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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

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ACF	Action Against Hunger/Action Contre la Faim
ACTESA	Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa
ADMARC	Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation, Malawi
ANTM	Assistant National Technical Manager
CFSVA	Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis
CGIS	Centre for GIS of the National University of Rwanda
CHB	Cadre Harmonisé Bonifié
CILSS	Comité Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel
CNSA	Coordination nationale de la sécurité alimentaire de Haiti
CSA	Food Security Commission (Mauritania)
DCHA	Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
DFID-UK	Department for International Development-United Kingdom
DISK	Data and Information Sub-committee of the Kenya Food Security Steering Group
DRRU	Disaster Reduction Unit
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
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
ND	Network Development
NDA	Network Development Advisor
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetative Index

## LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

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NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTM	National Technical Manager
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
SMT	Senior Management Team of FEWS NET/Chemonics
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

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### INTRODUCTION TO FEWS NET

#### A. Background

The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) is the world's premier provider of high-quality food security analysis and early warning. Created in response to the 1984 famines in 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). USAID's Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food for Peace, Policy and Technical Division (DCHA/FFP/PTD) is the operational unit coordinating FEWS NET. The FEWS NET Implementing Team consists 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:

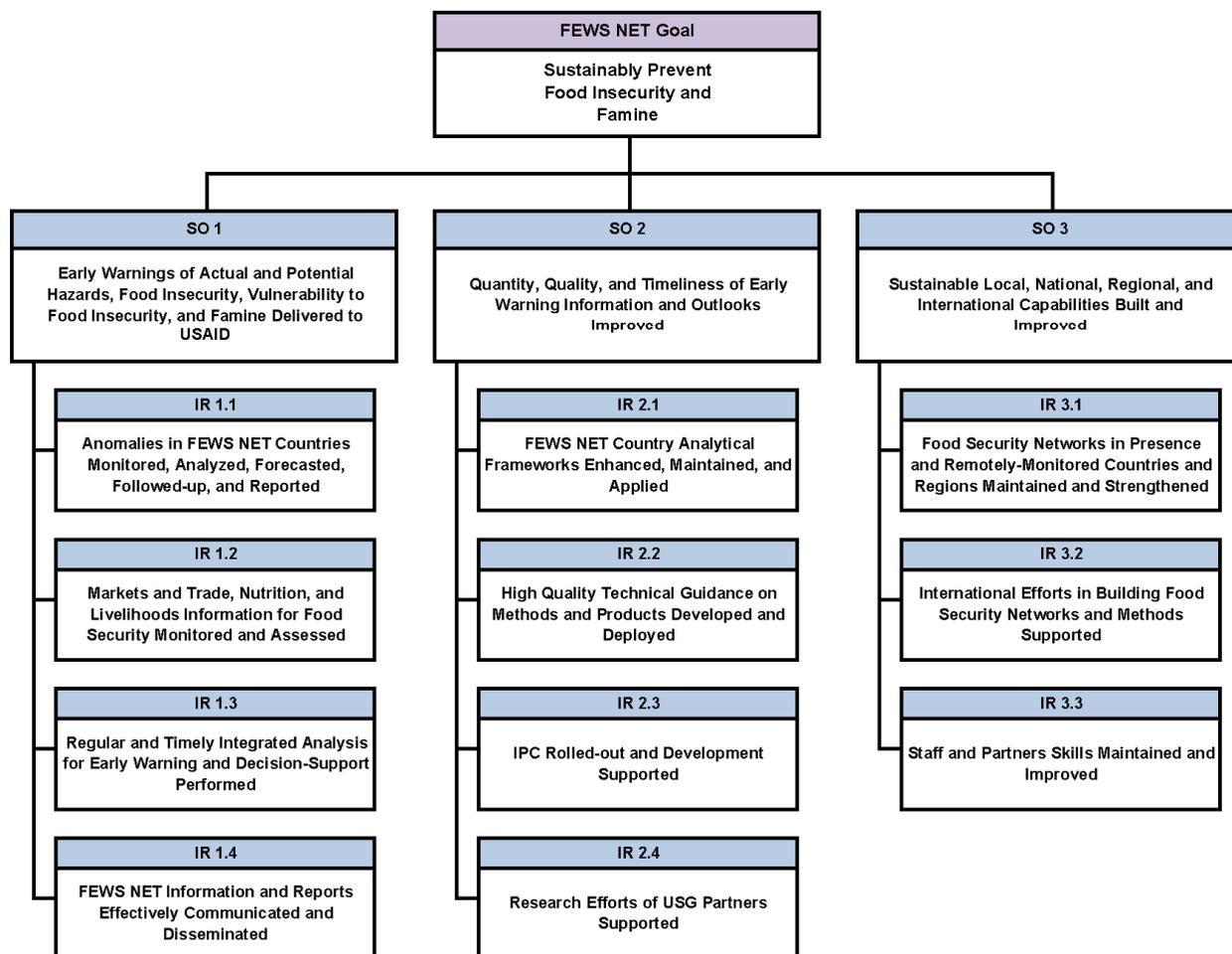
1. Identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes;
2. Monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context;
3. Performing food security analysis and outlook using scenario development, IPC and other relevant methods; and
4. Effectively 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 rollout 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.

The third SO 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). Since FY 2014, FEWS NET has launch a Network Development initiative that aims to increase strategically the effectiveness of SO 3 activities, leading to greater impacts.

**Figure 1. FEWS NET Results Framework**



## SECTION II

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### 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, which the office either started or completed during the reporting period. Each office also compiles a list of planned activities that the project did not carry out or complete, along with explanations. 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 Regional Technical Managers (RTMs) then reviewed the inputs from the country offices in their region and provided comments. This review served two purposes: it allowed the regional technical managers to stay 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 changes in implementation approach may be required. After this initial examination in the field, senior management at the Washington office consolidated, reviewed, and compiled the various inputs to produce the final project performance report. The final report also incorporated inputs from Washington-based advisors and managers, as well as management information from the project management unit (PMU).

We begin the quarterly report with a management section where we present key management and contractual events during the reporting period. During FY 2014, FEWS NET redoubled its efforts on Strategic Objective 3 and introduced the Network Development initiative. Starting with this quarterly report, we have also included a section reporting on this initiative. We organize the rest of this quarterly performance report according to the project Results Framework. For each intermediate results (IR) of the project, we provide a brief narrative with highlights and a detail activity table listing all activities carried out for the achievement of the IR. Some activities may appear to be duplicates; this is a result of the structure of FEWS NET where multiple offices may collaborate to carry out an activity. In these cases, each office would report the activity from their perspective. At the end of the IRs, we also include a brief discussion of activities planned but not carried out.

#### B. Management

##### ***New Activities***

During the reporting period, USAID called upon the FEWS NET/Chemonics team to undertake a number of new and expanded work activities in existing and new countries, including activities outside of the core FEWS NET scope of work. Some, but not all, new activities included additional resources for field activities. However, there was no explicit programming for Home Office (HO) technical or management support. This stretched project resources at the HO in Washington, DC and in several countries.

- *Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)*. Although not a FEWS NET country, the USAID mission provided resources for FEWS NET to work on a number of specific topics and areas of interest. The scope-of-work includes providing information on market and trade context, completing livelihood zoning in five provinces, continuing support to the IPC in the DRC, and conducting studies on the use of remote sensing products and the food security impact of plant diseases. Subsequently, USAID also requested FEWS NET to undertake a Bellmon estimation in the DRC

and to answer a number of related questions on response options. This work in the DRC diverted and consumed a great deal of project financial, technical, and managerial resources during the reporting period.

- *South Sudan.* To help fill the dearth of data in key conflict affected areas, FEWS NET released a request for proposals to collect food security data in key locations of South Sudan. In addition, discussions continued with FFP to conduct a mortality/SMART survey in key locations. USAID will provide additional resources to support this latter field activity.
- *Northeastern Nigeria.* As food insecurity increases in Boko Haram affected areas in northeastern Nigeria, FEWS NET released a request for proposals to gather food security information in areas where safe access is not possible, in order to help meet the mounting information requirements of the mission. FEWS NET is implementing this work using core resources.
- *Malawi:* At the end of the reporting period, USAID Malawi provided partial buy-in funding to update livelihood baselines across the country. This will be a FEW NET-supported, Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC)-led baseline exercise. The partial buy-in also aims to support the annual vulnerability assessment. FEWS NET will supplement these activities with core resources. Chemonics responded to a request for proposal to implement the activities but the actual contract modification and implementation of field activities would occur in the following quarter.
- *Ebola-affected countries.* Coverage of the three Ebola-affected countries in West Africa continued, including SMS trader surveys in Sierra Leone and Liberia. In anticipation of follow-on activities in the three countries to support strengthening food security and resilience, FEWS NET started preparations for In-country livelihood consultations to identify information and analysis gaps and needs of USAID and stakeholders.

During the quarter, discussions on a number of new and expanded topics also took place, including:

- *Bellmon estimation.* USAID began discussions with FEWS NET on a potential role for the project to perform Bellmon estimations to consider a broad range of options. Initially, USAID/DRC has asked the project to expand upon the markets and trade context work to include response analysis. FEWS NET will implement this activity with core surge funding.
- *Resilience.* FEWS NET initiated discussions with the Bureau of Food Security (BFS), which is currently leading USAID's work on resilience, with the aim of identifying possible ways FEWS NET could complement and contribute to this work. The Decision Support advisor prepared a brief discussion paper on alternatives for FEWS NET and proposed a number of concrete next steps that are under discussion with USAID. The upcoming All FEWS meeting will also include a session on resilience to open up the topic for discussion with the field technical team.

### **FEWS NET Management and Staff Structure**

USAID has been increasingly calling on the FEWS NET/Chemonics team to provide additional work, often in countries beyond the current coverage, both presence and remote monitoring. These services are mostly consistent with core FEWS NET functions and relate primarily to chronic food insecurity and response analysis. Where it stretches the core scope-of-work, USAID has provided contract modifications in add the work. However, these additional requirements have added significant management and administrative workload. As a result, senior management is proposing a modified management structure to USAID that will enable the team to manage the additional workload effectively through the end of the current phase. The proposed structure will further empower the

FEWS NET field team to play a greater role in both the technical implementation and management of the project, as well as in their national food security communities, in both the current and future phases. It will also help ensure that FEWS NET completely document all technical methods, guidelines, and training material for handover at the completion of the current phase.

Senior management have held extensive discussions with USAID on the proposal. Some initial adjustments to the staff structure consistent with existing core contract and staffing plans are taking place. We will continue discussions with USAID on some of the some substantives changes.

### **Country Coverage**

During the quarter, we held discussions with USAID on possible changes to FEWS NET country coverage that will allow the project to continue focus on countries most prone to acute food insecurity, especially those with major Food for Peace and/or Feed the Future programs, and where FEWS NET presence directly contributes to the strategic focus of USAID. The discussions also considered opportunities to better link with other USAID initiatives, including with OFDA and BFS. These discussions have focused primarily on southern and eastern Africa, and on FEWS NET's ability to assess food security conditions and outlooks rapidly and effectively in countries where FEWS NET has no presence or regular coverage. These discussions resulted in a number of changes:

- *Rwanda*: FEWS NET coverage in Rwanda transitioned from a presence country to remote monitoring during the reporting period. Chemonics continued with closeout activities that started in the previous quarter and will complete by FY Q3. We will manage remote monitoring of Rwanda from the Regional Office. FEWS NET will continue to engage in key activities, such as participation in IPC events.
- *Djibouti*: We agreed in principle to close the FEWS NET Djibouti office and transition from a presence to remote monitoring country. At the request of USAID, FEWS NET Chemonics initiated work on a technical and operational closeout plan. We anticipate completing office closeout in the following quarter. We will manage remote monitoring through the regional office. FEWS NET will continue to engage in key network activities in Djibouti, including market monitoring in the port, cross-border monitoring, and IPC analysis.
- *Madagascar*: The USAID mission has expressed an interest in greater FEWS NET coverage, and may eventually provide resources for full FEWS NET coverage. In the meantime, at the request of USAID, FEWS NET will scale-up its remote monitoring in Madagascar using core resources.

### **Management Support**

- *Southern Africa*: The FEWS NET Chief-of-Party traveled to Pretoria to meet with the new Network Development Advisor and southern Africa RTM, as well as the RFSS-Markets, all NTMs and ANTM's from the region, who were in Pretoria for a training on the FEWS NET Price Data Warehouse. A member of the USAID COR Team and a representative from Kimetrica also joined some of the sessions. The COR also met with regional FFP staff who were in Pretoria for a separate meeting.
- *DRC*: The Chief-of-Party traveled to Kinshasa to launch a series of upcoming FEWS NET activities; the FEWS NET Markets and Trade Advisor joined part of the mission. The COP met with the USAID mission, FAO, WFP, the DRC Food Security Cluster, and the Chairperson of the DRC Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC).

- Nigeria:* Towards the end of 2014, USAID Nigeria expressed concern whether FEWS NET was meeting their information requirements as food insecurity increased in Boko Haram-affected areas of northeastern Nigeria. The Chief-of-Party traveled to Abuja to follow-up on management action taken to ensure that FEWS NET was meeting the expectations of the mission. The COP met the FEWS NET team, as well as the mission to discuss their information requirements and FEWS NET performance. The COP also had additional meetings with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), WFP, FAO, and ACF.
- South Sudan:* Following a December 2014 supervisory mission by the COP to South Sudan, technical and managerial support missions continued throughout the reporting period. This included technical missions from the responsible HO DSG Analyst and RO markets and trade and nutrition specialists, and managerial support missions from the RTM and Network Development Advisor.

**USAID Best Practices on Website Security**

USAID periodically scans the FEWS NET website to detect security vulnerabilities. Each scan produces a score, known as the HARM score, which rates the website’s vulnerabilities to security attacks. The HARM score categorizes the severity of the security risks in four stages—high risk, medium risk, warning, and low risk. In November 2014, the FEWS NET website had a high-risk HARM score of 8,751. The ICT Manager and website development subcontractor, Taoti, attended to these vulnerabilities and were able to reduce the HARM score to 449 (warning) by the end of February. Trustwave, the company that develops the scanning application, specifies that typical HARM scores for complete assessments of individual applications range from 1000 to 4500, putting the FEWS NET website well below the average HARM score. Figure 2 shows the evolution of HARM score for the FEWS NET website since November 2014.

**Figure 2. FEWS NET Website HARM Score**



**All FEWS Planning**

Planning for the 2015 All FEWS Meeting continued through the reporting period. The meeting will include a full day team building and team dynamics session to improve communication, management, and field empowerment. The project will provide two days of training with focus on incorporating nutrition and humanitarian assistance into FEWS NET analysis. External participants, including from FFP, WFP, IPC GSU, FEG, and ACF will join the two conference days of the meeting.

**New Hire**

- Idiku Michael Kassim Awasi, South Sudan Food Security Specialist, January 2015

**Pending Professional Staff Recruitment**

- Afghanistan Field Monitor Coordinator
- Afghanistan Nutrition Officer
- Mozambique Office Manager
- Somalia Assistant National Technical Manager
- Southern Africa Regional Food Security Specialist – Livelihoods
- West Africa Regional Field Accountant
- West Africa Short-Term Markets & Trade Specialist
- Uganda Assistant National Technical Manager

**Memorandum of Understanding**

- Afghanistan: Renewed MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock
- Mozambique: Amendment to MOU with SETSAN
- Somalia: Renewed MOU for office space
- Sudan: Signed MOU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Technical Secretariat

**Registration**

- Niger: Chemonics registered as an NGO on March 25, 2015

**Approvals**

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics submitted 64 approval requests to USAID of which 48 were technical approvals and 16 were contracting office action requests. Through the end of the quarter in March 2015, the project, including all tasks orders, submitted 861 official requests of which 608 were COR actions and 253 required CO action.

**C. Decision-Support**

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 324 reports and briefs on its public website, 90 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 01/01/2015 and 03/31/2015**

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia/ Middle East	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	10 (1)	15 (14)	6 (1)	2 (1)	1		34 (17)
Food Security Outlook Update	18 (1)	22 (11)	10 (1)	4 (2)	3		57 (15)
Remote Monitoring Web Report	10	18 (6)	11 (2)	6 (3)	3		48 (11)
Food Security Alert	1	3 (1)	2	-	-	-	6 (1)
FAOB						3	3
Food Security Outlook Poster						-	0
Special Report	2	9	-	2 (1)	-	-	13 (1)
Price Watch/Annex						2	2
Price Bulletin	39 (6)	52 (21)	18 (3)	30 (15)	3		142 (45)
Cross border trade bulletin	1	-	-	-	-		1
Global Weather Hazard Report						12	12
Rain Watch	-						-
Seasonal Monitor	-	-	3	3			6

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

## D. Network Development

In April 2014, FEWS NET launch a Network Development (ND) strategy that refocuses the project's capacity building efforts to address strategic opportunities, where modest interventions and resources from FEWS NET can fill a critical gap and improve the effectiveness of food security networks. During the FY15 work planning sessions, all field offices (regions and countries) identified and included specific ND activities in their work plans. Most of the planned ND activities are in line with the initial efforts—expressed in terms of *country response forms* that field staff elaborated between April and August 2014 to operationalize the strategy. These forms served as the basis for the articulation of country/region specific network development strategies.

At the end of 2014, the project created a post of Network Development Advisor (NDA) to lead this initiative under the guidance of the COP. As FEWS NET's Network Development Advisor became fulltime at the start of this reporting period, she spent considerable effort during the quarter to move forward with the implementation and tracking of the project's network development strategy, and achieved significant progress. At the outset, the NDA travelled to Washington to join a retreat of FEWS NET advisors to review and refine network development plans for the remainder of FY15. The NDA met with the Senior Management Team (SMT), DSG Analysts, and PMU staff from each region, and Afghanistan, to discuss the operationalization of the strategy, and to review, strengthen and finalize the FY15 network development plans.

The priority actions and tasks since then have focused on ensuring project-wide operationalization of the network development strategy, and support to field teams to complete and finalize the articulation of their local level strategies. As such, the NDA provided the team with guidelines from the global strategy, using a combination of field visits, meetings with regional network development focal points and/or Regional Technical Managers, presentations and briefings to all field teams on ND strategy operationalization, and remote email support to all field teams.

**Achievements**

From the Home Office, regional and country office consultations, briefings, and meetings, achievements include, but are not limited to the following:

- A common vision and understanding of the network development strategy, the role of the NDA, and the ND core team
- An agreed structure and content, including a monitoring and evaluation tool, for the country/region ND strategies and timeline for their completion
- A draft list of ND-focus countries where the NDA prioritized coordination support and structured reporting to share success stories. The list currently includes Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Zambia, and South Sudan is still subject to revision, as the strategy formulation process progresses
- Draft guidelines in support of field-level strategy development
- Scheduling of monthly check-in meetings with RTM/ND focal persons
- Initial discussions with SMT at HO level on overlaps (and potential for collaboration) between the FEWS NET ND focus countries, and those targeted through the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) capacity development partnership proposal
- A tentative proposal for NDA field visits (January to April)
- First, second, and near final drafts of strategy documents from most country and regional teams

<b>LAC</b>	Preparation for regional markets and trade training for OIMA members
<b>Somalia</b>	Partnership with SomReP to expand market monitoring system coverage
<b>South Sudan</b>	Tripartite partnership with FEWS NET, FAO, and WFP under the FSIN initiative for collaborative approaches to capacity development
<b>West Africa</b>	Partnership with CILSS to standardize data collection and analysis under the harmonized framework for food security analysis
<b>Zambia</b>	Introduction of GeoWRSI model to food security network and presentation to decision-makers

From the visit to the East Africa Regional office, Kenya, Somalia, and South Sudan, achievements include:

- Designation of the RFSS as ND focal point for the region
- Identification of Somalia as an ND focus country in place of Djibouti
- An agreed ND strategy for the Regional Office, following meetings with IGAD representative
- Commitment from Nairobi based NTMs to submit draft strategy documents by end of March
- Reaching an agreement in South Sudan, to have the FEWS NET ND strategy operationalized under the FSIN umbrella. FEWS NET in collaboration with FAO and WFP has drawn up an illustrative list of activities. This collaboration will cement partnership relations with UN and

Preparations for the ALL FEWS ND session in Istanbul:

- Drafting and finalizing the session synopsis, overview and structure
- Selection of panelists and provision of guidance on preparation of presentations
- Call for submissions of success stories to present in poster form; we will feature stories from six countries

### ***Measuring progress - Success indicators***

Through an iterative process, the NDA designed a simple table as part of ND strategy articulation. The table will serve as a monitoring and evaluation tool. Upon adoption and approval by SMT, each office will complete this table with expected results and impact indicators alongside their country specific ND plan. At the same time, field offices will also include baseline values, targets, and milestones for two periods—FY 2015 and FY 2016. In focus countries, the reporting frequency may increase to quarterly.

### ***Network Development Travel***

- Consultations in Washington DC: January 2015
- Needs assessment and coordination visit in East Africa (Nairobi) and South Sudan: March 2015

## **E. Communications**

To make FEWS NET analysis accessible to new and existing audiences, we introduced two new products this quarter:

- **Blog, Inside FEWS NET.** Intended to drive users to more in-depth analysis on [www.fews.net](http://www.fews.net), the blog centers on how FEWS NET does its work, how it works with partners, and what the project has learned. It does not feature food security analysis as that information most appropriately belongs in FEWS NET's outlooks and special reports. Posts featured assessments in Ebola affected countries and South Sudan, cooperation with partners on measurement of chronic food insecurity, network development, a journal article on coffee rust, an interactive food security map produced by IRIN, and other issues. While the posts started in October 2014, we made the blog public in late January 2015. As of March 30, the blog has more than 600 visits.
- **Video reports** of the monthly Food Assistance Outlook Brief and the Food Security Outlook for Central America (in English and Spanish.) We posted these videos to FEWS NET's website and promoted them through social media and email subscriber list. They are also available on YouTube and Reliefweb's main video channel, as well the specific video channels on food security and FEWS NET. The Central America videos received about 220 views and the monthly FAOB videos received an average of 425 views per month.

In the third quarter, we will devote more energy to growing the viewership of these products, and exploring the possibility of expanding the outlook videos to other FEWS NET regions.

To guide website development, we surveyed users, with 258 responses in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. About 78 percent gave the website a *very good* or *good* rating. Even so, they made specific requests/recommendations including: make data sets more available and increase availability of knowledge base products and crosscutting analysis (e.g., on resilience or climate change.).

FEWS NET's social media presence continues to grow steadily upward. In March, we gained our 1000th Twitter follower.

## F. 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 FEWS NET function. During the 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:

- A joint FAO/WFP/FEWS NET/local government market and food security assessments in the Ebola-affected countries,
- Three (3) food security surveys through a subcontractor at the county-level in South Sudan
- Multiple rounds of data collection in insecure areas of northeastern Nigeria,
- Field assessment to confirm rainfall anomalies in southern Zimbabwe,
- A rapid food security assessment in southern Madagascar,
- Joint FEWS NET/Ministry of Agriculture food security assessment to the Sahelian regions of Chad,
- Food security and market assessment in northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan,
- Food security and nutrition monitoring system assessment in Upper Nile and Lake regions, South Sudan,
- End-of- season assessment in Dodoma, Tanzania, jointly with MUCHALI,
- Food security monitoring and data collection in Karamoja region, Uganda,
- MVAC-led rapid food security assessments in areas of Malawi facing damage caused by heavy rains and flooding,
- Joint assessment in drought-hit Badghis Province with FAO, WFP, and Afghanistan National Disasters Management Authority.

In addition to these assessment missions, FEWS NET continued data collection efforts for Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone including engaging a subcontractor to conduct SMS-based trader surveys. A special representative from the home office continued an extended stay in Dakar through the end of February 2015 and participated in multi-agency assessments in the Ebola country. FEWS NET also supported and participated in the first ever Cadre Harmonisé analysis for the Ebola countries.

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

**Table 3. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.1**

Office	Activity
All Offices	Carried out seasonal monitoring
All Offices	Monitored crops and market
All Offices	Monitored remote sensing products
All Offices	Reviewed, collected, and followed available climate information

Office	Activity
Southern Africa Regional	Carried out an Assessment in Southern parts of Madagascar
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in pre- harvest assessment in Southern parts of Zimbabwe
LAC	Assembled and collected data on field trips to El Salvador
HO Livelihoods	Supported the design of survey and analysis tool for NE Nigeria
Chad	Participated in a joint field assessment with the Ministry of Agriculture in Kanem, Bahr El Ghazel, Hadjer Lamis, and Lac
Chad	Participated in a joint market assessment mission in the Guera, Batha, and Salamat regions (Sahelian zone)
Chad	Participated in joint food security and nutrition assessment mission in Kanem (Mao) and Hadjer Lamis (Massakory) regions
Chad	Participated in joint market assessment mission in Bongor, Kelo, Moundou, Koumra, Sarh, Pala, and Lere regions
Mauritania	Monitored cold season rains impact in agricultural and northern pastoral areas of the country
Mauritania	Monitored market gardening cropping and cold season cereal harvests in the Senegal River Valley
Mauritania	Monitored pastoral conditions, livestock transhumance areas, trade areas, oasis and wadi areas
Mauritania	Monitored recessional crops evolution in agropastoral areas and northern wadi areas of the country
Mauritania	Monitored the dry season crops preparation
Mauritania	Worked with FS monitors to improve information gathering for agricultural activities, on-farm labor, and other income generating activities
Niger	Participated in joint household food insecurity survey analysis
Djibouti	Conducted seasonal food security assessment in southeast border pastoral areas (Ali Sabieh region)
Ethiopia	Carried out rapid food security assessment in Arsi Zone in Central Oromia
Ethiopia	Carried out rapid food security assessment in East and West Hararghe Zone in Oromia Region
Kenya	Conducted short rains assessment in the arid/semi-arid areas to determine the 2014 short rains impacts on households livelihoods and food security
Somalia	Conducted and participated post Deyr IPC analysis to report seasonal food security outcomes
Somalia	Conducted Jilaal impact assessment, monitored cross border, market and rain gauge locations
South Sudan	Carried out Food Security and Market assessment in Northern Bahr el Ghazal
South Sudan	Commenced county level food security information collection in selected counties in Greater Upper Nile
South Sudan	Conducted Food Security and Market assessment in Lakes state
South Sudan	Participated in Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System assessment in Greater Upper Nile and Lakes
Tanzania	Conducted end of season food security assessment in the bimodal and unimodal areas in Dodoma, Arusha, Mwanza and Shinyanga jointly with MUCHALI
Uganda	Conducted food security monitoring and data collection in the Karamoja region
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions in northern Uganda, cattle corridor districts, southwestern Uganda and other parts of the country
Malawi	Carried out seasonal food security assessment in 7 selected districts in Northern and Southern Malawi
Malawi	Participated in the MVAC Rapid food security assessments in the face of damage caused by heavy rains and flooding
Mozambique	Carried out a rapid food security assessment in parts of Chigubo and Mabote districts
Mozambique	Conducted a rapid Food Security and Crop Assessment in parts of two southern livelihood zones
Mozambique	Participated in the rapid Food Security assessment in the flood affected areas in Zambezia Province
Zambia	Carried out pre-harvest crop assessment for preliminary yield estimation
Zambia	Conducted Mid-season monitoring trip to Eastern province
Guatemala	Conducted field assessment on seasonal progress and food security situation in the eastern and western regions of the country
Haiti	Gathered seasonal progress data from CNSA (Coordination Nationale de la Securite Alimentaire) Liaison agents and partners working in the field
Afghanistan	Conducted joined assessment in drought-hit Badghis Province with FAO, WFP, and Afghanistan National Disasters Management Authority (ANDMA)

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

While IR 1.1 places attention on monitoring anomalies, IR 1.2 focuses on 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:

- Conducting a SMART nutrition survey to estimate the prevalence of acute and chronic under-nutrition among children under 5, as well as the crude and under-5 mortality rates in areas of the Dry Corridor in Western and Eastern Guatemala that have been adversely affected by the 2014 drought and coffee rust,
- Participation in the joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET/WFP/Government market and food security assessments in the market basins of West Africa, and
- Participation in the Emergency Market Mapping and Assessment in Jonglei state of South Sudan,

Table 4 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.2 during this reporting period.

**Table 4. 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 various standard database and information on a monthly basis, including commodities price and nutrition
West Africa Regional	Participated in the joint CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET/WFP/Government market and food security assessments in the market basins of West Africa
West Africa Regional	Provided support to country staff in monitoring and using the nutritional information in their analysis
West Africa Regional	Provided support to Nigeria office in requesting the IRC to collect additional nutrition data in the field
East Africa Regional	Conducted discussions with global commodity traders and respective NTMs on monitoring of maize balance sheets for Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the finalization of the Somalia Livelihood Rezoning activity
Southern Africa Regional	Provided feedback on Mozambique Livelihood Profiles
Southern Africa Regional	Supported Countries (Zimbabwe) undertaking outcome analysis using the HEA livelihoods based analysis
LAC	Participated in the SMART field work in Guatemala
HO Nutrition	Conducted SMART surveys in the Occidental and Oriental regions of Guatemala
HO Nutrition	Provided special nutrition support to Northeast Nigeria
HO Nutrition	Provided special nutrition support to South Sudan, participated in NIWG meetings, and released RFP for SMART surveys in South Sudan.
Burkina Faso	Collected key parameters and performed outcome analysis with national partners
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint market and trade assessment
Chad	Participated in Eastern Basin market meeting in Niamey
Chad	Provided price data and information to the World Bank
Chad	Provided the CILSS market analyst with food and livestock Price data
Chad	Provided the FEWS NET Regional Office with Chad market and price analysis
Chad	Provided the US Embassy in N'Djamena, Chad with some information about price trends and costs of living in Chad
Chad	Provided WFP and Ministry of Agriculture and Environment with food and livestock price data
Chad	Regularly monitored price data by enumerators in the field and developed price projection for Bol
Chad	Reviewed the Chad Nutrition paper/strategy that was prepared for ICN2 and prepared a 2 page summary of key priorities relevant to FEWS NET
Mali	Participated in joint market assessment
Mauritania	Participated in HEA analysis organized by ACF
Mauritania	Participated in meetings convened by UNICEF and the group in charge of smart surveys
Niger	Carried out a joint market and trade Assessment
Niger	Collaborated with SAP, Save the Children, and WFP to lead HEA-based outcome analysis
Niger	Participated in a nutritional causal analysis supervision
Nigeria	Developed market functioning classifications in North East Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon
Nigeria	Participated in regional market assessment in Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, and Bauchi states (CILSS/FAO/FEWS NET)
Djibouti	Managed and supervised cross-border monitoring program
Ethiopia	Compiled cross-border trade data

Office	Activity
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from WFP and the Central Statistical Agency
Ethiopia	Produced spatial market analysis for selected commodities and markets
Ethiopia	Reviewed and compiled the national nutrition program 2013-15 and submitted to the home office
Ethiopia	Updated Consumer Price Index (CPI) data
Kenya	Analyzed cross-border commodity flows, market prices, and household nutrition situations
Somalia	Monitored and reported weekly cross border trade for six markets, across the Somalia borders with Kenya, Ethiopia, and Djibouti
South Sudan	Collected information on planned and completed 2015 SMART surveys in Greater Upper Nile
South Sudan	Participated in the Emergency Market Mapping and Assessment in Jonglei state
South Sudan	Performed Market and Trade analysis and assumptions with support from the Regional Office.
South Sudan	Provided input to and reviewed the quarterly regional cross-border trade report
South Sudan	Updated South Sudan cross-border trade data and Market Information Systems (MIS) database
Sudan	Monitored cross-border trade from three border points with Ethiopia, Eritrea and South Sudan
Sudan	Published Sudan livelihood profiling report
Sudan	Supported efforts of partners to conduct food consumption study in Sudan
Tanzania	Participated in the preparation and training of livelihood baseline data collection in four zones
Uganda	Collected key parameters information and performed an outcome analysis
Uganda	Conducted a markets assessment to northern Uganda to assess impact of South Sudan refugees on markets
Uganda	Monitored cross-border trade / Supervised cross border enumerators at Suam (Uganda-Kenya) and Mpondwe (Uganda-DRC) borders with on-site visits
Malawi	Carried out supervision and contract extension for market key informants
Malawi	Collected key parameters and performed outcome analysis
Zambia	Collected formal maize trade data from Central Statistics Office (CSO) and analyzed for reporting
Zambia	Monitored informal cross border trade (XBT) using data from COMESA/ACTESA
Zimbabwe	Carried out an HEA outcome analysis of the Betbridge South Western Lowwels Communal Livelihood Zone
Zimbabwe	Consolidated cereal import data from the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority ( ZIMRA)
Guatemala	Coordinated and supported the carry out of the SMART survey
Guatemala	Participated in Markets and Trade 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 2015 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 139 monthly reports, including 34 Outlooks and 48 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 6 Seasonal Monitors
- 5 Alerts
  - January 5, 2015 - *Erratic start of season and increased likelihood of below-average January to March rainfall could affect crop performance in Southern Africa*
  - January 7, 2015 - *Boko Haram violence limits farming and market activity in northeast Nigeria*

- January 29, 2015 - *Over 730,000 people across Somalia face acute food insecurity despite improvements in some areas*
  - January 30, 2015 - *Severe flooding damages crops; nearly 300,000 people displaced in Southern Africa*
  - March 17, 2015 - *Intense conflict limits food availability and access in regions bordering Lake Chad in West Africa*
- 12 special Reports
  - January 7, 2015 - *Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone PowerPoint slides: Food Security Outlook for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone for January to June 2015*
  - January 31, 2015 - *Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone Special Report: Most official movement restrictions lifted, trade flows and market functioning slowly improve*
  - January 2015 - *Liberia Trader Survey Report Round 3*
  - January 2015 - *Sierra Leone Trader Survey Report Round 3*
  - January 2015 - *Liberia Trader Survey Report Round 4*
  - January 2015 - *Sierra Leone Trader Survey Report Round 4*
  - February 21, 2015 - *Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone Special Report: A slow economy and disrupted markets trigger below-average household incomes (Internal Report)*
  - February 2015 - *Liberia Trader Survey Report Round 5*
  - February 2015 - *Liberia Trader Survey Report Round 6*
  - February 2015 – *1 South Sudan Crisis Price Monitor product*
  - March 31, 2015 - *Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone Special Report: Food insecure population increases as household stocks deplete and poor incomes limit market purchases*
  - March 2015 - *Central America: Despite a moderate recovery, coffee rust continues to affect the region*

Table 5 shows the list of activities carried out by country under IR 1.3 during this reporting period.

**Table 5. 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	Drafted and submitted country price watch narrative to RO and HO
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	Completed the seasonal monitor
All Regional Offices	Developed food security assumptions and projections for the region
All Regional Offices	Produced monthly food security updates and/or key messages for remote monitoring countries
All Regional Offices	Reviewed and provided feedback on country scenario summary tables, outlooks and outlook updates
West Africa Regional	Drafted Lake Chad basin alert
West Africa Regional	Drafted special reports on Ebola outbreak and its impact on food security
East Africa Regional	Completed the quarterly Cross-Border Trade report for East Africa
HO Markets and Trade	Drafted and published trader survey report for Ebola affected countries (Liberia and Sierra Leone)
HO Markets and Trade	Provided technical review of various field-generated markets reports and price/trade bulletins

Office	Activity
Burkina Faso	Produced and published joint quarterly bulletin on market analysis
Chad	Developed a regional market report (Eastern Basin) in Niamey
Chad	Drafted an alert on Lake Chad
Chad	Produced a joint market assessment report
Mali	Produced food security Update of January, February and march for Senegal
Mauritania	Produced a warning report on food security situation in Mauritania
Nigeria	Provided support to FMARD Nigeria on overview of food and nutrition security in Nigeria 2010 - 2014
Nigeria	Provided support to the regional office for food security alert in West Africa region
Somalia	Developed monthly livestock and commodity price trend analysis and produced the monthly price bulletins
Somalia	Produced and Released Technical/Press release of post Deyr Food Security Outcomes with Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU)
South Sudan	Contributed to South Sudan: Macroeconomic Crisis and Food Security impacts presented to USG
Tanzania	Wrote and published the monthly remote monitoring report
Zimbabwe	Prepared Key Messages for the food security picture in Zimbabwe
Guatemala	Supported the writing of regional coffee special report
Afghanistan	Produced Remote 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 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 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. 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:

- January 6, 2015: USAID Ebola taskforce briefing on the Food Security Outlook for Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone for January to June 2015
- January 7, 2015: Public briefing at InterAction on the Food Security Outlook for Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone for January to June 2015
- January 12, 2015: USAID/Bureau for Food Security briefing on the Food Security Outlook for Guinea and Sierra Leone for January to June 2015
- January 23, 2015: Brief talk on progress of Deyr season in Somalia to Inter-Agency Somalia *Humanitarian Huddle*
- February 12, 2015: Public briefing at InterAction on West Africa Regional Outlook for February to June 2015
- February 13, 2015: Public briefing at AMEX on West Africa Regional Outlook for February to June 2015
- February 24, 2015: Public briefing at InterAction on East Africa Regional Outlook for February to June 2015
- February 26, 2015: Public Briefing at AMEX/FFP on Southern African Regional Outlook for February to June 2015

- February 27, 2015: Public briefing at AMEX/FFP on East Africa Regional Outlook for February to June 2015
- 3 FAOB briefings and three FAOB videos (January, February, March)

The DSG also fielded an extraordinary number of special requests from USAID and partners:

- January 7: A request for information on the performance of the October to December Deyr rains in Somali Region of Ethiopia and likely food security outcomes (FFP)
- January 8: A phone call to discuss the Somalia post-Deyr assessment results (FFP)
- January 9: A request for schedule of briefings for USAID East Africa Regional Mission and nutrition information in Somalia (FFP)
- January 12: A request for information on why FEWS NET's maps for the Sahel differ from those of the Cadre Harmonisé (FFP)
- January 14: A request for food insecure population estimates in Ebola-affected countries
- January 16: A request for information on the impact of Ebola on livestock value chains (Land O'Lakes International Development)
- January 28: A request for more information about delays to release of South Sudan National IPC update results (Interaction)
- February 2: A request for food insecure population estimates in Ebola affected countries, focused on chronic issues (FFP)
- February 2: Meeting with USAID to discuss results of D.R. Congo national IPC workshop
- February 10: A request for historical mapping data for South Sudan (SBS News Australia)
- February 10: A request for a briefing on northeast Nigeria and FEWS NET activities (FEWS NET-USAID)
- February 11: A request for historical food aid distribution information in Ethiopia (Smithsonian Magazine)
- February 12: A request for information on the dry winter in Afghanistan (FFP)
- February 19: A request for information on the February to May precipitation forecast in Afghanistan (Office of the President, Afghanistan)
- February 19: Request for likely effects of Merchant's Bank's closure of accounts of Money Transfer Organization (MTOs) to Somalia (FFP)
- February 20: Requested feedback on first draft of a market integration study of Somalia (FSNAU)
- February 20: A request for five Food Security Assistance Calendars for new FFP staff, delivered on March 10 (FFP)
- February 22: A request for information on in-land fish farming in Sierra Leone (Bureau for Food Security)
- February 24: A request for updated food insecure population needs estimates in Ebola affected countries (FFP)
- February 27: Request for information on remittances from the U.S. to Somalia (USAID/Africa Bureau)
- February 27: Requested copy of Beled-Xaawo urban livelihoods report for Somalia (FFP)
- March 2: Call to clarify the volume of the harvest cited in the CFSAM for Sudan (OFDA)

- March 10: Meeting with InterAction to discuss food security and humanitarian response in South Sudan (InterAction)
- March 10 and 12: Request to attend conference call on Somali remittances (Treasury/Office of International Development Policy)
- March 17: Invitation to attend DCHA/InterAction forum on northeast Nigeria (FFP)
- March 18: Request for information about drivers of inflation in Sudan (Mercy Corps)
- March 26: Request for information on the volume of Ukraine’s agricultural exports (FFP)
- March 31: Request for information on estimated volumes of food stocks and imports in Yemen (FFP)

In addition to the home-office based decision support group, the West Africa team also provided numerous briefings to USAID in Dakar and Ghana, and UN and other regional partners in Dakar, on the food security impacts of the Ebola crisis.

The Communications Advisor and the Information Technology Specialist continued to work with IT subcontractor TAOTI to improve the website. During this quarter, the project re-designed the main homepage of the fews.net website to improve ease of navigation, which will allow visitors to browse through the website by geographic coverage, data type, and thematic topics. We expect to rollout the improvements in the following quarter.

During this reporting quarter, the www.fews.net website received 38,862 hits compared to 28,994 hits during the same period a year ago—a 34% improvement year-over-year (Figure 3). There were 23,324 unique visitors; a 34% increase year-over-year and 14% increase from the previous quarter. The top three non-U.S. locations from where visitors came were Kenya (8%), the United Kingdoms (7%), and Italy (3%). About 12% of all visitors used non-desktop devices—9% used mobile phones and 3% used tablets.

**Figure 3. FEWS NET Website Visits, 2015 Q2 compared to 2014 Q2**

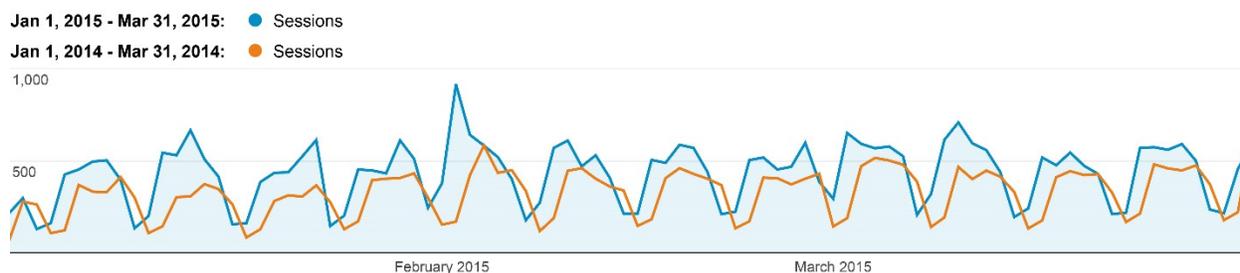


Table 6 shows the details of other activities undertaken in the context of IR 1.4.

**Table 6. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 1.4**

Office	Activity
All Offices	Briefed USAID/US Embassy and key partners on food security outlook and updates
All Offices	Communicated monthly food security information electronically to USAID and partners
All Offices	Distributed FEWS NET information and analysis products to partners
All Regional Offices	Reviewed FO Quarterly progress reports, and prepared and submitted the RO report
West Africa Regional	Briefed USAID Chad in Ndjamena following the CH workshop
West Africa Regional	Briefed USAID/FFP Dakar and John USAID Program Manager for FEWS NET

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Briefed USAID mission in South Sudan on the proposed Mortality/SMART surveys in priority counties South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Provided briefing at the Food Security and Nutrition Working Group monthly meeting
Southern Africa Regional	Provided briefing to USAID Madagascar
Southern Africa Regional	Started the reviewing process for the emailing list for the regional reports including the price watch
LAC	Conducted a presentation about FEWS NET work and Food Security Outlook for Central America on the Guatemalan System of Science of Climate Change
LAC	Conducted briefing to the Vice minister of Food Security of Guatemala on the Market & Trade network development
LAC	Conducted briefing with USAID mission in El Salvador
LAC	Conducted two briefings for ECHO
LAC	Elaborated of regional video on the FS Outlook
LAC	Presented FEWS NET's work and Food Security Outlook to the round table of USAID projects dealing with climate change in Central American
HO Livelihoods	Improved web descriptions of livelihood products, update/correct web postings as needed
HO Markets and Trade	Provided Southern Africa USAID missions with rapid overview of regional supply and local and regional procurement (LRP) opportunities
HO Communications	Conducted website user survey, analyzed results and produced report
HO Communications	Developed and released two new products: video version of food assistance outlook brief and Central America food security outlook
HO Communications	Finalized blog guidelines, launched new blog and produced eight new posts
HO Communications	Increased following on social media as well as email subscriptions
HO Communications	Managed media requests from SBS Australia (TV), Voice of America and Wall Street Journal
HO Communications	Reviewed and edited 2 alerts on Nigeria, report on humanitarian assistance, FANTA indicators study presentation, and several press releases
HO IT	Attended to website security vulnerabilities by reducing Cenxiz HARM score
HO IT	Began production of performance evaluation website and researching FEWS NET e-learning methodologies and platforms
HO IT	Finalized mock-up of FEWS NET website home page improvement and worked with vendor to begin implementing changes
HO IT	Managed Amazon Web Services (AWS) account and all servers/instances in the account
HO IT	Managed domain controller, file server and backup server
HO IT	Managed social media accounts and other service accounts. Implemented some design changes on all platforms
HO IT	Managed technology related procurements, specifications and inspections for field offices
Burkina Faso	Provided joint monthly food security briefing in-country in collaboration with SAP and key partners
Chad	Briefed field partners during different field visits
Niger	Briefed BAD consulting on FEWS NET analytical framework
Niger	Briefed PNUD Genève and Niger on FEWS NET analytical framework
Niger	Collaborated with WFP and SAP to provided food security outcome analysis briefings to food security clusters meetings
Nigeria	Briefed USAID Mission on food security and market updates in the North East Nigeria
Nigeria	Briefed USAID Mission on regional food security alert
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on climate outlook for Belg 2015 and its likely implication
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on the statement from Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF39)
Kenya	Disseminated findings of the 2014 Short Rains assessment to other partners through the Kenya Food Security Meeting (KFSM)
Kenya	Presented findings of the 2014 Short Rains Assessment to USAID at the US Embassy
Somalia	Briefed members from the Somalia Government, Donors, partners, Media and other stakeholders on Somalia's Deyr seasonal food security analysis outcomes
Mozambique	Briefed USAID's GIS Specialist on FO mapping capacity, maps, and provided crucial shapefiles for disaster preparedness mapping
Zambia	Disseminated Eastern province trip report to USAID and relevant organizations
Guatemala	Collaborated in the elaboration of the Food Security Outlook video
Guatemala	Provided technical input for the communications products on lessons learned in the network development
Afghanistan	Briefed H.E. Zia Masood, the special representative of the President in reform and good governance, on agro-climatic situation
Afghanistan	Briefed high level National Security Council of Afghanistan on agro-climatic situation
Afghanistan	Briefed Mr. Tariq Formuly, advisor to the president, and the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock on agro-climatic situation
Afghanistan	Briefed Office of Agriculture in USAID on agro-climatic data availability and sources in Afghanistan
Afghanistan	Disseminated two-page summary to the President Office on current agro-climatic situation and forecast

## G. 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 factors 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. The product published these new or updated livelihoods products:

- Full livelihoods baseline for Haiti,
- Updated livelihoods profiles for Mauritania,
- New livelihoods profiles for Sudan,
- Updated livelihoods zone map for Mali, and
- Updated livelihoods zone descriptions for Honduras.

FEWS NET also continued a number of important studies during this quarter:

- The nutrition causal study in Niger has completed all field work and data analysis started during the reporting quarter; the project has already share preliminary findings with food security network partners in Niger
- A joint effort with FSNAU to update the livelihood zones of Somalia
- Carrying out background research and preparing workshops to update the markets context for Nigeria and the DRC

Since USAID/DRC provided a buy-in to the project to help update the livelihoods and markets context for eastern DRC, USAID has requested FEWS NET to include response analysis in its DRC work to satisfy Bellmon requirements. During this quarter, the COP and the Markets and Trade Advisor visited DRC to launch the activities and to begin planning fieldwork for up to 10 workshops in DRC between April and June.

Finally, the markets and trade team completed rolling out the Price Data Warehouse to Central Asia, East Africa, Southern Africa, and Central America. A markets and trade consultant also joined the national technical manager to carry out fieldwork to update the markets context for Uganda.

Table 7 captures the main activities for IR 2.1.

**Table 7. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.1**

Office	Activity
All Offices	Updated food security databases including price, nutrition, and CPI
West Africa Regional	Presented and shared the preliminary results of the Nutrition causal analysis study in Niger to all partners
West Africa Regional	Presented and shared the updated Mauritania livelihood products to government officials and local partners
West Africa Regional	Provided support to Chad office in updating the livelihood zone 7
West Africa Regional	Provided support to Senegal partners in livelihood rezoning

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Established and updated the Nutrition database for East Africa Region
East Africa Regional	Reviewed SMART Nutrition Survey data for Kenya for years 2008-2013
East Africa Regional	Supported the markets and trade knowledge base Study in Uganda
East Africa Regional	Supported the markets and trade knowledgebase Study and workshop in Uganda
Southern Africa Regional	Conducted Technical Review of SETSAN Livelihood baseline storage sheets analysis
Southern Africa Regional	Consulted with Field Offices on key crops to consider for the data warehouse including level of analysis
Southern Africa Regional	Participation to the SADC/VAC workshop on livelihoods zoning in Kisantu
Southern Africa Regional	Provided guidance material for rezoning confirmation for Malawi and planning for the baseline activity
Southern Africa Regional	Supported planning and proposal development Malawi baseline activity
Southern Africa Regional	Supported the resumption of the ACTESA informal cross border monitoring system
LAC	Conducted verification of the livelihood zone map in Honduras
HO Livelihoods	Conducted DRC desk review
HO Livelihoods	Finalized Somalia livelihood zone map
HO Livelihoods	Planned Malawi LH baselines
HO Livelihoods	Presented new Haiti livelihood profiles and established plan for dissemination and application
HO Livelihoods	Provided gold mining study technical support
HO Livelihoods	Published Haiti livelihood profiles (FR)
HO Livelihoods	Published Mali map update (FR, EN)
HO Livelihoods	Published Mauritania livelihood profiles (FR)
HO Livelihoods	Published Sudan livelihood profiles
HO Livelihoods	Updated and verified Senegal livelihood map
HO Livelihoods	Verified and updated Honduras livelihood descriptions (ES)
HO Markets and Trade	Conducted background research, lead network workshop, and draft Nigeria market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Conducted background research, network workshop, and creation of DRC market context report and to support Bellmon determination
HO Markets and Trade	Conducted background research, network workshop, and creation of Uganda market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Conducted background research, network workshop, and creation of Zambia market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Provided feedback to Kimetrica on the development of online and offline tools to support market response analysis
HO Markets and Trade	Reviewed Somalia IOM monetization evaluation report
HO Markets and Trade	Supported refinement of market context documents for Angola
HO Nutrition	Completed data collection for Nutrition Causal Analysis study in Niger
HO Nutrition	Continued development of the nutrition database
Burkina Faso	Coordinated and supported the gold mining Study in Burkina Faso
Mauritania	Collected first trial of nutrition data with Ministry of health help, this first work has allowed us to find SMART reports produced since 2010
Nigeria	Continued work on market context report with HO MT Advisor
Djibouti	Collected and assessed historical food insecure population data and prepared for management by data warehouse
Ethiopia	Reviewed Livelihood information for Ethiopia for the resilience measurement work undergoing at the HO
Somalia	Participated and co-led Somalia Livelihood profiling and Livelihoods Impact Analysis Sheets (LIAS) review exercise
Uganda	Supported the Markets and Trade knowledge base research, co-facilitated the network workshop, and reviewed the draft report
Malawi	Led in the development of the framework, concept note, proposal and implementation plan for the Malawi livelihood zone baselines update assessment
Malawi	Supported and led in the Malawi livelihood zone verification as part of the livelihood zone baseline update
Zambia	Assessed historical food insecure population data and sent to HO/RO for management by data warehouse
Zambia	Organized and provided price data including raw data from Zambia Central Statistics Office (CSO) to RO/MT for the FDW-training
Zambia	Provided data/information on FFP and LRP opportunities in Zambia to HO/MT
Zambia	Updated the Zambia XBT data (data from ACTESA)
Zimbabwe	Supported background research, network workshop, and creation of Zimbabwe market context report
Zimbabwe	Updated Information on markets and trade from Zimbabwe Statistics Agent(ZIM STAT) and ZIMRA

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

During the reporting quarter, the FEWS NET nutrition team and the DSG, under the coordination of a senior consultant, worked tirelessly to prepare for the May 2015 All FEWS Training and Conference. The main training focus of the All FEWS is to provide guidance on the use of nutrition data and information in food security analysis and methods for projecting nutrition status for outlook analysis. A secondary focus is on the analysis of the impact of humanitarian assistance on food security outcome. Preparations for the All FEWS meeting progressed steadily during the reporting quarter, leading to a trial run in April. Aside from this main activity, the project also performed other tasks (Table 8) leading to improving methods and products.

**Table 8. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.2**

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the Development of Guidance on Livelihood Outcome Analysis
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the Development of Guidance on Market Dependency Study
East Africa Regional	Reviewed the Individual Household Method (IHM) of EfD and provided input to the HO
Southern Africa Regional	Completed sensitivity analysis for HEA small sample VS standard baselines to inform decision on cost-effective methods to build baselines
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the review process of the regional framework on the integration of nutrition, HIV and Gender in Vulnerability Assessments
HO Livelihoods	Conducted discussions with Kimetrica regarding potential collaboration on livelihood methods research
HO Livelihoods	Continued work on Darfur IDP study
HO Livelihoods	Explored options for using household surveys to inform livelihood baselines, Cost of Diet, and EfD outcome analysis software
HO Markets and Trade	Drafted individual country-level guidance notes for how to use data recognition functionality in the FEWS NET Data Warehouse
HO Markets and Trade	Finalized full price projections training package and translate into French and Spanish
HO Markets and Trade	Refined FEWS NET Data warehouse (prices) training package created by Kimetrica
HO Nutrition	Preparation of training materials for All FEWS meeting
South Sudan	Contributed to the county level Food Security data collection tools prepared by the Home Office
Zimbabwe	Supported the Ministry of Agriculture in updating the food balance sheet

### ***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 current chairperson of the IPC Global Steering Committee.

During this quarter, the FEWS NET Decision Support Advisor and a DSG analyst attended a meeting in Rome to review the outcomes of the initial rollout of Chronic IPC. The group charted a way forward to address remaining technical concerns that should lead to a final release of the Chronic IPC later in 2015. The nutrition team also continued to work with the IPC Nutrition technical working group to refine the nutrition scale.

In the field, FEWS NET staff continued to participate in various IPC and Cadre Harmonisé (CH) activities, including the first ever CH analysis for the three Ebola-affected countries. Table 9 shows the details of these activities.

**Table 9. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 2.3**

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Co-facilitated with CILSS and regional partners, the CH analysis in Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Chad
West Africa Regional	Participated in the CH analysis for Ebola affected countries - Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea
West Africa Regional	Participated in the CH regional consolidation meeting in Nouakchott

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Participated in the CH technical committee meeting in Niamey
West Africa Regional	Participated with CH key experts and users in interview on IPC Baseline Use and Impact Study
East Africa Regional	Facilitated an IPC acute analysis in Rwanda using Information Support Services (ISS)
East Africa Regional	Participated in the pilot Chronic IPC analysis for Uganda
East Africa Regional	Provided technical support to the Kenya short rain IPC analysis workshop
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in IPC Regional Technical Working Group Meetings
Southern Africa Regional	Provided feed back to the Global IPC evaluation on the utility of the framework by countries in the region
LAC	Participated in four Chronic IPC Coordination teleconferences for El Salvador
LAC	Participated in the IPC National Technical Coordination Meeting with the GSU unit
LAC	Participated in the IPC Regional Coordination Meeting with the GSU unit
HO Nutrition	Attended IPC Nutrition Technical Working Group meeting
HO Nutrition	Conducted analyses of dietary quality data to inform issues related to the IPC chronic scale
Burkina Faso	Collaborated with SAP to lead national CH analysis
Mali	Participated in CH analysis in Mali
Niger	Collaborated with SAP to lead national CH analysis
Kenya	Participated in the Chronic Food Insecurity IPC Training
Kenya	Participated in the National Acute IPC Analysis
Uganda	Collaborated with the IPC working group in the training preparations and Chronic IPC at national level
Uganda	Participated in the Chronic IPC Analysis and roll-out for Uganda
Zimbabwe	Provided input for the completion of the IPC chronic activity
Guatemala	Participated in coordination meeting with new regional IPC GSU point of contact and Cindy Holleman
Afghanistan	Facilitated IPC training for the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) staff
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC Afghanistan External Technical Review organized by IPC GSU
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC Steering Committee meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in monthly IPC TWG meetings

### **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 10 provides a summary of activities related to this IR.

**Table 10. 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
Southern Africa Regional	Shared with partners the RVAC Seasonal Monitor generated by the USGS regional scientist for Southern Africa
LAC	Participated and organized monthly teleconference with the LAC team to analyze crop situation and climate assumptions
LAC	Supported and participated in the global climate teleconference
HO Markets and Trade	Provided feedback on adapting AMIS Global Crop Early Warning System to meet FEWS NET's needs
Nigeria	Provided preliminary rainfall data in Nigeria between 1981 to 2012 to Regional scientist
Ethiopia	Discussed, with experts from NMA and USGS, the discrepancy between RFE and CHRIPS data for the June-July-August (JJA) 2014 period
Zimbabwe	Shared with partners, seasonal progress reports from the local meteorological and USGS
Haiti	Provided feedback to NOAA after verification with field agents and partners

## H. 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. FEWS NET/Chemonics, in close collaboration with USAID, launched a network development strategy in mid-2014. Starting in 2015, a newly appointed Network Development Advisor (NDA) worked with regional and national technical managers to finalize network development plans for each country and region. The NDA also visited the regional office in Nairobi and the national office in South Sudan to discuss details of their network development approaches, include a tripartite collaboration in South Sudan with WFP and FAO under the FSIN initiative.

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

Of special notes are the following efforts where FEWS NET:

- Attended a special meeting with the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) to explore opportunities for promoting network development and regional nutrition mainstreaming,
- Produced, in collaboration with the Market Information Systems of Mesoamerica and Caribbean, three regional market and trade reports,
- Collaborated with the national early warning system (SAP) of Niger to jointly host a workshop on lessons learned from data collection networks to harmonize data collection tools and processes within the context of Cadre Harmonisé,
- Worked with the seven Somalia Resilience Program (SomReP) consortium members to adopt FEWS NET market data collection methods, and
- Continued to work closely with FSNWG, IGAD, and its Resilience Analysis Unit in Nairobi to strengthen the regional food security organization.

Table 11 shows the range of activities undertaken in the context of IR 3.1.

**Table 11. 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
West Africa Regional	Organized and participated in Network development strategy teleconference with NDA and NTMs
West Africa Regional	Participated in HEA regional workshop and technical committee meeting
West Africa Regional	Participated in the RPCA meeting in Lomé
West Africa Regional	Supported the Niger FEWS NET/SAP workshop on lessons learned from data collection networks to harmonize data collection tools and process
East Africa Regional	Attended a conference on the Steering Committee Meeting of IGAD
East Africa Regional	Completed the EA Regional Network Development Strategy document
East Africa Regional	Drafted a regional broad livelihood zones map as part of the regional ND strategy
East Africa Regional	Held collaborative meetings with UNICEF, Save the Children, CARE, ACF and Ministry of Health in South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Participated in Nutrition Information Working Group meeting for South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Participated in the monthly Nutrition Information Technical working group meeting

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Provided agro-climatic, trade and market analysis to the regional Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG)
East Africa Regional	Reviewed country ND strategies for Somalia and Ethiopia
East Africa Regional	Strengthened partnership with FSNWG, IGAD, and its Resilience Analysis Unit in Nairobi through active participation in FSNWG restructuring meetings
Southern Africa Regional	Attended a special meeting with NEPAD to explore opportunities for promoting network development on regional nutrition mainstreaming
Southern Africa Regional	Participated and contributed to key discussions to strengthen the regional networks
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the FNSWG meeting to review the Terms of Reference for the technical working group
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the RVAC Workshop on finalization of National Vulnerability Assessment Committees
LAC	Conducted two market and trade teleconferences with nine Market Information Systems of OIMA of LAC
LAC	Elaborated one ND strategies for the Market & Trade Regional network
LAC	Participated and presented in the Adaptation conference on Climate Change in Guatemala
LAC	Participated in a coordination meeting with OIMA Central America representative
LAC	Participated in a coordination meeting with PAPA Project of USDA
LAC	Participated in the 'Processes revision for Market information systems' meeting organized by Regional Commerce and Alliances project of USAID
LAC	Participated on the meeting with the Regional Fruit Project (PROMEFUT) from CAC
LAC	Produced three regional market & trade reports with the Market Information Systems of Mesoamerica and Caribbean
LAC	Provided support to Guatemala and Haiti in the elaboration of the ND strategies for their FS Networks
Burkina Faso	Collaborated with SAP to lead national outcomes analysis
Burkina Faso	Participate in the workshop on the feed balance organized by the national livestock department
Burkina Faso	Participated in National Committee of food security forecast (CPSA) meeting
Burkina Faso	Participated in national EWS monthly meeting that assess the country's food security situation
Burkina Faso	Participated in the validation workshop of the project study CLIM WARN on community adaptation to climate change
Chad	Developed a report on Chad Network Development Strategy.
Chad	Nominated (FEWS NET Chad) by Ministerial decision as member of the "Cellule d'Analyse Nationale du CH"
Chad	Participated in CASAGC and technical group meetings
Chad	Participated in food security and nutrition cluster meetings in regular basis
Mali	Participated in meeting of food security cluster
Mali	Participated in meeting of GTP annual report synthesis
Mali	Participated in restitution of ACF/SNV studies on conflicts and drought impacts on North Region Livelihoods
Mali	Participated in restitution of agropastoral campaign definitive assessment
Mali	Participated in technical meeting on country pastoral situation
Mali	Participated in Workshop outcome analysis of food security
Mali	Participated in workshop to CH for Mali
Mali	Participated Workshop Analysis for National assessment food security (ESAN)
Mauritania	Initiated weekly calls with WFP field offices and NGO's operating in food security for a better monitoring of food security conditions
Mauritania	Organized a food security meeting with key partners (CSA, WFP, FAO, OXFAM, SC) to present and discuss results of outlook analysis
Niger	Collaborated with SAP to identify keys parameters and key thematic working group according to Cadre Harmonisé analytical framework
Nigeria	Participated in official presentation of seasonal rainfall prediction (2015) by the Nigeria mete. Agency
Nigeria	Presented food security outlook at FAO led FSTG meeting in Nigeria
Djibouti	Created Food security and nutrition monitoring group to capitalize food security and nutrition existing data
Ethiopia	Participated actively in key task force meetings
Kenya	Developed a Network Development Strategy to guide strengthening of network activities with partners
Kenya	Provided technical input to KFSSG's planned livelihood review/update exercise
Somalia	Brought Building Resilient Communities in Somalia (BRCiS) on board as a network partner
Somalia	Collaborated with the food security cluster on joint developing of IPC training modules
Somalia	Developed Somalia Network Development Strategy and shared with HO, the RO and the ND Advisor
Somalia	Enabled seven International SomReP Consortium members to adopted FEWS NET Market data collection methodologies
Somalia	Met, Discussed and agreed with Somalia Disaster Management Authority (SoDMA) for early warning partnership
Somalia	Nominated, joined and contributed the formation of Cash and Market Task Force (CMTF) within Food Security Cluster

Office	Activity
Somalia	Participated and contributed Resilience Analysis for Somalia with partners
Somalia	Participated in the food security cluster framework and guidelines for preparedness/contingency planning review
South Sudan	Discussed a tripartite agreement between FEWS NET, WFP, and FAO to collaborate under the umbrella of the Food Security Information Networks
South Sudan	Participated in Food Security and Livelihood Cluster meeting
South Sudan	Participated in Nutrition Information Working Group and Nutrition Cluster meeting
Sudan	Attended four FSL sector advisory group meeting to synthesize the humanitarian work plan of year 2015
Sudan	Developed Network Development strategy to expand XBT monitoring activities to three locations in Darfur
Sudan	Participated in 1-day WFP workshop to launch seasonal livelihood programming activities to guide WFP's program shift from emergency to early recovery
Sudan	Participated in three FSL sector coordination meetings
Tanzania	Participated in developing, review and implementation of MUCHALI work plans, in collaboration with the MUCHALI
Malawi	Attended Food and Nutrition Joint Task Force meetings and provided early warning updates
Malawi	Attended Humanitarian Country Team meetings and provided early warning updates
Malawi	Participated in USAID synergy/partners meetings
Zambia	Participated in an agricultural stakeholder consultative workshop on maize marketing organized by MAL
Zambia	Support maize stock monitoring committee through sharing of national and regional market analysis
Zambia	Supported price data and market analysis for Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) reporting and developed workbook for basic data analysis
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Agriculture Coordination Working Group
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Food Aid Working Group
Guatemala	Provided support to improve the food security analysis of the Food Security Forecast Committee through technical input to discussion and the report
Guatemala	Provided technical input for the discussion and report, during the monthly crop monitoring system meetings
Haiti	Participated in a meeting called by CNSA for the launch of the national plan for nutrition and food security.
Haiti	Participated in a meeting called by National Nutrition committee
Haiti	Presented some sessions in a training organized by the National Coordination of Food Security (CNSA) on behalf of Journalists
Haiti	Presented to NGO's, the United nations agencies the reports for livelihoods baseline and profiling
Afghanistan	Organized and participated in early warning meetings on bi-weekly and ad hoc bases
Afghanistan	Participated in Centralizing Market Management Information Workshop of MAIL
Afghanistan	Participated in Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) workshop of MAIL organized by FAO
Afghanistan	Participated in monthly Food Security & Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) meetings
Afghanistan	Participated in Nutrition Cluster (NC) monthly meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in On Farm Water Management workshop of MAIL

### ***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, as well as other international and regional strategies that support building network and standards. Table 11 shows activities carried out towards this intermediate result.

**Table 12. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.2**

Office	Activity
East Africa Regional	Participated in the East Africa SMART technical Workshop
East Africa Regional	Participated in the evaluation of SMART Project Evaluation
East Africa Regional	Participated in the technical review of the nutrition component in the FSNMS in South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Provided support to the development of the new FSNWG-IGAD strategy
HO Markets and Trade	Review new GIEWS website and analysis tools
Zimbabwe	Assisted in technical review of the ZIM VAC community assessment tool

### **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:

- Training national experts from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone in Cadre Harmonisé analysis
- Training Ethiopia Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) staff in market and trade analysis and price projection
- Rollout of FEWS NET Price Data Warehouse (PDW) to Central America and Southern Africa, training all technical staff in the two regions; the project also rollout the PDW to Afghanistan via remote learning
- Market and trade and price projection training for members of the Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment Committee (ZimVAC)
- Agroclimatic assumption building for staff in Central America

Table 13 shows other activities for achieving IR 3.3.

**Table 13. Activities performed by each FEWS NET office under IR 3.3**

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Trained national experts from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea in CH analysis
West Africa Regional	Trained national experts in CH analysis in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal
East Africa Regional	Participated in the sensitization workshop on Nutrition Causal Analysis methodology organized by MoH and ACF Kenya
East Africa Regional	Provided management support to the South Sudan team
East Africa Regional	Provided markets and trade training to Ethiopia DRMFSS in Addis Ababa
East Africa Regional	Provided orientations on outcome analysis and IPC's ISS to the Kenya NTM
East Africa Regional	Provided revision training on scenario development to the ANTM and Food Security Specialist of South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Provided technical guidance to South Sudan on price projections to inform scenario development.
East Africa Regional	Trained as a SMART Master ToT
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the Price Data Warehouse training
Southern Africa Regional	Provided Outcome analysis guidance mentoring to Zimbabwe FO
Southern Africa Regional	Trained the new Madagascar Food Security Monitor
Southern Africa Regional	Trained ZIMVAC partners on Price Projection
LAC	Attended Data Warehouse training conducted by Markets and Trade Home office team
LAC	Participated in Technology Information and processes training provided by the regional market & trade program of USAID
LAC	Received Climate Assumptions training conducted by USGS field scientist and University of Santa Barbara scientist
HO Markets and Trade	Provided Market and Price Projections training to key partners in Zimbabwe
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out the Price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Afghanistan FO
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out the Price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Central America region
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out the Price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Djibouti
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out the Price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Southern Africa region
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out the Price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Yemen
HO Communications	Drafted internal guidelines for staff on how to direct media requests
HO Communications	Prepared guidance on FEWS NET photography needs
HO Communications	Provided advice and guidance on ALL FEWS sessions, particularly the Network Development session
Burkina Faso	Trained members of regional food security councils in collaboration with SE CNSA
Chad	Participated in the CH analysis Cycle
Mali	Participated in HEA training
Niger	Collaborated with Save the Children and WFP in workshop training on HEA
Nigeria	Conducted training exercise for additional enumerators and field informants in Adamawa and Yobe states

Office	Activity
Nigeria	Participated in AMIS stakeholders meeting in collecting agricultural commodities prices
Nigeria	Participated in major stakeholders seasonal rainfall prediction meeting by the Nigeria Meteorology Agency
Nigeria	Participated in Save the children HEA working group meeting in Nigeria
Nigeria	Participated in Save the children Outcome analysis meeting in Nigeria
Nigeria	Participated in WFP organized Initial EFSA training for humanitarian actors in Nigeria
Nigeria	Provided technical support to enumerators in Giwa and Saminaka markets, Kaduna State
Ethiopia	Participated in Somalia's Food Security Analysis Workshop in Hargeisa
Ethiopia	Provided a hot spot identification training to government partners
Ethiopia	Provided geospatial analysis training
Ethiopia	Provided Market and Price analysis training
Kenya	Trained the KFSSG technical team members on using agroclimatic products in food security analysis and early warning.
South Sudan	Attended a refresher training on Scenario Development conducted by the Regional Technical Manager
Sudan	Participated in one day Fraud Awareness Training organized by USAID Sudan
Uganda	Provided refresher trainings to cross border monitors on-site during the field visit
Southern Africa Offices	Attended the Southern Africa FEWS NET data warehouse training on market and trade data management and analysis
Malawi	Received agroclimatology remote sensing training from the USGS scientist
Malawi	Support Informal cross-border trade monitoring supervision and focal point backstopping
Zimbabwe	Trained ZIMVAC partners on Price Projection
Guatemala	Participated in the prices data warehouse training
Guatemala	Participated in training on Agroclimatic assumptions
Guatemala	Participated in training SMART for managers
Afghanistan	Provided extensive training to FEWS NET field monitors in Kabul

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

A review of the FY 2015 work plan shows the project carried out the majority of activities planned for the January to March 2015 period. The few notable exceptions, with explanations, follow:

- *Participate in Acute IPC workshop in Tajikistan:* Workshop postponed to later in 2015.
- *Participate in national process to review the Burkina Faso livelihood zone map:* Activity postponed to June 2015 after completion of the gold mining study.
- *Review the livelihood zoning in Yemen and explore feasibility for creating profiles:* Due to outbreak of civil war in Yemen, FEWS NET defers all non-critical activities to focus on data collection, analysis, and early warning.
- *Carry out cross border food security analysis to harmonize understanding of food security outcomes across borders of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia:* Due to other high priority work, we have cancelled this activity but may bring it back in the future.
- *First pilot of the Labor Monitoring System in Guatemala:* We have not found any genuine interest from partners to carry out the baseline for the implementation of the system. We are currently in discussions with USAID Guatemala to see if, through them, we can engage in some collaborative work with other USAID-funded projects to carry out this activity.
- *Scenario Development training to KFSSG in Kenya:* Postponed to June due to partners commitments in other activities.
- *HEA Outcome Analysis Training in Haiti:* Changed to June for better fit with IPC Acute Analysis.

- *Support the creation of market context for Chad:* We postponed this activity due to other high priority demands. The M&T team will not be able to carry out this activity and will re-design the scope-of-work for the national office and a consultant to carry out.
- *Support the creation of market context for Haiti:* This activity will now start in August 2015, at which time the M&T team will have completed their work in the DRC and will be able to support this activity.
- *Provide LIAS training to MVAC members in Malawi:* This activity will wait for the completion of the livelihoods baseline exercise.