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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.

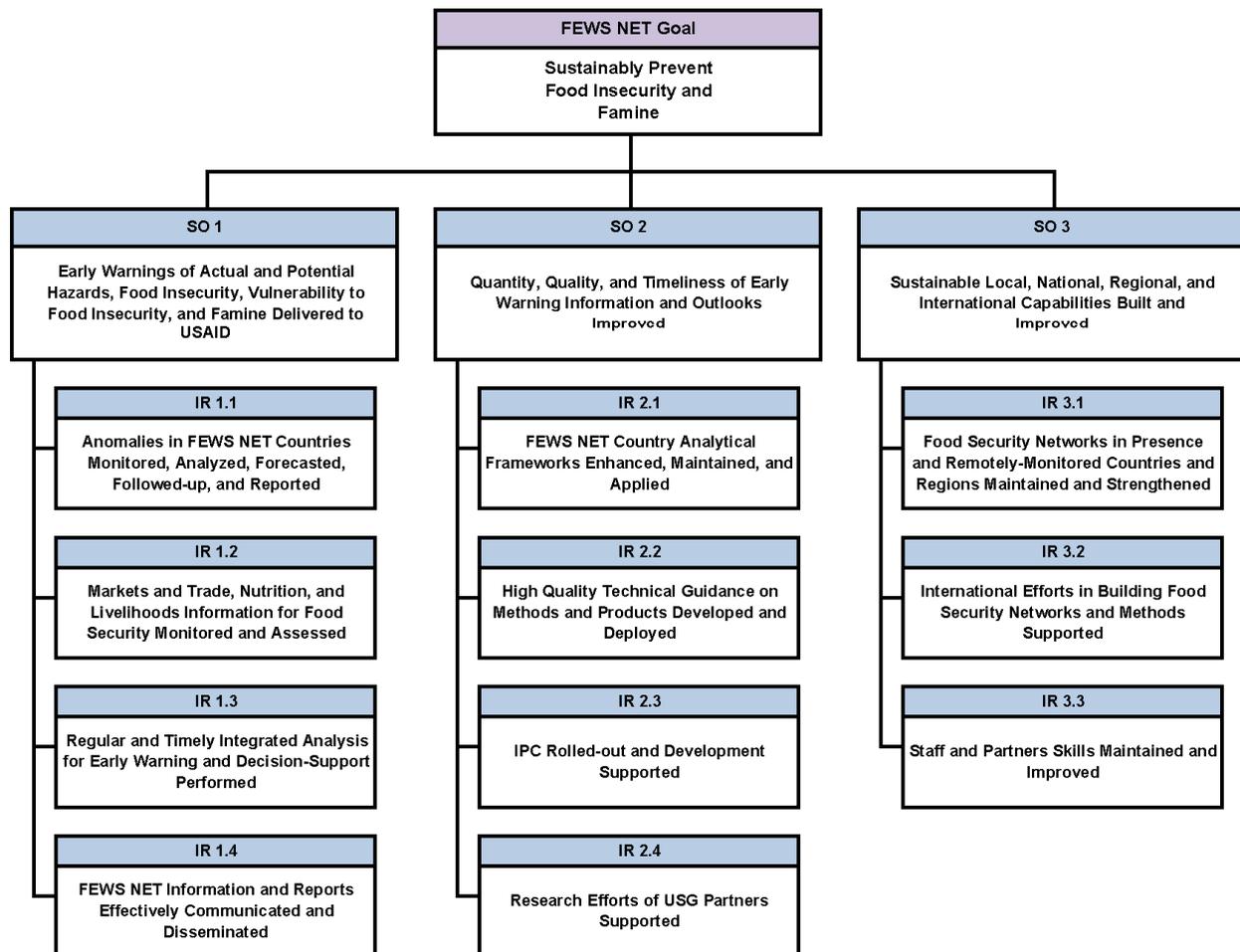
Under SO 1, FEWS NET will carry out its core activities of early warning. The four IRs represent 1) identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes; 2) monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context; 3) performing food security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

B. Management

This quarter marks the beginning of Year Three for the FEWS NET III contract. Year One began with a focus on re-establishing project offices and operations, including the addition of five new remote monitoring countries. At the same time, the project began implementation of its decentralization strategy by enhancing the technical capability of regional offices and defining the relations between national and regional teams, and with the home office in Washington. The project also introduced nutrition as a new key sector in its integrated multi-disciplinary approach. Year Two focused on the development and implementation of the core scenario development method and its application to food security outlook analysis. In Year Three, the project will continue to build upon the scenario development method and introduce additional tools in markets and trade, agro-climatology, and livelihoods to strengthen its evidence-based approach to food security analysis and early warning. The project will also begin implementing a network development strategy to realize the vision of a strong coordinated network of food security practitioners who will work together to eradicate hunger and improve food security.

FEWS NET III is now essentially fully staffed. Staff across all countries are working with a well-developed work plan. The project is now implementing two important strategies—network development and nutrition. The project has been instrumental in developing the IPC chronic scale, which will be deployed this year. Additionally, the project has developed a new website that will be formally launched in 2014; the new website is already enjoying increased usage even before the formal launch. Finally, 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 FEWS NET/Chemonics Chief-of-Party will be retiring from the project in May 2014. With a new COP expected in the next quarter, this presents an opportunity for reviewing and revising the home office technical team staffing plan, rethinking upcoming key events like work planning and regional strategies, and other technical and management priorities.

New Hires

- Afghanistan Assistant National Technical Manager: Fazal Rahman Malakhail (January 1, 2014)
- Latin America and Caribbean Regional Food Security Specialist: Edgar Escobar (January 2, 2014)
- Home Office Decision Support Group/Food Security Analyst (A): Timothy Hoffine (February 1, 2014)
- Home Office Decision Support Group/Food Security Analyst (B): Julie Naegele (February 12, 2014)
- Eastern Africa Regional Food Security Specialist for Livelihoods: Alemu Asfaw Manni (February 17, 2014), based in Ethiopia

Memorandum of Understanding

FEWS NET signed an MOU with the Somalia FSNAU to reconfirm collaborations and office sharing. In western Africa, the MOU with CILSS expired in 2013 and FEWS NET is working with CILSS to renew this MOU.

Approvals

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics submitted a total of 64 approval requests to USAID of which 52 were technical approvals and 12 were contracting office action requests. Through the end of the quarter in March 2014, the project, including all tasks orders, submitted a total of 600 official requests of which 421 were COR actions and 179 required CO action.

C. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 341 reports and briefs on its public website, 107 of which are foreign language products. Table 1 shows the detail of these decision-support products.

Table 1. Summary of FEWS NET Decision-Support Products between 01/01/2014 and 03/31/2014

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia/ Middle East	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	9 (1)	13 (6)	6 (1)	4 (2)	1		33 (10)
Food Security Outlook Update	14 (1)	24 (11)	10 (2)	8 (4)	3		59 (18)
Remote Monitoring Web Report	9	25 (9)	11 (2)	4 (2)	3		52 (13)
Food Security Alert	6	5 (2)	-	-	-	-	11 (2)
FAOB						3	3
Special Report	5	3 (1)	-	4 (2)	-	-	12 (3)
Price Watch/Annex						4 (1)	4 (1)
Price Bulletin	64 (26)	34 (16)	20 (3)	31 (15)	4		153 (60)
Cross border trade bulletin	1	-	-	-	-		1
Global Weather Hazard Report						11	11
Rain Watch	-						0
Seasonal Monitor	1	-	1	-			2

(*) 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:

- Rapid food security assessment in eastern Chad to investigate the impact of below-average 2013 rainfall on rural households,
- Rapid food security assessments in Amhara and Afar regions of Ethiopia,
- Joint assessment to Moroto District in Karamoja region of Uganda in response to the second poor harvest in a row and the early start of the 2014 lean season,
- USDA crop tour in Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa,
- Joint MVAC assessment in southern Malawi,
- Food security assessment in central and southern Madagascar,
- Assessment of flood impact in southern and central Mozambique,
- Coffee rust assessment in eastern Guatemala, and
- Food security assessments to multiple regions of Haiti.

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
Mauritania	Assessed rainfed cultures along river valleys and oasis areas
Mauritania	Monitored food security in stress areas
Niger	Assembled and collected data and information on keys parameters for outcome analysis
Djibouti	Conducted seasonal national food security assessment
Ethiopia	Conducted assessment on the contribution of <i>Meher</i> seasonal production on <i>Belg</i> dominant areas of Amhara Region
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid food security assessment in <i>Belg</i> dominant areas in South Wollo Zone in Amhara Region
Ethiopia	Conducted rapid food security assessment In Afar Region
Rwanda	Conducted regular monitoring of food security in focus areas and country at large (including field visits)
Somalia	Participated in joint post seasonal (<i>Deyr</i> 2013) food security analysis
Somalia	Monitored food security conditions of conflict affected areas
Somalia	Monitored <i>Jilaal</i> (long dry season) impact
Sudan	Monitored closely the crisis in South Sudan and analyzed the impact on food security in Sudan
Sudan	Analyzed the impact of conflict on food security in South Kordofan state

Office	Activity
Sudan	Analyzed the impact of deteriorating security conditions in Darfur
Uganda	Conducted field missions to better understand food security in Karamoja region with a team from the HO, RO, and partners
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions mainly in northern Uganda, cattle corridor districts, and other parts of the country
Southern Africa Region	Collected and monitored relevant information from partners on food security situation in Lesotho
Southern Africa Region	Monitored evolving food security issues in other RM and non-presence countries of the region
Southern Africa Region	Carried out (with Zimbabwe NTM) pre-harvest rapid assessment in areas of concern in Zimbabwe
Southern Africa Region	Participated in the USDA crop tour in Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa
Malawi	Coordinated a joint food security assessment with WFP, MoAFS, and DCCMS
Malawi	Conducted regular food security assessment in all food insecure areas
Malawi	Participated in MVAC update assessment
Mozambique	Assessed the progress of the season (rainy and cropping) in flood affected areas in south and central
Mozambique	Conducted food security rapid qualitative assessment in Sofala Province
Zambia	Conducted a mid-season crop assessment jointly with USDA/FAS Zambia Crop Tour and USAID Feed the Future contact person
Zimbabwe	Carried out a rapid assessment to the flood affected Tokwe Mukorsi area
Zimbabwe	Participated in the USDA crop assessment
LAC Region	Monitored the <i>Apante</i> season in all LAC region
Guatemala	Conducted field assessment in the east to evaluate end of season performance and coffee rust damage
Haiti	Performed field visit in the Northwest, North, Northeast, and Central Plateau to monitor food security situation
Haiti	Gathered information from CNSA (National Food Security Coordination) Liaison Agents on crop and food conditions
Afghanistan	Monitored seasonal progress (dekadal and monthly bases) 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:

- Setting up special bi-monthly market monitoring for South Sudan in response to the current crisis,
- Participating in joint CILSS/FEWS NET/FAO/WFP markets and trade assessments across all three market basins of the Sahel and west Africa,
- Carrying out commodity trade flow mapping and market context pilots in Burkina Faso and Sudan to implement an enhanced markets and trade knowledge base,
- Conducting impact assessments of South Sudanese refugees on host communities in Ethiopia and Uganda,
- Participating in WFP-led markets assessment in Juba, South Sudan, and
- Supporting regional efforts to develop a labor monitoring system for Central America.

During this quarter, FEWS NET also initiated discussions 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
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 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	Provided technical assistance to the Sudan office on monthly market reporting in collaboration with the FAMIS market monitoring system
HO Markets and Trade	Provided assistance with conceptualizing the market-related issues facing Sudan and alternative reporting strategies
HO Markets and Trade	Setup special bi-monthly market monitoring product for South Sudan (price and cross-border trade flows)
HO Markets and Trade	Setup Central Asia Price Bulletin
West Africa Region	Participated in the joint CILSS/FEWS NET/FAO/WFP market and trade, and food security assessment in West Africa
West Africa Region	Contributed to drafting the SOW and evaluation criteria of nutritional causal research in Niger
West Africa Region	Organized and moderated the market and trade knowledge base workshop in Burkina Faso
West Africa Region	Contributed to improving and updating nutrition database in West Africa Region
West Africa Region	Participated in the food security and nutrition rural rapid assessment in Chad
West Africa Region	Conducted and led Nigeria Livelihoods zone mapping
West Africa Region	Provided price projection support in the framework of the outlook process
Burkina Faso	Collected nutritional information to updated database
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint market assessment mission
Chad	Participated in joint rapid livelihoods and nutrition assessment in Wadi Fira, Ouaddai, and Sila regions
Chad	Monitored cereals and livestock price data by field enumerators on a regular basis
Chad	Participated in joint markets assessment in Salamat and Moyen Chari regions
Chad	Hired a data entry person and updated cereals and livestock prices data
Chad	Provided FEWS NET Regional Office with price data
Mali	Collected data for outcome analysis in Northern Mali and Dogon Plateau
Mauritania	Conducted markets assessment in the western areas
Mauritania	Participated in an HEA analysis workshop
Mauritania	Collected price data from 10 markets
Niger	Participated in joint market and food security assessment and reporting
Nigeria	Assessed market and trade functioning in dry spell affected areas in Niger state, central Nigeria
Nigeria	Participated in market and trade data collection exercise in Kano for newly hired FO staff
Nigeria	Participated in joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET market and trade flow assessment mission
East Africa Offices	Provided input into and reviewed the quarterly regional cross-border trade report
East Africa Offices	Managed cross-border monitoring program and compiled cross-border trade data
East Africa Region	Developed concept note to expand the SOW of the Tanzania remote monitor to include enhance analysis of markets and trade
East Africa Region	Developed regional markets and trade assumptions for January through September 2014
East Africa Region	Conducted a markets and trade flow knowledge base pilot update for Sudan
Ethiopia	Conducted impact assessment of South Sudanese refugees on host communities
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from WFP and the Central Statistical Agency
Ethiopia	Updated nutritional database
Ethiopia	Updated CPI data
Kenya	Performed assessment to evaluate the impacts of 2013 short rains on the livelihoods of households in arid and semi-arid areas
Kenya	Prepared for the Kenya livelihood zones review exercise
Rwanda	Collected monthly CPI and Fuel prices
South Sudan	Provided analysis of impact of the conflict on markets performance as requested by USAID South Sudan
South Sudan	Visited Arua, Uganda to assess the food security situation of South Sudanese refugees in Uganda
South Sudan	Participated in WFP-led market assessment in Juba
South Sudan	Finalized South Sudan Market Structure report

Office	Activity
South Sudan	Prepared the special bi-monthly market update
Sudan	Monitored crop, livestock, cash crops, and labor wages from 17 markets in 17 states of Sudan
Sudan	Assessed the impact of below average harvest on grain trade and prices in Sudan
Sudan	Analyzed the impact of surging staple food prices in Sudan
Tanzania	Updated market cost margin database
Southern Africa Offices	Monitored and analyzed Informal cross-border trade in the region and Tanzania
Southern Africa Region	Met with key markets players in Zambia to understand current key issues
Mozambique	Projected food prices for the acute food insecurity focus area (Chókwe market) using the integrated approach
Zimbabwe	Consolidated cereal import data from the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA)
LAC Region	Produced three regional market & trade reports with the Market Information Systems of Central America
Guatemala	Supported regional efforts to develop a labor monitoring system

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 DSG:

- Conducted HEA outcome analyses in eleven areas of concern in West Africa to help inform FEWS NET's January to June outlook reports, and
- Supported HEA outcome analysis in two areas of concern in southern Zimbabwe to help inform Zimbabwe's January to June outlook report.

The project published 144 monthly reports, including 33 Outlooks and 52 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 8 Alerts
 - January 3, 2014: Kenya - *Due to late, inadequate rains, a below average harvest is expected in the Southeast in February*
 - January 8, 2014: South Sudan - *Conflict causes major displacement and destruction of markets in South Sudan*
 - February 4, 2014: Somalia - *Nearly 860,00 people remain acutely food insecure in Somalia with 51,000 children facing increased risk of death*
 - February 11, 2014: Sudan - *Conflict and poor harvest likely to drive Crisis and Emergency outcomes in Sudan*
 - February 20, 2014: West Africa - *Crisis expected in parts of the southern Sahel due to production and pasture deficits*
 - March 20, 2014: Nigeria - *Continued unrest in northeastern Nigeria drives Crisis level food insecurity*

- March 26, 2014: Somalia - *Conflict and displacement increase food insecurity in southern Somalia*
 - March 27, 2014: Chad - *Food insecurity expected to rise significantly in Wadi Fira and Barh El-Ghazel*
- 7 special Reports
 - 2 joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security reports
 - January 24, 2014: South Sudan - *Staple food prices rise as trade is disrupted by conflict*
 - February 9, 2014: Somalia - *An Analysis of Displacement During the 2011 Somalia Famine*
 - February 14, 2014: Central America - *Coffee producer and laborer income to decline for a second consecutive year*
 - February 19, 2014: South Sudan - *Over half a million displaced, harvest interrupted by conflict*
 - March 19, 2014: South Sudan Bi-Monthly Market Update

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
Regional Offices	Developed food security assumptions and projections for the region
HO Decision Support	Conducted HEA outcome analyses in areas of concern in West Africa to help inform FEWS NET Outlooks
HO Markets and Trade	Generated Price Watch, Price Annex, and Price Bulletins
HO Markets and Trade	Drafted internal note on the potential impacts of Ukraine Crisis on global wheat markets
HO Markets and Trade	Drafted special report on Sudan Market situation
HO Markets and Trade	Provided ongoing support to DSG, FOs, and ROs with market-related issues in monthly and ad hoc presentations and reporting
HO Markets and Trade	Provided assistance to the Sudan office on regular monthly market reporting and helped formulate M&T assumptions
HO Markets and Trade	Provided assistance to the South Sudan office to develop their market assumptions and future monitoring approach
HO Communications	Assisted in production of first video version of food assistance outlook brief
HO Communications	Reviewed, commented and/or edited key reports and other documents
HO Communications	Finalized new design for Sudan Monthly Market update
HO Remote Monitoring	Completed Madagascar assessment as follow-up to September strike team visit
HO Remote Monitoring	Renewed remote monitoring contacts in Tajikistan
HO Remote Monitoring	Produced Madagascar price bulletin
West Africa Offices	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé workshops organized by CILSS and national early warning systems (except Nigeria)
West Africa Region	Drafted the monthly joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security bulletin and coordinated the review process
Mali	Performed HEA-based outcome analysis for Mali
Niger	Performed HEA-based outcome analysis for Niger
Nigeria	Contributed to food security alert for Nigeria
East Africa Region	Developed an executive summary for the South Sudan markets and trade study conducted in November -December 2013
East Africa Region	Prepared the Yemen remote monitoring report
Burundi	Drafted and finalized Burundi Remote Monitoring update reports
Somalia	Drafted, reviewed and disseminated Post Deyr 2013/2014 Technical Release

Office	Activity
Somalia	Produced and disseminated Food Security Alert
South Sudan	Drafted the Seasonal Rainfall Performance section for the Annual Needs and Livelihoods Analysis
Southern Africa Region	Supported Zimbabwe NTM in developing scenario summary table and performing outcome analysis
Southern Africa Region	Reviewed and provided input into the Draft Southern Africa (SADC) Agromet Report
Zimbabwe	Performed an HEA outcome analysis for three priority livelihoods zones of Zimbabwe
LAC Region	Produced three regional reports on markets with the market Information Systems of the Americas
LAC Region	Produced Remote Monitoring reports for the three RM countries in Central America
LAC Region	Produced a special regional coffee report
Afghanistan	Produced remote food security monitoring update for Tajikistan

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.

In late December 2013, the project performed a *soft launch* of a new website. During the reporting period, FEWS NET continued to make adjustments to the site responding to feedback from project staff and USAID, corrected bugs that were identified, and generally continued to improve the performance of the website in preparation for a public launch in mid-2014.

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 (January, February, March)
- February 27: Briefed USAID Mission to Uganda on food security in Karamoja
- March 19: Briefed USAID Washington on West Africa food security outlook for March to the end of the 2014 consumption year

The DSG also fielded the following special requests from USAID:

- January 14: information on food security conditions of IDPs in Southern Mali
- January 30: notes on the West Africa food security outlook in preparation for the launch of the RISE initiative
- February 22: FEWS NET's needs estimates for Chad and how they compare to needs in previous years
- February 25: notes on Nigeria to share with the USAID Nigeria Mission
- February 25: food security conditions in Guinea relating to a WFP PRRO proposal
- March 07: notes for Mauritania
- March 21: notes for Mauritania

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
Regional Offices	Reviewed FO Quarterly progress reports, and prepared and submitted the RO report
HO Communications	Finalized strategy for launching fews.net; drafted script for promotional online video; revised content per USAID requests
HO Communications	Managed media calls related to Afghanistan, Kenya, Haiti and West Africa
HO Communications	Increased social media presence by promoting high profile reports
HO Info Technology	Worked closely with Forum One to correct post-launch bugs
HO Info Technology	Migrated office from ISPortal to DropBox for Biz
HO Info Technology	Managed GIS optimization work
West Africa Region	Briefed USAID FFP regional team in Nouakchott
West Africa Region	Briefed USAID Nigeria on the Nigeria field office orientation and FEWS NET 2014 work plan in Nigeria
West Africa Region	Participated in USAID FFP regional team monthly briefing call
Burkina Faso	Presented livelihood approach to partners
Mali	Shared northern area field reports with USAID and partners
East Africa Region	Provided input on East Africa's current food security and projected outcomes to the FSNWG
East Africa Region	Prepared agro-climatology and trade and market analysis for the monthly FSNWG meeting
Djibouti	Briefed partners during Cluster Meeting
Ethiopia	Presented impact of South Sudanese refugees on food security situation of the host communities to USAID
Ethiopia	Briefed USAID on rapid field assessment in Belg dominant areas in North and South Wollo Zones
Ethiopia	Presented Meher 2013 performance in the selected livelihood zones to USAID
Ethiopia	Provided a presentation on khat (qat) consumption in Somali Region for USAID
Kenya	Presented to the National Disaster Operations Centre (NDOC), Office of the President and the National Space Secretariat (NSS)
Kenya	Disseminated the findings of the 2013 short rains assessment to other partners through the Kenya Food Security Meeting (KFSM)
Kenya	Presented the findings of the 2013 short rains assessment to USAID at the US Embassy
Somalia	Briefed USAID and implementing partners on post Deyr 2014 seasonal food security analysis outcome
Somalia	Presented and disseminated Household Economy Analysis (HEA) outcome analysis report
South Sudan	Prepared and disseminated South Sudan Crisis Monitoring Report
Sudan	Published alert report about the likely sharp increase of staple food prices in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed WFP's research team conducting food security research in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed Tuft's research team undertaking trade research in Darfur
Sudan	Published three Market Update Reports
Uganda	Presented current and project food security situation at the Food, Agriculture, and Livelihoods sector working group
Southern Africa Region	Disseminated the Lesotho RMU monthly reports to partners
Zambia	Provided updated regional maize trade and status to meeting at Office of the Vice President
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Agriculture Coordination Working Group
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Food Aid Working Group
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Nutrition Cluster
LAC Region	Provided a presentation at the UN meeting for Central American experts on the application of remote sensing in the early warning
LAC Region	Presented the Coffee Report to the panel on the economic and social effects of coffee rust in the region
LAC Region	Briefed USAID El Salvador and Guatemala
Afghanistan	Briefed USAID on lessons learned from last year's pre-harvest assessment

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 made significant progress in improving the livelihoods knowledge base:

- Finished field work in profiling 9 livelihoods zones in Sudan; draft report now circulating with partners for review,
- Completed draft report on national zoning of Mozambique,
- Published Angola livelihoods zoning plus documents in English and Portuguese,
- Published Honduras livelihoods zoning plus documents in English and Spanish,
- Carried out national livelihoods zoning of Nigeria, and
- Carried out national livelihoods re-zoning of Zambia; draft report now in review.

The markets and trade team also made significant progress in enhancing the markets and trade knowledge base on two fronts:

- Continued the work with Kimetrica and piloted the price data warehouse (PDW) for eastern Africa in Nairobi with a 3-day training carried out by Kimetrica technical staff; the PDW is now near release and will be launched at the FEWS NET regional workshop for eastern Africa in May, and
- Conducted two pilot tests of an enhanced approach to commodity flow mapping that will include a narrative on market context for the commodity; the pilots were held in Burkina Faso and Sudan with active participation from network partners.

The nutrition team completed a nutrition strategy document for the project and launched it with field offices during this quarter. The nutrition advisor has initiated discussions with Kimetrica on the creation of a nutrition data warehouse and regional nutrition specialist have been compiling nutrition data for use by field offices and for eventual incorporation into the data warehouse. The nutrition advisor has also completed a technical terms-of-reference document for nutrition casual research that will be launched in Niger over the coming months.

The DSG completed the final draft for three food security brief documents for Niger, Zimbabwe, and Haiti. 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
HO Decision Support	Completed draft food security briefs for Niger, Zimbabwe, and Haiti
HO Livelihoods	Completed livelihood profiling of Sudan and circulated first draft to partners for comment
HO Livelihoods	Reviewed comments on Mozambique national livelihoods zoning
HO Livelihoods	Published Angola livelihoods zoning plus report in English and Portuguese
HO Livelihoods	Published Honduras livelihoods zoning plus report in English and Spanish
HO Livelihoods	Carried out Nigeria national livelihoods re-zoning
HO Livelihoods	Drafted Zambia livelihoods zoning plus report for review
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed and updated the choice of markets and commodities covered in FEWS NET markets and trade products and database
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	Worked with Kimetrica to establish Markets and Trade database, starting with price data
HO Nutrition	Drafted SOW and RFP for nutrition causal analysis research in Niger
HO Nutrition	Finalized outline for nutrition context documents
HO Nutrition	Reviewed nutrition database for East Africa
HO Remote Monitoring	Explored potential DRC RM options/needs with USAID
HO Info Technology	Worked with Kimetrica to plan Data Warehouse migration to FEWS NET AWS hosting
Burkina Faso	Conducted market and trade knowledge base update pilot with national partners
East Africa Region	Developed strategy and work plan for livelihoods work in East Africa
Somalia	Contributed to FSNAU-led Somalia livelihood rezoning
Sudan	Conducted the profiling of 9 Livelihoods zones in Sudan
Southern Africa Region	Led the Zambia rezoning exercise to update livelihoods information
Southern Africa Region	Provided input to the Mozambique Livelihoods re-zoning report review
Southern Africa Region	Reviewed and provided feedback to the Zimbabwe Food Security Brief
Malawi	Updated and maintained Agriculture Marketing Information System database
Mozambique	Participated in the Food Security and Nutrition Baseline Study
Mozambique	Identified priority livelihood zones for profiling
Zambia	Updated country livelihood zones and built livelihood profiles
Zimbabwe	Updated Information on markets and trade from Zimbabwe Statistics Agent (ZIM STAT) and ZIMRA
Zimbabwe	Reviewed and provided input for the second draft of the Zimbabwe Food Security Brief
Zimbabwe	Updated the Database for the Agriculture Food Security Monitoring Systems
LAC Region	Participated in regional teleconference on markets and trade for basic grains at LAC Region
LAC Region	Provided input to the FEWS NET Seasonal Calendars (new edition)
Guatemala	Started the collection of data for the nutrition database
Guatemala	Maintained and updated the Regional Technical Archive

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

FEWS NET has been finalized a network development / capacity strengthening strategy to guide this important component of the project. During this quarter, the home office Communications Advisor worked with regional and national technical managers to launch this initiative. The next step is for offices to formulate national and regional implementation plans that will be discussed in the regional workshops in May and June.

Another important activity during this period was the continuing work by the Decision Support Group in collaboration with USGS partners to develop training materials to guide agro-climatic projection for scenario development. This will be the main topic for the 2014 regional training workshops.

On the livelihoods front, the livelihoods advisor and the Somalia team are working on refining the approach to monitoring urban food insecurity. The Somalia team carried out field research in Belet Hawa, Gedo Region of Somalia to test out the approach. Results from the survey is now being analyzed and will be made available in the coming quarter.

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
HO Livelihoods	Reviewed livelihood strategy including review of knowledge base and approach to regional strategies
HO Livelihoods	Explored urban livelihood baseline and monitoring methods through FEWS NET Somalia (Belet Hawa)
HO Markets and Trade	Piloted new MT knowledge base product in two countries (Burkina Faso and Sudan)
HO Markets and Trade	Produced Price Projections Guidance document for Scenario development
HO Nutrition	Finalized and circulated FEWS NET's Nutrition Strategy to all FEWS NET technical staff members and USAID counterparts
HO Communications	Finalized staff guidance on new web-based content management system
HO Communications	Begun launch of network development strategy with regional and national offices
Somalia	Developed urban assessment/study SOW, methodology and data collection tool
LAC Region	Provided input to the FEWS NET Network Development Strategy with the specific strategies for LAC

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 IPC working group on the chronic scale convened several teleconferences to finalize the chronic scale, which was approved by the IPC Steering Committee. FEWS NET will continue to play a key role in the role out of the IPC chronic scale.

In West Africa, FEWS NET staff attended and supported Cadre Harmonisé analysis workshops in five FEWS NET countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger), two remote monitoring countries (Senegal and Guinea), and assisted CILSS is launch the Cadre Harmonisé in Ghana.

Other FEWS NET staff actively participated in IPC activities to support regional organizations on the uptake of IPC. 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 Decision Support	Continued to participate in the IPC Technical Working Group on Chronic classification.
HO Nutrition	Provided comments on terms of reference for the IPC Nutrition Technical Working Group
West Africa Offices	Participated in Cadre Harmonisé workshops organized by CILSS and national early warning systems (except Nigeria)
East Africa Region	Presented the East Africa IPC regional strategy and related processes, on behalf of the IPC steering group
East Africa Region	Participated in IPC steering committee meetings, held at FEWS NET
East Africa Region	Trained FEWS NET partners in Rwanda on the basics of IPC analysis
Kenya	Participated in a meeting to discuss the launch of IPC chronic scale and possible piloting in Kenya
Rwanda	Continued discussion with Ministry of Agriculture and FAO on the roll out of IPC in Rwanda
Tanzania	Participated in the study of linking IPC assessment result and response planning
Uganda	Participated in the IPC working group preparations for the Karamoja IPC analysis meeting
Southern Africa Region	Provided advice and input to SADC RVAA Manager who represents SADC on the IPC Steering Committee
Southern Africa Region	Reviewed and gave comments to finalize the report of the IPC Chronic Pilot for Malawi held in November 2013
Southern Africa Region	Attended RVAC IPC Technical Working Group meetings on planning 2014 country level activities
Southern Africa Region	Attended the Launch of the IPC Global Strategic Program

Office	Activity
LAC Region	Participated in teleconferences related to IPC coordination at regional level
Haiti	Introduced IPC concepts to CNSA nutritionists to help them understand food security classification phases
Haiti	Participated in national IPC workshop
Afghanistan	Participated in Afghanistan Food Security Technical Team (AFSTT) meeting to review and refine Nov 2013 IPC analysis results
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC district-level analysis workshop

IR 2.4 Research Efforts of USG Partners Supported

During this quarter, the Decision Support group continued to work with science partners to prepare training materials for the 2014 regional training workshops that will focus on improved methods for formulating agro-climatological 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	Provided input to the FEWS NET/NOAA/USGS weekly hazards reports
HO Markets and Trade	Reached out to USDA FAS and ERS to strengthen partnership (data sharing, peer review of analysis, ad hoc information gathering)
HO Communications	Participated in home office team working with USGS on May/June field training
Southern Africa Region	Assisted the USGS scientist in supporting the region in the analysis of weather products and analysis of the cropping season
Mozambique	Provided ground-based information to the USGS regional scientist
Zambia	Reviewed concept on climate trends analysis/research prepared by the regional USGS scientist to work with the Meteorology Office
Zimbabwe	Shared with partners (including interpreting), seasonal progress reports from the local meteorological and USGS
LAC Region	Participated and organized monthly teleconference with the LAC team to analyze crop situation and climate assumptions
Afghanistan	Provided ground truthing information to the USGS

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. FEWS NET continued to actively engage with national, regional, and international partners. FEWS NET also 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:

- Handed over remote monitoring responsibilities for Tajikistan to the Afghanistan office, complete with a one-week trip to Tajikistan to renew and strengthen partnership with government, UN, and NGO partners,
- Visited key partners in West Africa to discuss a collaborative livelihoods/HEA strategy for the region,
- Participated in a CILSS-led workshop in Burkina Faso on measuring urban household vulnerability to food insecurity,
- Continued to work with Kenya Food Security Steering Group to plan the livelihoods zoning update of Kenya,

- Participated in a national nutrition summit in Rwanda,
- Continued working with ACTESA to complete the handover of southern Africa cross-border trade monitoring to the regional group, 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
HO Communications	Rolled out multiyear capacity development strategy to two regions; began work on country level implementation plans
West Africa Offices	Participated in and supported Cadre Harmonisé workshops organized by CILSS in west Africa countries
West Africa Region	Participated in various CILSS, PREGEC, and other network meetings in Western Africa
West Africa Region	Participated in the regional meeting to consolidate the CH results in West Africa
West Africa Region	Conducted jointly with HO a field visit in West Africa to support the design of FEWS NET livelihood strategy
West Africa Region	Participated in the Cadre Harmonisé technical committee meeting in Niamey
West Africa Region	Participated in USAID/OFDA Sahel Humanitarian Learning Exercise in Dakar
West Africa Region	Participated in the HEA regional technical committee meeting in Dakar
West Africa Region	Drafted a new MOU to support FEWS NET collaboration with CILSS
Burkina Faso	Participated in outcome analysis workshop with national partners
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint study on urban household vulnerability
Chad	Briefed regularly the Comité d'Action de Sécurité Alimentaire et Gestion de Crise(CASAGC)
Chad	Provided WFP with cereals price data on a monthly basis
Mali	Participated in meeting of HEA outcome analysis validation
Mauritania	Provided support to SC, ACF, and CSA for the preparation of different HEA surveys conducted between January and March
Mauritania	Discussed HEA outcome analysis results with Cadre Harmonisé partners
Niger	Participated in Niger food security decision makers meeting (Comité Elargi de Concertation-CEC)
Nigeria	Participated in major stakeholders seasonal rainfall prediction meeting by the Nigeria meteorology agency
Nigeria	Participated in a workshop on potentials of West African dryland agriculture-Bayero University Kano
Kenya	Participated in discussions on updating the Kenya Livelihood zones through the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG)
Kenya	Participated in a workshop to discuss the livelihoods review exercise and review of the NDMA early warning indicators
Rwanda	Participated in Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring system report data collection
Rwanda	Participated in the third National Nutrition Summit
Somalia	Supported UNOCHA CHF and CAP preparation and review
Somalia	Supported Somalia Resilience Program (SomReP)
Sudan	Participated in Gum Arabic workshop organized by Federal Ministry of Agriculture
Sudan	Participated in resilience programming workshop organized by WFP
Tanzania	Participated in the MUCHALI response planning and IPC version 2 refresher workshop training
Tanzania	Participated in the planning and advocating MUCHALI activities
Uganda	Established partnerships at district local government level in Karamoja and Kampala
Southern Africa Region	Engaged with the RVAC Urban VA TWG in activities to follow up the Consultative Process begun in Nov 2013
Southern Africa Region	Attended meetings with Regional Inter Agency Coordination and Support Office (RIACSO) partners
Southern Africa Region	Maintained strategic partnerships in remote monitoring countries and regional partners
Southern Africa Region	Supported RVAC and FSNWG efforts and activities in integration nutrition in VA
Southern Africa Region	Met with ACTESA CEO and staff on cross-border data transmission and reporting
Southern Africa Region	Participated in the ZIMVAC planning meeting for upcoming HEA pilot
Southern Africa Region	Attended Regional IPC Technical Working Group monthly meetings
Southern Africa Region	Attended cross-border Monitoring meeting with ACTESA
Malawi	Collaborated with DCCMS on agro-climatological remote sensing products

Office	Activity
Mozambique	Participated in the meeting for the preparation of the national report on disaster risk reduction for 2013-2015
Mozambique	Participated in the first national forum on climate outlook (NCOF)
Zambia	Participated in meeting of ACTESA and the RTM on XBT activity implementation
Zambia	Participated in the development of the ZVAC Strategic Plan 2014 -2018
Zimbabwe	Assisted in reviewing livelihoods profiles prepared by Save the Children for use by the ZIM VAC
Zimbabwe	Supported the ZIM VAC to come up with an Updated HEA Pilot concept note
Zimbabwe	Assisted in technical review of the ZIM VAC community assessment tool
Zimbabwe	Participated in the bi-weekly flood response update meetings for the Tokwe Mukorsi victims
LAC Region	Participated in regional socioeconomic analysis and early warning working groups on coffee
LAC Region	Attended regional meeting on sustainable agriculture programs organized by the Regional Unit for Sustainable Development in Central America
LAC Region	Attended a UN meeting for Central American experts on the use of satellite information system for early warning
LAC Region	Attended meetings to support the establishment of Wages Monitoring System in Guatemala
Guatemala	Worked with the Ministry of Agriculture to promote the concept of a markets and trade work group
Guatemala	Met with the Food Security Secretary to define the support of SESAN to the IPC
Haiti	Participated in and contributed to all meetings called by the technical group for food security and nutrition (GTSAN)
Afghanistan	Participated in monthly Early Warning Information Working Group (EWIWG) meetings
Afghanistan	Participated in monthly Food Security & Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) meetings
Afghanistan	Visited key food security partners in Tajikistan to strengthen remote monitoring partnership

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, there were two main focuses: IPC chronic scale development and HEA/Livelihoods. FEWS NET staff worked with partners to support the finalization of the IPC chronic scale and to encourage adoption of HEA/livelihoods as an analytic framework. Table 11 shows the few activities achieved.

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

Office	Activity
HO Livelihoods	Participated in teleconferences and document review to foster technical consensus on the IPC chronic scale
HO Livelihoods	Planned support for Zimbabwe adaptation of HEA as foundation of annual crop assessment and needs assessment methods
HO Markets and Trade	Supported DSG with inputs to IPC chronic pilots
East Africa Region	Held discussions with Market Analysis Sub-Group (MAS) of FSNWG on enhancing cross-border data collection and regional analysis

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:

- Nutrition training for all technical staff in Central America; the nutrition advisor led the training workshop,
- Nutrition training for Washington-based analysts, provided by the nutrition advisor,
- Introduction to Population Explorer for Washington-based staff provided by Kimetrica,

- Project orientation and markets and trade training for regional M&T specialist for West Africa, assistant national technical manager for Nigeria, and enumerator supervisor for Nigeria, all are new staff members in the region,
- SMART training for nutrition advisor in Washington; the advisor is now fully qualified to design and lead SMART surveys,
- Remote sensing refresher trainings by USGS scientists in all three African regions, in Central America, and by USGS/EROS staff in Haiti; training is pre-requisite for the regional training workshops in May and June,
- Price data warehouse training for eastern Africa staff in Nairobi, provided by Kimetrica,
- Training of Zambia VAC members on basic HEA and livelihoods zoning process, in conjunction with Zambia livelihoods re-zoning exercise, and
- Training for Haitian journalists on basic food security concepts and terms, so they can improve food security coverage in the media.

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 Livelihoods	Provided livelihoods orientation to new food security analysts
HO Markets and Trade	Provided ongoing support to staff with the development of price projections using guidance presented at May 2013 training
HO Markets and Trade	Provided MT orientation to three newly hired staff members in West Africa
HO Nutrition	Facilitated regional nutrition training for all technical staff in LAC
HO Nutrition	Facilitated nutrition training for all home office technical staff
HO Nutrition	Participated in SMART survey training in Washington, DC
HO Communications	Provided communications orientation session to new staff member
HO Remote Monitoring	Trained Madagascar monitor
West Africa Region	Conducted remote sensing refresh training in Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mauritania
West Africa Region	Conducted markets and trade training and provided orientation to new FEWS NET staff in West Africa
Burkina Faso	Reinforced partner capacities on remote sensing tools
Burkina Faso	Trained FEWS NET staff and partners on production of trade flow map
Nigeria	Participated in market and trade training and orientation for new West Africa staff
East Africa Region	Provided technical guidance to South Sudan, Sudan, and Rwanda on price projections to inform scenario development
East Africa Region	Trained the FEWS NET South Sudan ANTM on livelihoods, markets, scenario development, and IPC analysis
East Africa Region	Trained FEWS NET staff and partners in Uganda and Rwanda on agroclimatology and remote sensing
East Africa Region	Trained FEWS NET partners in Rwanda on livelihoods analysis and scenario development
East Africa Region	Provided technical guidance to Djibouti NTM regarding food security analysis
Ethiopia	Trained staff and partners on application of remote sensing
Ethiopia	Trained staff on HEA
Kenya	Participated in the training on the use of Price Data Warehouse
Rwanda	Conducted in-house training of University of Rwanda -UR/CGIS, physical participation in all activities
Rwanda	Trained partners (CGIS staff) on scenario development and HEA
Somalia	Attended data warehouse training
Uganda	Trained FEWS NET staff from Uganda and South Sudan and partners on the use of agro-climatic products in food security analysis
Southern Africa Region	Coordinated refresher training sessions given by the USGS scientist in preparation for the May training
Southern Africa Region	Trained SADC National EWS food security analysts on food balance sheet analysis, information requirements, monitoring, and reporting
Southern Africa Region	Trained FEWS NET Zambia and Zambian VAC members and other partners on basic HEA and livelihood zoning process
Malawi	Participated in the USGS training for Malawi office and partners (USAID and MoAFS)

Office	Activity
Malawi	Participated in USGS training on agro-climatological remote sensing products
Malawi	Conducted the last induction supervisory field trip with MoAFS/AMIS officer responsible for XBT data collection
Mozambique	Attended a refresher training on remote sensing products
Mozambique	Attended a training on food balance sheet
Zambia	Participated in USGS refresher training on remote sensing products together with MET staff
Zambia	Participated in the HEA training for the Zambia VAC
LAC Region	Participated in a markets and trade training provided by USDA
LAC Region	Trained new staff based in Guatemala on markets and trade
LAC Region	Conducted a nutrition training for new staff and partners
LAC Region	Conducted scenario development training
Guatemala	Conducted training on scenario development for new staff
Guatemala	Participated in a markets and trade training provided by USDA
Guatemala	Participated in the nutrition training
Guatemala	Participated in remote sensing training
Haiti	Provided training to journalist on food security concepts
Haiti	Provided training to nutritionist on IPC

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 January to March 2014 period were completed as planned. The few notable exceptions, with explanations, follow:

- *Impact of gold mining on food security in West Africa:* The markets and trade advisor, the regional technical manager and regional markets and trade specialist for West Africa, as well as the livelihoods advisor and national technical managers of the countries involved have been working on a technical concept document to guide this activity. It has taken more time than expected to reach consensus on the objectives and outputs of this activity. The final decision was to scale this back to a study only for Burkina Faso and focus on two specific questions. Lessons learned from the Burkina Faso study can then be used to guide any additional work in the region. The modified gold mining impact study for Burkina Faso is now re-programmed for the following quarter in 2014.
- *IPC analysis workshop in Djibouti:* FAO has re-programmed this activity for May 2014.
- *Joint scenario development analysis for Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia:* More favorable agro-climatic conditions than expected means this activity is no longer a priority and is cancelled.
- *Livelihoods profiling of South Sudan:* Postponed indefinitely due to outbreak of civil war in South Sudan.
- *Scenario development training for partners in West Africa:* This activity is postponed to allow for development of an integrated regional approach to capacity strengthening, in light of the new network development initiative launched in this quarter.
- *Jilaal impact assessment in Somalia:* Field activities were cancelled due to intensified conflict in the South, which necessitated re-prioritization of resources to monitor that part of the country.