IPC compliant method
Rwanda	Participated in the IPC roll-out workshop at Musanze, Rwanda
Rwanda	Participated in IPC workshop in Burundi
South Sudan	Participated in the IPC analysis and developed a set of assumptions that were adapted by the participants to project food insecurity
South Sudan	Participated in the emergency review committee consultation meeting on the IPC
Sudan	Participated in a food security meeting with partners to review national IPC analysis
Sudan	Attended (ANTM) a one-week IPC level II training organized by the national IPC working group
Sudan	Participated in national IPC working group to review state level IPC analysis
Uganda	Participated in the Karamoja regional IPC analysis
Malawi	Participated and provided FEWS NET feedback and insights in the IPC use and impact baseline study
Zambia	Participated in an IPC level 1 training and in country acute food insecurity classification in Lesotho
Zimbabwe	Facilitated discussions with the regional IPC consultant on the achievements and way forward for IPC in Zimbabwe
Guatemala	Participated in meeting with FAO representative regarding his support to the IPC implementation in Guatemala
Haiti	Participated with CNSA and partners in an IPC analysis
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC awareness and ownership workshop

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

During this quarter, project staff continued providing USGS scientists with ground-truthing information, participating in climate teleconferences, and in general working with USGS scientists to strengthen partners' capacity in using remote sensing imagery for food security analysis. 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	Provided input to the FEWS NET/NOAA/USGS weekly hazards reports
West Africa Regional	Participated in West Africa seasonal forecast forum in Bamako
West Africa Regional	Provided remote sensing refresh training in Chad and Nigeria
Southern Africa Regional	Provided inputs into drafting of the southern Africa special report on El Niño
LAC	Participated in the climate outlook forum
HO Livelihoods	Supported Population Explorer application test with FEWS NET mapping data to identify of minimum # of people in IPC Phase 2 and Phase 3+

Office	Activity
HO Markets and Trade	Reached out to USDA FAS and ERS to strengthen partnership (data sharing, peer review of analysis, ad hoc information gathering)
Sudan	Supported USGS remote sensing products by ground-truthing to better reflect progress of 2014 rainy season
Sudan	Attended IPC level II training (ANTM)
Mozambique	Provided ground-based information to the regional USGS scientist
Zambia	Supported study by the meteorology department and the USGS regional scientist on Zambia rainfall trend
Guatemala	Participated in Central American climate outlook forum
Guatemala	Participated in IPC level 1 training in Panama City, Panama
Afghanistan	Supported USGS by providing ground truthing information

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

IR 3.1 Food Security Networks Maintained and Strengthened

An important objective of FEWS NET is to support and strengthen food security networks at national, regional, and international levels through collaboration, coordination, and training. The project developed, in close collaboration with USAID, a network development strategy that was launched during this quarter. The communications advisor and deputy chief-of-party worked with RTMs and NTMs to introduce this strategy. The RTMs then worked with staff in their regions to develop implementation plans that were discussed in the training workshops. These were subsequently refined and will be incorporated into the work plan for FY 2015.

During this quarter, FEWS NET continued to actively engage with partners at all levels. FEWS NET staff participates in various national and regional clusters (food security cluster, nutrition cluster, humanitarian cluster, IPC/CH steering committee, etc.) and contributes actively.

Of special notes are:

- West Africa staff participated in partners meetings with regional partners in Dakar, Senegal and with the regional USAID mission in Dakar to review joint efforts in the Cadre Harmonisé effort, market monitoring and reporting, and regional and national capacity development,
- West Africa and Nigeria staff participated in meetings with FAO to collaborate on the FAO market information system (AMIS) project in Nigeria,
- West Africa staff worked with CILSS to establish national Cadre Harmonisé technical working groups,
- Continued discussions with partners in Yemen to collaborate on food security monitoring, outlook, and analysis,
- Participated in meetings with ACTESA and WFP to review progress of southern Africa cross-border trade monitoring program, now transferred to ACTESA,
- Participated with meetings with partners to establish wage monitoring system in Central America, and
- Continued to work with regional partners in Central America to monitoring the impact of coffee rust.

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
All Offices	Participated in food security cluster, nutrition cluster, humanitarian cluster, and other local network meetings
All Regional Offices	Reviewed FO and drafted an RO initial draft of network development strategies
West Africa Regional	Participated in meeting with WFP Dakar on joint effort in the CH process, market monitoring and reporting, and regional and national capacity building
West Africa Regional	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé analysis update in Senegal
West Africa Regional	Participated in the RPCA meeting in Paris
West Africa Regional	Participated in a meeting with FAO Rome and CILSS aiming to collaborate on the FAO AMIS project in Nigeria
West Africa Regional	Participated in USAID/WA projects implementing partners meeting in Accra
West Africa Regional	Participated in the PREGEC meeting in N'Djamena
West Africa Regional	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé (CH) technical committee meeting in N'Djamena
East Africa Regional	Provided agro-climate, trade and market analysis to the regional food security and nutrition working group (FNSWG)
East Africa Regional	Established communication with network partners in Yemen
Southern Africa Regional	Maintained strategic partnerships to strengthen networks in remote monitoring countries and regional partners
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in producing the monthly food security update in collaboration with FNSWG members: FAO, WFP, and OCHA
Southern Africa Regional	Supported RVAC and FNSWG efforts and activities in integration nutrition in VA
Southern Africa Regional	Provided review and clarification to LVAC on use of LIAS for the seasonal analysis and format of data
Southern Africa Regional	Attended RVAC annual dissemination meeting
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in meeting with ACTESA and WFP to review progress on cross border monitoring activities now under ACTESA
LAC	Participate in different regional M&T virtual and in person teleconferences in the context of Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)
LAC	Participate in meetings on and supported the establishment of wages monitoring system in Guatemala
LAC	Participated in the regional coffee rust network: workshop and meetings on coffee rust
LAC	Participated in M&T regional teleconference on basic grains for the Central American MIOA
HO Livelihoods	Supported Lesotho scenario development and outcome analysis
HO Markets and Trade	Conducted joint research planning with IFPRI markets, trade and institutions division
HO Markets and Trade	Established an MOU with the BEST project to harmonize method for assessing appropriateness of food assistance modalities
HO Communications	Briefed and consulted RTMs and NTMs on network development strategy to complete management transition to RTMs
Burkina Faso	Participated in national meteorology direction meeting about seasonal forecasts
Burkina Faso	Participated on WFP workshop about food insecurity and vulnerability study
Chad	Contributed to the first SISAAP bulletin of information
Chad	Contributed to the GTP bulletins
Chad	Participated in national meeting to create a cellule nationale d'analyse du Cadre Harmonisé organized by CILSS and SISAAP
Mali	Participated in national HEA working group meetings
Mauritania	Attended all HEA workshop and contributed to the preparation and organization of HEA workshops in March and April
Mauritania	Actively participated on the preparation of all HEA analysis during workshops organized by ACF with CSA collaboration
Niger	Participated in workshop on the food and nutrition programs integration to strengthen resilience
Niger	Participated in roundtable meeting organized by USAID Niger and implementing partners
Niger	Participated in preparation and conception tools of national nutrition survey
Nigeria	Participated in AMIS meeting in Nigeria
Kenya	Participated actively in KFSSG meetings to discuss FS evolution post-long rains and to plan the national long rains FS assessments
Rwanda	Participated in the national technical advisory group on disaster to formulate hazard map
Somalia	Participated jointly with FSNAU in a capacity needs assessment workshop for partners and government
South Sudan	Participated and contributed to the presentation of FAO-led planting assessment conducted in Central and Western Equatoria states
Sudan	Attended the launch of the national food security and nutrition council and development of the national food security policy
Sudan	Discussed with WFP to sponsor expansion of cross-border trade monitoring in four locations in Darfur
Tanzania	Participated in the preparation for livelihood baseline study that included drafting of concept notes and budget preparations and review
Tanzania	Participated in MUCHAL's efforts to put in place an M&E strategy and plan to incorporate gender issues in assessment tools and methods
Uganda	Established partnerships at district local government level in Karamoja and Kampala
Malawi	Developed a framework for the Malawi vulnerability assessment committee livelihoods baseline update assessment

Office	Activity
Mozambique	Participated in the data analysis of food security and nutrition baseline study
Mozambique	Supported the technical secretariat of food security and nutrition's (SETSAN) rapid qualitative assessment in areas affected by shocks this year
Zambia	Participated in ZVAC review and update of survey instruments and training of enumerators for in-depth vulnerability assessment
Zambia	Prepared and presented a brief on regional maize harvest prospects and outlook to the maize stock monitoring meeting
Zambia	Participated in VAC in-depth assessment report writing and editing
Zambia	Participated in the stakeholders meeting on 2014 maize floor price and marketing by the agricultural consultative forum
Zambia	Participated in an agricultural stakeholders meeting/workshop on agricultural trade and seed organized by USAID-economic growth team
Zimbabwe	Supported the ZIMVAC to develop tools for the HEA pilot
Guatemala	Provided support to improve the food security analysis of the food security forecast committee
Guatemala	Worked with the Ministry of Agriculture and other partners to promote the concept of a markets & trade working group
Haiti	Participated and contributed in all meetings called by the technical group for food security and nutrition (GTSAN)

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. During the past quarter, FEWS NET the nutrition advisor participated in an IPC Nutrition meeting in Rome, aimed at launching a pilot for IPC Nutrition Scale. The market and trade advisor also worked with partners in Central America to establish a wage monitoring system. Table 11 shows these and other activities achieved.

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

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Conducted detailed discussions with FSNWG market analysis sub-group on sustaining cross-border data collection and enhanced regional M&T analysis
East Africa Regional	Refined East Africa cross-border trade report that FEWS NET produces quarterly with key partners in the FSNWG market analysis sub-group
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the RIACSO monthly meetings and discussions
Southern Africa Regional	Attended regional vulnerability assessment committee (RVAC) quarterly meetings
LAC	Conducted one market and trade teleconference with 9 countries of LAC
HO Markets and Trade	Traveled to Guatemala to work with the Guatemala FO and LAC RO to establish a labor market monitoring system in Guatemala with partners
HO Nutrition	Participated in the first in-person IPC nutrition technical working group meeting in Rome

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. Some notable training events during this quarter include:

- FEWS NET training workshop for eastern Africa, held in Arusha, Tanzania
- FEWS NET training workshop for southern Africa and LAC, held in Arusha, Tanzania
- FEWS NET training workshop for western Africa, held in Accra, Ghana,
- Eastern Africa herds dynamics training held in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia,
- Trained Lesotho VAC in HEA outcome analysis and scenario development,
- Trained FEWS NET and SIM market enumerators in Nigeria,
- Trained new project staff members in Afghanistan and Zimbabwe,

- In collaboration with Kimetrica, trained eastern Africa staff in the use of the price data warehouse,
- Conducted a livelihoods strategy retreat in Washington DC for livelihoods advisor and regional livelihoods specialists, and
- Participated in the IFPRI 2020 global workshop on building resilience for food and nutrition security.

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
All Offices	Participated in the 2014 FEWS NET regional training workshops on improving agro-climatology assumptions for scenario development
West Africa Regional	Prepared and provided support on the session of price projection refresher during FEWS NET training workshop in Accra
West Africa Regional	Participated on the process to prepare the materials for the training of Nigeria's enumerators
East Africa Regional	Coordinated and participated in the East Africa regional herd dynamics training
Southern Africa Regional	Trained Lesotho VAC in scenario development
Southern Africa Regional	Trained Lesotho VAC in HEA outcome analysis
Southern Africa Regional	Conducted orientation for markets & trade specialist and the Zimbabwe ANTM
Southern Africa Regional	Conducted scenario development training for Zimbabwe food security stakeholders
LAC	Attended pre training on agro-climatic assumptions by USGS field scientist
LAC	Participated in two market and trade trainings related to price projections
LAC	Provided support to the field offices in Guatemala and Haiti in their analysis and reports
HO Decision Support	Participated in the IFPRI 2020 global workshop on building resilience for food and nutrition security
HO Livelihoods	Participated in East regional herd dynamics model and training
HO Livelihoods	Conducted livelihood strategy workshop
HO Markets and Trade	Provided TA to the Nigeria team to train all market enumerators in Nigeria
HO Markets and Trade	Provided M&T orientation to new markets specialists in southern Africa
HO Markets and Trade	Provided M&T orientation to new staff in Afghanistan
HO Markets and Trade	Provided ongoing support to staff with the development of price projections using guidance presented at May 2013 training meeting
HO Markets and Trade	Participated in training to East Africa field staff on the use of the data warehouse (led by Kimetrica)
HO Nutrition	Participated in and presented research at the annual American Society of Nutrition conference in San Diego
HO Nutrition	Participated in and presented research at the UN IAEA conference on moderate malnutrition in Vienna, Austria
HO Communications	Drafted and circulated "tips sheet" to assist staff in using GoToMeeting for global conference calls
HO Communications	Designed training module on critical thinking skills and delivered module three times to FEWS NET staff
HO Communications	Reviewed and advised USGS and DSG on May/June field training, participated in a four-day dry run of the program
HO Communications	Conducted 3 days of consultations with Ethiopia technical staff to identify strategies for restructuring and simplifying monthly reporting
Niger	Trained CRC partners on HEA approach
Nigeria	Updated training for new and old Nigeria and Niger field monitors
Ethiopia	Participated in the community-based resilience assessment workshop
Ethiopia	Provided training on hotspot classification
Ethiopia	Participated in the IFPRI 2020 global workshop on building resilience for food and nutrition security
Ethiopia	Hosted the herd dynamics monitoring tool regional training in Dire Dawa, Somali region
Kenya	Trained 50 national drought management authority (NDMA) county information officers and county data analysts
Kenya	Participated in the herd dynamics and livestock model training in Dire Dawa, Somali region of Ethiopia
Rwanda	Conducted in-house training for the University of Rwanda/Centre for Geographic Information System
Rwanda	Participated in the herd dynamics training in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia
Somalia	Trained 19 members from food security cluster on IPC and scenario development with FSNAU and WFP
South Sudan	Trained IPC technical working group members in scenario development
Sudan	Participated in the herd dynamics training in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia (ANTM)
Sudan	Conducted GIS and remote sensing training to FEWS NET and partners

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Sudan	Conducted market analysis training to state-level food security technical secretariat of FAO project in Sudan
Uganda	Participated in the herd dynamics and livestock model training in Dire Dawa, Somali region of Ethiopia
Malawi	Conducted a refresher training on informal cross-border trade monitoring for FEWS NET / ACTESA border monitors, WFP and Ministry of Agriculture
Malawi	Participated in the WFP-led integrated context analysis in food security workshop
Zimbabwe	Provided training to partners on the FEWS NET scenario development method
Zimbabwe	Provided training to HEA pilot participants on the FEWS NET price projection method
Zimbabwe	Provided partners with training in HEA outcome analysis
Zimbabwe	Provided orientation to the ANTM
Guatemala	Participated in training in Price Watch reporting and markets analysis and price projections
Guatemala	Participated in pre-training on agro-climatic assumptions with USGS regional scientist
Haiti	Trained FEWS NET technical staff and partners staff in remote sensing

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

A review of the FY 2014 work plan indicates that the majority of activities planned for the April to June 2014 period were completed as planned. The few notable exceptions, with explanations, follow:

- *Assessment of CAR refugees in southern Chad:* This assessment was planned for early June 2014. However, the U.S. Embassy declined to grant country clearance citing specific threats received. This activity cannot be immediately re-programmed due to other commitments by participants. This activity is cancelled and we will revisit the necessity of carrying out this assessment after a remote monitoring team visit CAR in August.
- *Develop guidance on creating and updating monitoring plans:* This activity is a follow-on to the development of food security briefs, which have been cancelled. We will revisit the concept of food security briefs and how to development monitoring plans.
- *Research on a likely shift in production systems in belg-dependent cropping areas of Ethiopia:* Personnel anticipated for this activity was re-programmed to support the South Sudan emergency. This activity is re-scheduled for the current quarter.
- *Train Haiti CNSA staff on scenario developed:* Postponed due to lack of availability of both trainers from FEWS NET and trainees commitment to other activity. Will re-schedule this activity later in 2014.
- *Verification of livelihood zones in Honduras:* This is a joint activity with local partners including the government. After a new government is installed in Honduras, the government decided to undergo internal restructuring and requested partners to postpone this activity.
- *Annual food security assessment:* This activity is postponed due to delays in finalizing the Food Security Baseline study analysis by SETSAN. SETSAN decided to prioritize the finalization of that study and will carry out the food security assessment at the later date to be decided.
- *Tanzania livelihoods baseline:* This is a partner-led activity that was delayed to the current quarter due to difficulties in organizing the activity.
- *Remote monitoring visits to Liberia and Sierra Leone:* Postponed due to Ebola outbreaks in the target countries. CILSS, a partner in the visit, has also suspended activities in the target countries.
- *Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis in South Sudan:* Postponed indefinitely due to civil war in the states where the activity was targeted.