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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACF	Action Against Hunger/Action Contre la Faim
ACTESA	Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa
ADMARC	Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation, Malawi
ANTM	Assistant National Technical Manager
CAC	Central American Agriculture Council
CFSVA	Comprehensive Food Security & Vulnerability Analysis
CGIS	Centre for GIS of the National University of Rwanda
CH	Cadre Harmonisé
CILSS	Comité Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel
CNSA	Coordination nationale de la sécurité alimentaire d'Haïti
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
MVAC	Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
ND	Network Development

LIST OF ACRONYMS (continued)

NDA	Network Development Advisor
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetative Index
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTM	National Technical Manager
NVAC	National Vulnerability Assessment Committee
OIMA	Market Information Organization of the Americas
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

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:

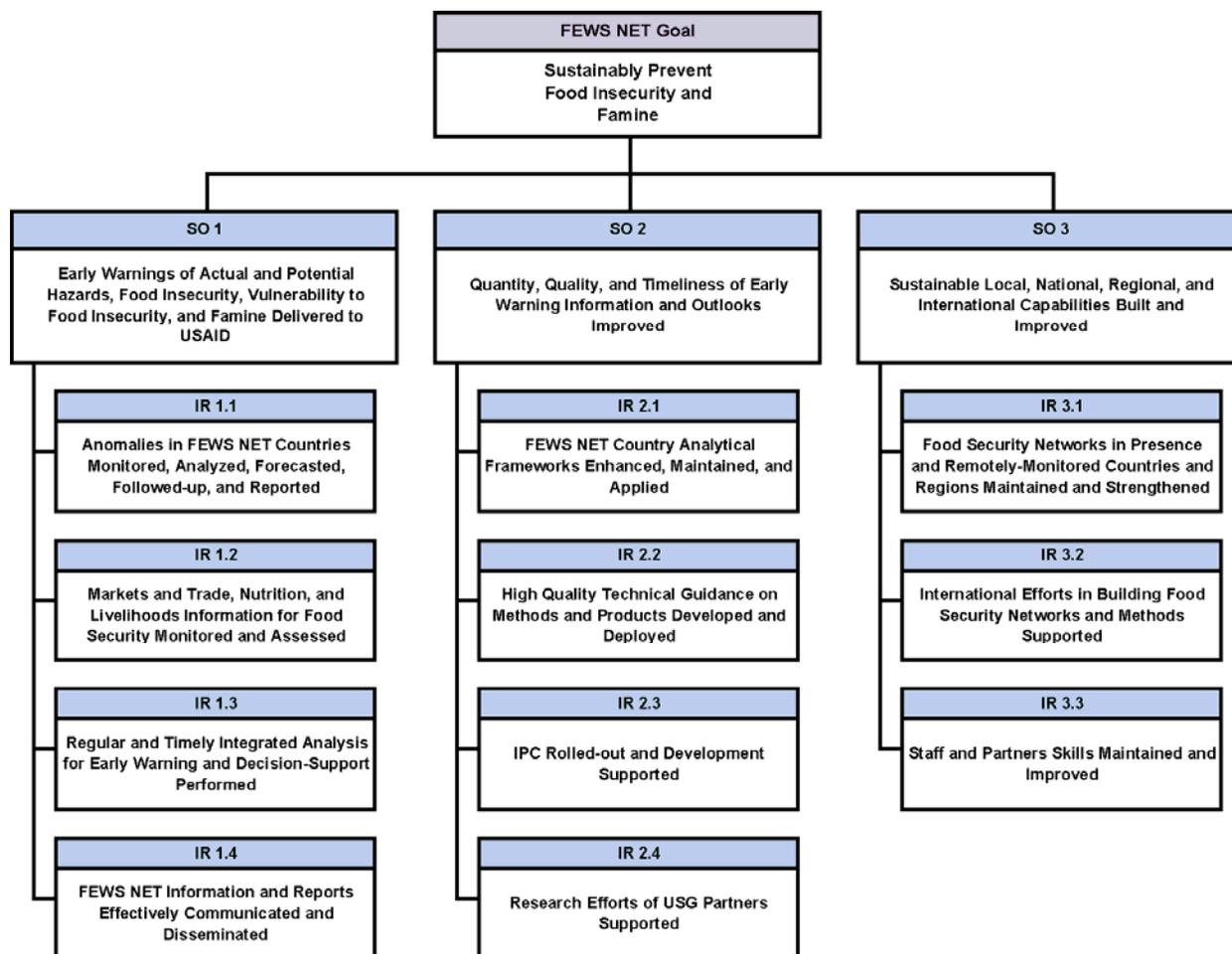
1. Identifying, monitoring and assessing anomalies that can impact on food security outcomes;
2. Monitoring the livelihoods, markets and trade, nutrition and other sectoral context;
3. Performing food security analysis and outlook using scenario development, IPC and other relevant methods; and
4. Effectively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

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. The next section reports on network development, which is an important initiative of FEWS NET that started in 2014. 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

South Sudan Emergency

During the reporting period, South Sudan continued to be of great concern due to continued conflict and diminished humanitarian access, limiting food aid distributions and the flow of information from conflict areas. FEWS NET implemented one of three planned SMART surveys to gather peak lean season mortality data in order to better assess the risk of famine. The project postponed the other two planned surveys due to quality assurance and security concerns.

Also during the quarter, FEWS NET worked with FAO and WFP in South Sudan to sharpen the key findings and recommendations of the joint network/capacity development plan under the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) umbrella to focus more on humanitarian needs, which received strong support from stakeholders in Juba. The IPC GSU welcome the report and considers it crucially importance to improve the quality of IPC analyses in the country. FEWS NET was a key contributor to the national IPC analysis in September. The COP undertook a supervisory mission to South Sudan to work with the team and meet with partners to ensure FEWS NET's effective collaboration and partnership with key stakeholders.

Task Order 3 for Coastal West Africa

During the reporting period, the Chemonics team received and responded to two rounds of questions from USAID on their request to establish a FEWS NET presence in the three Ebola-affected countries of West Africa: Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. USAID awarded Task Order 3 towards the end of the reporting period. USAID also identified Liberia as the priority country, followed by Sierra Leone. The FEWS NET/Chemonics senior management team held an inception retreat with relevant technical staff and the Program Management Unit (PMU) to develop a start-up work plan. Efforts to recruit field staff under TO3 continued.

Fiscal Year 2016 Work Plan

The Chemonics team developed and submitted the FY16 work plan during the reporting period. As the scheduled end date of the current phase is in December 2016, the work plan also covers the extra three months of FY17. The work plan presented both routine and special activities, with a focus on key activities that will contribute to achieving the three major project objectives of early warning, methodology improvement, and network development. The team carefully considered the appropriateness of each activity at the country, regional, and global levels. Senior management will continue to use the work plan as a valuable tool for technical management.

FEWS NET Watch List

To enable FEWS NET to be more responsive to information requirements and requests from USAID, including tracking countries not previously or routinely covered by FEWS NET, the Chemonics team worked with USAID to introduce a new *Watch List* approach. This includes five categories of countries (approximate number of countries indicated in parenthesis): presence (23), remote monitoring (10), watch (10), prep (10), and market watch (24). The intensity of monitoring varies for each category along with reporting and mapping protocols, staffing, participation in network activities, and minimum knowledge base and data requirements. The *Watch List* approach will provide the flexibility to gear-up or scale-back coverage of particular countries according to USAID requirements.

Data Archiving

USAID has identified the need to prioritize data archiving for the remainder of the project. Former COR Gary Eilerts and DCOP Felix Lee will spearhead this effort on behalf of USAID project management and the Chemonics team respectively. Other key members on the special data committee include representatives from Kimetrica and the USGS. The Chemonics team reviewed and adjusted the DCOP workload and responsibilities to ensure adequate time is available for this important effort.

Website and Data Portal

The FEWS NET website underwent a minor yet significant redesign in an effort to enhance functionality, to make the range of FEWS NET products more easily accessible, and to address issues of concern that the Website Committee had identified. Additionally, FEWS NET/Chemonics conducted a feasibility study as a first step to construct a data portal, which will serve as a gateway to the rich collection of FEWS NET data available from all implementing partners, including the FEWS NET Data Warehouse and remote-sensing data and information from science partners. The Website Committee will make a decision on how to construct the data portal in the current phase of FEWS NET.

Country Coverage

Towards the end of the reporting period, USAID made a request to FEWS NET/Chemonics to establish a presence in Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). USAID, in consultation with the mission, will make a decision on whether the project will cover the entire DRC and therefore operates from Kinshasa, or whether it will only cover USAID's priority areas in eastern DRC. Chemonics has initiated recruitment efforts in these countries. As no additional funding is immediately available for these countries, USAID would investigate closing down and/or scaling down existing presence countries to free up financial resources and help ensure that the regional and home offices are able to manage these new countries effectively.

New Reporting Approach

FEWS NET/Chemonics proposed to implement a new reporting approach to help reduce the workload of staff and to allow them to focus more on other priorities and new project directions. Under this plan, we will reduce the reporting schedule from 12 to six full monthly reports for most countries while provided concise reporting, in the form of key messages, for the remaining months. USAID accepted the proposal, which will go into full effect by February 2016.

Data Collection in Challenging Areas

Efforts to continue and gear up primary data collection in challenging locations where information and evidence are scarce continued. This included additional rounds of data collection by a team of researchers in northeast Nigeria, establishment of a similar system in Yemen, continuation of SMS data collection in Ebola affected countries while pending establishment of a full presence, and a series of SMART surveys in the worst affected areas of South Sudan. In addition, the team continues to seek out new and innovative methods and tools for data collection in challenging areas.

Team Dynamics and Relations

To follow-up on the team dynamics training at the May 2015 All FEWS meeting in Istanbul, FEWS NET/Chemonics engaged the facilitators of the sessions to:

- Develop training material that could be used by FEWS NET trainers, and
- Develop a series of four posters that communicate the key messages and methods to improve communications and problem solving amongst staff.

Home office staff successfully piloted the training material at a September foundational training for new staff in Harare, Zimbabwe. The project will now include this module in its training portfolio. In addition, the project engaged a management coach to work with select FEWS NET field and home office staff to improve their management skills. This will lead to the development of training material to enhance management skills amongst FEWS NET technical staff.

FEWS NET Management and Staff Structure

FEWS NET/Chemonics continued efforts to introduce a modified management structure that will enable the team to manage implementation of additional work in new countries, other new activities consistent with core FEWS NET functions, and additional tasks addressing chronic food insecurity, resilience, and response analysis. The proposed structure includes a second DCOP to oversee the

technical work of the project; a training advisor to ensure the completion and archiving of FEWS NET technical methods, guidelines, and training material for handover at the completion of the current phase; and additional Food Security Analysts and operations support staff. Additionally, the markets and trade team is expanding to meet USAID requirements for enhanced market analysis.

Resignations and Loss of Key Staff

- Regional West Africa: Maman Bachir Yacouba, Regional Food Security Specialist – Livelihoods
- Washington, DC: Erin Martin, Communications Advisor
- Washington, DC: Jenny Coneff, Livelihoods Advisor
- Washington, DC: FEWS NET regrets the loss of Food Security Analyst Julia Naegele in a car accident outside Juba, South Sudan following the IPC national workshop

New Hire

- Afghanistan: Administrative Assistant
- Afghanistan: Field Monitor Coordinator
- Afghanistan: Nutrition Officer
- Afghanistan: Office Cleaner
- Chad: Office Manager
- DRC: Plant Disease Study Consultant
- Kenya: Regional Field Accountant
- Mali: Regional Field Accountant
- Mali: Regional Markets and Trade Consultant
- Mozambique Office Manager/Accountant
- Somalia: Assistant National Technical Manager
- Southern Africa Regional: Regional Food Security Specialist - Livelihoods
- Washington, DC: Food Security Analysts (2)
- Washington, DC: Operations Manager (promotion)
- Washington, DC: Project Assistant (funded by Chemonics)
- Uganda: Assistant National Technical Manager

Pending Professional Staff Recruitment

- DRC: Assistant National Technical Manager
- DRC: National Technical Manager
- DRC: Office Manager/Accountant
- Guatemala: Regional Food Security Specialist - Markets and Trades
- Guinea: National Technical Manager
- Guinea: Office Manager
- Liberia: National Technical Manager
- Liberia: Office Manager

- Madagascar: National Technical Manager
- Madagascar: Office Manager
- Mozambique: Promotion to National Technical Manager
- Nigeria: Food Security Specialist
- Nigeria: Nutrition Specialist
- Regional West Africa: Regional Livelihoods Specialist
- Senegal: Office Manager
- Sierra Leone: National Technical Manager
- Sierra Leone: Office Manager
- Washington, DC: Deputy Chief of Party – Analysis
- Washington, DC: Decision Support Advisor
- Washington, DC: Deputy Decision Support Advisor
- Washington, DC: Livelihoods Advisor/Coordinator
- Washington, DC: Communications Advisor (through subcontractor OSC)
- Washington, DC: Senior Markets and Trade Analyst
- Washington, DC: Markets and Trade Analyst
- Washington, DC: Food Security Analysts (2)
- West Africa Regional: Food Security Specialist – Markets and Trade (converting from short-term to long-term)
- Zimbabwe: Food Security Analyst Consultant (short-term)

Memorandum of Understanding

- DRC: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)
- Ethiopia: Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and USAID
- Mozambique: Pending amendment to MOU with SETSAN

Registration

- Ethiopia: Completed. The office received a temporary license through the end of the project.
- Malawi: Updating registration to include new Manager of FEWS NET LLC, a registered external entity
- Mali: FEWS NET Mali fiscally registered with the GoM and received fiscal identification number in August 2015
- South Sudan: Ministry of Justice 2015-2016 Renewal

Approvals

During the reporting quarter, Chemonics submitted 70 approval requests to USAID of which 49 were technical approvals and 21 were contracting office action requests. Through the end of the quarter in September 2015, the project, including all tasks orders, submitted 982 official requests of which 694 were COR actions and 288 required CO action.

C. Decision-Support

During the reporting quarter, FEWS NET posted 313 reports and briefs on its public website, 83 of which are foreign language products. Table 1 shows the detail of these decision-support products.

Table 1. Summary of FEWS NET Decision-Support Products between 07/01/2015 and 09/30/2015

	East Africa	West Africa	Southern Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Asia/ Middle East	Global	Total
Food Security Outlook	8	13 (6)	6 (1)	4 (2)	1		32 (9)
Food Security Outlook Update	14	26 (12)	12	5 (2)	2		59 (14)
Remote Monitoring Web Report	15 (3)	24 (8)	9 (3)	5 (2)	3		56 (16)
Food Security Alert	2	-	1	2 (1)	-	-	5 (1)
FAOB						3	3
Food Security Outlook Poster						-	-
Special Report	-	9 (1)	-	1	-	-	10 (1)
Price Watch/Annex						3	2
Price Bulletin	33 (4)	43 (20)	19 (3)	31 (15)	3		129 (42)
Cross border trade bulletin	-	-	-	-	-		-
Global Weather Hazard Report						12	12
Rain Watch	-						-
Seasonal Monitor	1	2	1	1			5

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

D. Network Development

Network development actions this quarter have focused on:

- Monitoring activity implementation (progress and trouble-shooting) of country and regional network development strategies and coordination and follow up in implementation,
- Consultations with FSIN on the collaborative initiatives, especially the South Sudan initiative, and
- Support to the country teams and the regional network development focal points in developing the FY 16 work plan, focusing on network development objectives.

The Network Development Advisor (NDA) accomplished this through a combination of field visits, face-to-face, and virtual meetings with Home Office Senior Management, Advisors, regional network development focal points and/or Regional Technical Managers, and National Technical Managers. Additionally, the NDA provided support remotely to those NTMs who are still defining and identifying opportunities where a network development strategy will have the most impact in addressing a local network challenge.

1. Status of Network Development (ND) Strategies:

- Strategies finalized and submitted: EA Regional Office, LAC Regional Office, West Regional Office, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Mali, Mozambique, Zambia, and Guatemala.
- Strategies finalized awaiting submission: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania, Niger, Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti and Nigeria.

Network Development Activity Highlights

Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Regional highlights:** FEWS NET LAC has been working to establish the Regional M&T Network and strong linkages with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (OIMA), which groups the Market Information Systems (MIS) of Guatemala, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Dominican Republic. As part of the network development strategy, FEWS NET has begun the process of institutionalization through the Central American Agriculture Council (CAC) in order to make the network activities sustainable. After several meetings, the CAC, through the Technical Group that advises the Ministers of Agriculture of Central America, has agreed to support the institutionalization. In August, Ministers of Agriculture from the region held a high-level meeting and made the decision to place the M&T network under the CAC Technical working group. FEWS NET was part of this meeting. In subsequent discussions between August and September, the technical group has agreed to assign a focal person who will be responsible for the successful handover of the network from FEWS NET leadership to CAC. FEWS NET LAC will be providing technical support to orient them on the network and ready them for the hand over.
- **Country highlights:** In **Guatemala**, progress in the key network activities, the Crop Monitoring System and the Food Security Forum, has faced challenges due to political instability. Therefore, most of the ND activities planned between July and September remained on hold. Nonetheless, the data collection, analysis, and reporting under the Crop Monitoring System has continued and discussions leading to the signing of a Letter of Understanding among the partners and Government under the Food security Forum are continuing.

West Africa

- **Regional highlights:** The ND strategy for the Regional Office is to work with regional partners to support CILSS and national early warning systems to enhance and empower Cadre Harmonisé (CH) technical consensus on food security outcomes. In mid-August, the regional office supported CILSS and regional partners in delivering a full CH training in Liberia and Sierra Leone. This was the first full CH training in these countries, and FEWS NET used the opportunity to advocate for the formalization of CH national cells—a requirement for ensuring effective implementation of the CH process. While CILSS also conducted a full CH training in Guinea, FEWS NET could not physically participate due to staff constraints. The Regional Office also contributed in the September CH Technical Committee training on CH indicators, which is part of the planned activities for the continuous improvement and strengthening of the CH process.
- **Country highlights:** Between July and September, with support from the regional office, field offices across the region engaged on various trainings for national networks. These networks included market information systems (Niger, Chad, and Mauritania), the CH national cells (Mali, Chad, and Nigeria), and the national early warning systems (SAP) (Niger, Burkina Faso, and Chad). Country offices also participated in various knowledge base activities that will strengthen national level data analysis and the CH process. FEWS NET Mali participated in the HEA profiles update and the development of a CH indicator database. In August, FEWS NET Nigeria supported the CH implementation team, which FEWS NET helped establish through its

network development strategy, on a mission to eight selected states to setup the states CH analysis units and to prepare for the first round of the CH analysis planned for October 2015.

East Africa

- **Regional highlights:** The network development strategy for East Africa is to develop a coherent and generalized knowledgebase of regional livelihoods that will be an important input toward the resilience strategy for the IGAD region. The progress achieved as at the end of September include:
 - FEWS NET developed a regional livelihood map by harmonizing all the livelihood zones for each country in the region. With help from the HO GIS specialist, the map is almost complete. The regional specialist will discuss the draft with network partners at the upcoming IGAD Experts' Consultation at the IGAD Regional Consultative meeting at the end of October.
 - The regional specialist is developing a comprehensive set of the brief descriptions, which will help define livelihood characteristics. The completion target date is end of first quarter of FY16.
- **Country highlights:** Network development efforts in **South Sudan** in this quarter remained focused on maintaining the Market Information System (MIS) and on strengthening price data collection, analysis, and reporting capacities of the existing network partners. In August, FEWS NET and AFIS/FAO jointly conducted training on SMS price data collection, analysis, and reporting in Rumbek, Lakes State and Aweil, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State. The training benefitted 47 existing and potential MIS network partners (22 from Lakes and 25 from Northern Bahr el Ghazal). The proposed FSIN collaborative arrangement with FAO, WFP, and UNICEF awaits formalization, as key partners have yet to approve and sign the operational strategy, joint work plan, and letter of intent.
- In **Sudan**, we have made progress this quarter by rolling out activities aimed at expanding cross-border monitoring to Darfur. Selection of the three cross-border monitors is complete. We will provide them with training and they should be at post by the end of the first quarter of FY16. The MOU with WFP, delayed for several months, should conclude within the same timeframe. In this MOU, WFP is collaborating with FEWS NET in the expansion and further strengthening of cross-border monitoring.

Southern Africa

- **Country highlights:** The strategy in **Zambia** aims to support the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) in price data and market analysis and reporting. While we have made progress between July and September, delays in starting up the databases (retail and wholesale prices) have resulted in the activity falling short of targets set in the strategy. By September, the Department of Agribusiness and Marketing had successfully updated all retail prices and produced a Price Bulletin using the FEWS NET template. However, the wholesale price database is not yet up-to-date and the data was not used in integrated markets and trade analysis and reporting as per plan. This was the result of competing priorities in the Department and affected most of the planned activities under the Zambia ND strategy. In early October, the Department renewed its commitment to the activity; this should result in enhanced efforts and should facilitate the production of the bulletins and reports.

- The Mozambique field office is supporting and facilitating the rollout of GeoWRSI to the provincial level to improve seasonal monitoring. The ANTM provide GeoWRSI training to seven technical staff in Gaza Province in early September; they are now using this new skill to monitor the start of the season in the province. We are now planning additional training in Sofala and Inhambane provinces during the first quarter of FY16. The trainees will then be able to produce GeoWRSI products and published at least one bulletin by December 2015. FEWS NET Mozambique is also planning to introduce the GIS Flood Tool (GFT) to the National Directorate of Water (DNA) to increase their capability to provide Flood Risk maps. This activity with the DNA started in August, however, it is now on hold pending acquisition of the necessary software tools, which will require USAID CO approval. The PMU is following up with the procurement.

E. Communications

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, were able to reduce the HARM score to 449 (warning) by the end of February. The HARM score has remained consistently low with a small bump up in early September due to installation of a new security patch. The Chemonics/Taoti team addressed this quickly and the score is now returning to a low level. Figure 2 shows the evolution of HARM score for the FEWS NET website since October 2014.

Figure 2. FEWS NET Website HARM Score



Video reports

We continued to produce video reports for 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. Table 2 shows the viewership since the launch of this product.

Table 2. FEWS NET Video Report Views

Video	Brainshark Views	YouTube Views	Total Views
FAOB (January 2015)	439	41	480
FAOB (February 2015)	376	322	698
Central America FSO (January – June 2015) EN	190	114	304
Central America FSO (January – June 2015) ES	96	65	161
FAOB (March 2015)	157	93	250
FAOB (April 2015)	196	44	240
FAOB (May 2015)	220	57	277
Central America FSO (April – September 2015) EN	148	57	205
Central America FSO (April – September 2015) ES	42	30	72
FAOB (June 2015)	222	59	281
FAOB (July 2015)	234	82	316
FAOB (August 2015)	1,221	63	1,284
Central America FSO (July – December 2015) EN	131	76	207
Central America FSO (July – December 2015) ES	461	99	560
Southern Africa FSO (July – December 2015)	170	27	197
East Africa FSO (July – December 2015)	1,098	51	1,149
West Africa FSO (July – December 2015) EN	32	18	50
West Africa FSO (July – December 2015) FR	140	20	160
FAOB (September 2015)	370	34	404
Total	5,943	1,352	7,295

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. While FEWS NET traditionally depends on secondary data and rapid appraisals to inform analysis, the project has at times turn to subcontractors to carry out primary data collection through representative surveys, especially in insecure areas. During this quarter, FEWS NET used this approach to collect data to fill urgent information and data gaps:

- Continued work with a subcontractor to conduct multiple rounds of data collection in insecure areas of northeastern Nigeria
- Initiated a series of data collection in insecure areas of Yemen

Home office-based analysts also supported field staff to carry out rapid field assessments in key areas of concern in northwestern and southeastern Haiti, and increased monitoring in Ukraine. 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:

- Food security and nutrition assessment in the Ouaddai area of Chad,
- Crop and food security assessment in central and northern Senegal,
- Mid-*Meher* seasonal assessments in multiple areas of Ethiopia,

- Post-Gu assessments in Somalia,
- Food security and markets assessments in multiple areas of South Sudan,
- Multi-stakeholder markets assessments in Zimbabwe.

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
West Africa Regional	Participated in the joint FEWS NET/FAO/Government agropastoral pre-harvest assessment in Niger
West Africa Regional	Monitored the progress of the current crop growing season
LAC	Participated and organized monthly teleconference with the LAC team to analyze crop situation and climate assumptions
LAC	Performed seasonal monitoring through the field trip in El Salvador and Honduras
LAC	Produced regional climate assumptions for Latin America and Caribbean
LAC	Provided information for the weekly weather hazard
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint mission to carry out start of mid-season crops assessment
Burkina Faso	Participated in joint mission to carry out start of season assessment
Chad	Carried-out food security and nutrition assessment in the Ouaddai region
Chad	Assessed the progress of the agricultural season
Mali	Conducted crops and food security assessment in central and northern Senegal
Mali	Monitored Crops and markets in Gao on the sidelines to ENSAN Survey training
Mali	Monitored crops in Kayes and Koulikoro (Western Mali)
Mauritania	Conducted a rainy season monitoring trip in agro pastorals areas to assess the evolution of harvest and pasture conditions
Mauritania	Assessed food security conditions in Mauritania in order to prepare the OL
Mauritania	Analyzed and compared rainfall data in regard to ACMAD previsions
Niger	Participated in start of rainy season assessment
Niger	Participated in mid-season evaluation
Nigeria	Participated in the annual crop performance assessment 2015 with partners
Nigeria	Conducted a market and trade assessment mission in Borno and Yobe state
Ethiopia	Carried out mid-Meher seasonal assessment in Central Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region
Ethiopia	Carried out mid-Meher seasonal assessment in Afar and East and West Hararghe Zones in Oromia Region
Ethiopia	Carried out mid-Meher seasonal assessment in northeastern parts of Amhara and Tigray Regions
Ethiopia	Carried out mid-Meher seasonal assessment in Sitti and Fafan Zones in Somali Region
Ethiopia	Conducted a rapid food security assessment in North Wollo Zone in Amhara Region
Ethiopia	Conducted a rapid food security assessment in Afar Region
Kenya	Undertook long rains assessment in the marginal agriculture and pastoral areas of Kenya to assess the impacts of the 2015 long rains
Kenya	Monitored the seasonal progress of crops in the high and medium rainfall areas of Kenya
Kenya	Monitored the lean season's progress in the marginal agriculture and pastoral areas
Somalia	Conducted Karan (rainy) season impact and drought effect assessment
Somalia	Conducted post-Gu assessment
South Sudan	Conducted Food Security and Market assessment in Aweil North and Aweil West counties, Northern Bahr el Ghazal state
South Sudan	Participated in Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System assessment in Jonglei state
South Sudan	Conducted Food Security and Market assessment in Cuebiet and Wullu counties, Lakes
Sudan	Assessed food security situation of new displaced people in Mellit locality in North Darfur state

Office	Activity
Sudan	Participated in national mid-season assessment
Uganda	Monitored agroclimatic conditions in northern Uganda, particularly in Karamoja, where prolonged dry spells threatened crop performance
Uganda	Conducted food security monitoring and data collection in the Karamoja region
Malawi	Carried out rapid food security assessments in 3 focus livelihood zones to feed into the October to March FSO
Mozambique	Assessed the seasonal progress, including the second season cropping in the country
Yemen	Monitored and analyzed impacts of conflict after mapping out key conflict-affected areas
Yemen	Monitored the start, mid and end-season performance of main agricultural season
Zambia	Monitored food security in areas of concern using field-based partner staff
Zambia	Reviewed and updated ZVAC food security monitoring tool
Zimbabwe	Participated in the national multi-stakeholder markets assessments coordinated by WFP ahead of the 2015-16 lean season
Zimbabwe	Conducted two (2) field assessments in preparation of a) July-Dec 2015 and b) October '15 to March '16 FSOs
Guatemala	Conducted a field assessment on seasonal progress and food security situation in the western region and Peten with UN emergency team
Guatemala	Provided input and comments for the LAC regional climate assumptions
Guatemala	Reviewed, collected, and followed available climate information
Haiti	Assessed and monitored seasonal activities in the South-east department
Haiti	Assessed and monitored seasonal activities in the Northwest department
Haiti	Assessed and monitored seasonal activities in the North and North-east
Haiti	Assessed and monitored seasonal activities in the Center department

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. In South Sudan, FEWS NET also completed a SMART survey in Canal/Pigi.

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
All Regional Offices	Submitted the monthly price report and uploaded data on the price data warehouse
Eastern Africa Offices	Monitored and reported weekly cross border trade
West Africa Regional	Reviewed price projections for Tombouctou, Rharous, Nara (Mali)
East Africa Regional	Developed regional markets and trade assumptions for October 2015-March 2016, including price and macro-economic projections
East Africa Regional	Co-ordinated the Somalia livelihood baseline review, LIAS, and Livelihood Profile preparation
East Africa Regional	Prepared a weekly update of nutrition morbidity and mortality situation in South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Supported Ethiopia and Uganda in their Outcome Analysis for their respective SSTs
Southern Africa Regional	Performed price projection analysis for regional assumptions
Southern Africa Regional	Analyzed and produced Informal Cross Border Trade bulletin
Southern Africa Regional	Produced the Regional Market Supply Report
LAC	Produced three regional market & trade reports with regional markets and trade partners
LAC	Produced the Remote Monitoring countries regional price watch and price bulletin
LAC	Produced the LAC regional price watch, bullet points and price bulletin
LAC	Created the presentations and delivered the regional Price Watch call
LAC	Organized and attended meeting between FAO-FEWS NET M&T team

Office	Activity
HO Livelihoods	Supported Uganda outcome analysis and outlook support
HO Nutrition	Second round of data collection for NCA study in Niger completed
HO Nutrition	SMART survey in Canal, South Sudan completed
Chad	Updated the operating level of cross-border markets with Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon
Mauritania	collected weekly prices and updated the 9 markets monitored by FEWS NET
Mauritania	Visited Ministry of Health to collect nutrition data
Nigeria	Continued to update market prices on monitored markets in Nigeria
Ethiopia	Compiled price data from WFP and the Central Statistical Agency
Ethiopia	Compiled cross-border trade data from four border points
Ethiopia	Updated Consumer Price Index (CPI) data
Kenya	Updated Kenya cross-border trade data from border points and Market Information Systems (MIS) database
Somalia	Monitored, collected, and reported weekly cross-border trade for six markets across the Somalia borders with Kenya, Ethiopia, and Djibouti
Somalia	Monitored monthly market prices, including the performance of six markets across the country, and developed a trend analysis
Somalia	Applied Household Economy Approach (HEA) as one of the key methodologies used in the seasonal food security outcome analysis
Somalia	Generated quarterly price trend analysis and produced price projection assumptions
Somalia	Generated monthly price trend analysis and produced the monthly price bulletin
South Sudan	Collected weekly market price data in Juba to assess the impact of the ongoing macroeconomic situation on trade and food security
South Sudan	Prepared and submitted SMART survey proposal for Mayendit to Nutrition Information Working Group (NIWG) for approval
South Sudan	Collected and submitted on weekly basis planned SMART surveys, SMART results, and morbidity data to Regional Office
South Sudan	Updated South Sudan cross-border trade data from four border points and Market Information Systems (MIS) database
South Sudan	Redefined market functioning categories (scales) and trade routes for monitoring and mapping
South Sudan	Conducted SMART survey in Canal/Pigi, Jonglei State
Sudan	Monitored in and out cross border trade from three border locations with neighboring countries
Sudan	Monitored weekly market prices from 17 markets across Sudan
Tanzania	Conducted market assessment and market and trade knowledge base workshop
Tanzania	Collected and uploaded price data into Data Warehouse
Uganda	Collected and managed FEWS NET national databases on market prices, assistance flows, beneficiaries, cross-border trade data
Uganda	Monitored cross-border trade / Supervised cross border enumerators at Suam (Uganda-Kenya) and Mpondwe (Uganda-DRC) borders
Uganda	Updated the nutrition database with both historical and new survey results and other metadata information required
Uganda	Collected key parameters information and performed the HEA outcome analysis
Malawi	Collected and analyzed information on key import and export commodities from official sources to update the cereal balance sheet
Mozambique	Updated the price database with weekly information from selected markets for various commodities
Mozambique	Carried out a key parameter data collection in the Limpopo and Elephant River Mixed Cropping Livelihood Zone
Mozambique	Carried out a key parameter data collection in the Cereal and Livestock Livelihood Zone
Zambia	Collected and analyzed informal cross border trade data(XBT) data from COMESA/ACTESA for monitoring and reporting
Zambia	Collected and analyzed key formal import and export data from official sources and updated trade data
Zambia	Collected and processed data on staple food commodities market prices for analysis and monitoring
Zambia	Carried out a market assessment trip to Eastern and Southern provinces and prepared trip report
Zambia	Reviewed draft outline and provided input for the Zambia Market Context Study
Zimbabwe	Consolidated cereal import data from the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT)
Guatemala	Participated in Markets and Trade Teleconference with Market Information Organization of the Americas
Guatemala	Supported the SMART report production and present results to partners
Guatemala	Participated in the National Coffee Congress

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

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

In all regions, FEWS NET staff produced food security outlook reports in July 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 147 monthly reports, including 32 Outlooks and 56 remote monitoring reports. FEWS NET also issued:

- 91 original language monthly reports
- 5 Seasonal Monitors
- 4 Alerts
 - July 2, 2015 – *Southern Africa Region: Below-average production expected across the region due to the effects of drought and flooding*
 - July 20, 2015 – *Central America and Haiti: Forecasts indicate likelihood of consecutively poor Primera and Postrera seasons*
 - August 31, 2015 – *Somalia: Over 343 children in Somalia are at risk of acute malnutrition and 855,000 people face acute food insecurity, joint with Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit-Somalia (FSNAU)*
 - September 23, 2015 – *Ethiopia: Food access in Sitti Zone and southern Afar far below normal*
- 10 special Reports
 - July 2015 – *Joint FEWS NET/CILSS West Africa Food Security Bulletin: Approvisionnement globalement satisfaisant des marchés malgré l'installation tardive de la saison*
 - August 31, 2015 – *Senegal: Poor start to the agropastoral season in central and northern areas*
 - September 4, 2015 – *Food Security Update for Yemen (Internal USG Distribution Only)*
 - July to September – *Six (6) GeoPoll trader survey reports*

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 the monthly joint CILSS/FEWS NET food security bulletin and coordinated the review process
West Africa Regional	Elaborated the remote monitoring update reports for Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Elaborated the West Africa regional assumptions report
East Africa Regional	Completed the Burundi, Djibouti and Rwanda Remote Monitoring reports and/or key messages
East Africa Regional	Completed the quarterly April-June 2015 Cross-Border report for East Africa
East Africa Regional	Consolidated the regional assumptions report
East Africa Regional	Participated in annual work planning sessions in Washington DC
East Africa Regional	Prepared the regional work plan for October 2015-December 2016 and reviewed country work plans
Southern Africa Regional	Monitored Field Office performance through monitoring monthly work plans and review of quarterly performance reports
LAC	Produced Seasonal Monitor
LAC	Produced the Remote Monitoring Report for the three countries
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 Central America market summary presentation (Delivered to OIMA network)
HO Markets and Trade	Provided technical review of East Africa cross border trade bulletin
HO Markets and Trade	Provided technical review of Monthly Sudan FAMIS report
Burkina Faso	Produce and publish joint quarterly report on market analysis
Chad	Drafted 2015/2016 Work plan
Mauritania	Collected data on agricultural and pasture activities evolution and sources of income and coping strategies
Mauritania	Consulted key partners; WFP, CSA, Ministry of Agricultural and UNICEF to the early OL preparation
Ethiopia	Produced and published alert on deteriorating food security situation in Afar and northern parts of Somali Region
Somalia	Produced Technical/Press Release of post-Gu Food Security Outcomes with Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU)
Tanzania	Wrote and published monthly remote monitoring report
Tanzania	Wrote the Food Assistance Overview Briefing (FAOB)
Yemen	Prepared and internally shared food security special report
Yemen	Wrote and Published Food Security Key Messages
Guatemala	Provided input and feedback to Central America and Caribbean Alert
Haiti	Prepared price projections and submitted to HO
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:

- 3 FAOB briefings and three FAOB videos (July, August, September)
- July 10: South Sudan Inter-Agency
- July 15: NSC Food Security Outlook briefing
- July 22: Briefing on food security situation in Yemen, USAID
- August 4: Briefing on food security situation in Yemen, USAID
- August 20: NSC Briefing on Nigeria and South Sudan
- September 8: OFDA/FFP Yemen briefing
- September 16: FFP Yemen briefing

- September 17: Briefing on food security impacts of drought in Central America and Haiti, USAID
- September 25: Briefing on humanitarian situation in Somalia for Africa Bureau

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

- July 8: Request to provide input for DCHA’s Humanitarian Update for Niger (FFP)
- July 14: A request for information on the evolution of food security and FEWS NET’s projections for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone (FFP)
- July 16: A request for information on the status of international borders in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone (FFP)
- July 29: A request for notes on IPC acute analysis in Yemen (FFP)
- August 3: A request for an update on seasonal progress in Ukraine and food security in conflict-affected areas in eastern Ukraine (FFP)
- August 6: A request for more information on the green harvest in South Sudan (FFP)
- August 11: A request for more information on locations of likely flooding along the Juba and Shabelle Rivers in southern Somalia (FFP)
- August 13: A request for information on food and fuel imports in Yemen (FFP)
- September 10: A request for feedback on the World Food Program’s 2015 Seasonal Food Security Assessment report for Afghanistan (OPAA, FFP)
- September 11: A request for additional information on conflict-displaced populations in Afghanistan (FFP)
- September 14: A request for a discussion on the impact of drought in Central America (FFP)
- September 30: Inquiry for additional information about drought-affected parts of southern Angola (ACAPS)

In addition to the home-office based decision support group, the West Africa team also provided briefings to USAID in Dakar, and UN and other regional partners in Dakar, on regional food security in West Africa including the Ebola-affected countries.

During this reporting quarter, the www.fews.net website received 40,916 hits, 13% higher than the same quarter a year ago. There were 25,080 unique visitors for a total of 130,687 pages viewed. More than 34% of viewer came from outside the United States.

Figure 3. FEWS NET Website Visits, 2015 Q4 compared to 2014 Q4



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	Delivered a briefing to AGRHYMET/CILSS HEA/ECOAGRIS staff
West Africa Regional	Delivered a briefing to Niger MCC team
West Africa Regional	Delivered a briefing to USAID Dakar
West Africa Regional	Delivered a briefing to USAID/FFP Freetown
West Africa Regional	Delivered a call briefing to FAO and WFP
West Africa Regional	Delivered a call briefing to USAID Washington and the ND advisor
West Africa Regional	Elaborated West food security outlook video
East Africa Regional	Provided agroclimatic, trade and market analysis to the regional Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG)
East Africa Regional	Provided technical and managerial support to USAID briefing in Juba, South Sudan
Southern Africa Regional	Briefed USAID Angola
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in SARCOF dissemination workshop
Southern Africa Regional	Provided two briefing to the regional Food For Peace office
LAC	Conducted a briefing with ECHO about the drought situation in the region
LAC	Conducted a briefing with USAID Honduras
LAC	Conducted a briefing with USAID Regional Mission in El Salvador
LAC	Conducted a briefing with USAID Regional Mission in El Salvador
LAC	Conducted high level meeting with Ministers of Agriculture of Central America in El Salvador related M&T Regional Network
LAC	Disseminated food security reports of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and regional report through the regional distribution list
LAC	Updated the regional contact database (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and other countries)
HO Markets and Trade	Carried out background research and published Southern Africa Supply and Market outlook report
HO Nutrition	Presented results of first round of NCA study in Niger presented to USAID
HO Communications	Collaborated on revision of website and re-wrote content for IPC page
HO Communications	Drafted article on water hole monitoring for Brookings institution paper
HO Communications	Edited and/or oversaw copy-editing of two livelihoods products; one nutrition product; and one markets and trade report
HO Communications	Finalized Spanish translations of Guatemala success story
HO Communications	Managed media requests from: IRIN, PBS, Washington Post, Associated Press, Agence France Presse, and Voice of America
HO Communications	Produced five new blog posts
HO Communications	Produced three video FAOBs and regional video outlooks for LAC, West, East and South
HO Communications	Reviewed and edited various alerts, FSO, presentation, Regional Supply Outlook, Niger NCA paper, and monetization brief
HO IT	Attended to website security vulnerabilities by reducing Cenzic HARM score
HO IT	Collaborated on initial concept for e-learning center
HO IT	Collaborated on producing three FAOB videos and six regional food security outlook videos
HO IT	Finalized new website design changes on development/testing environment and deployed to live website
HO IT	Managed and oversaw growth of FEWS NET website, email subscription service and social media channels, as well as monitored analytics
HO IT	Managed domain controller, file server and backup server
HO IT	Managed technology related procurements, specifications and inspections for field offices
HO IT	Supervised the Publications Intern to ensure all archived reports were uploaded to the FEWS NET website in a timely manner
Burkina Faso	Provided food security to USAID and national partners
Burkina Faso	Worked with national partners (SAP) to improve food security analysis report and communication
Chad	Briefed the US Embassy with the progress of the season and anomalies
Chad	Disseminated FSOU electronically to all partners

Office	Activity
Chad	Provided African Development Bank and DPAS (Direction de la production agricole et des Statistiques) with our price and production data base
Chad	Provided satellite imagery (RFE, NDVI,) to key partners (Ministries of: water, agriculture)
Mali	Briefed cluster food security on sensing product
Mali	Briefed FFP/USAID on Outlook July -December
Mali	Briefed on sensing product to early warning system
Mali	Disseminated dekadal report on sensing tool
Mali	Disseminated Food security Update of July, august for Senegal
Mali	Disseminated outlook and FSOU with food security Cluster members
Niger	Briefed USAID Niger mission on food security outcome with regard with rainy season progress
Niger	Collaborated with ministry of agricultural to provide joint rainy season briefing
Nigeria	Disseminated monthly reports to partners and stakeholders
Nigeria	Provided briefing at the Food Security Cluster meeting (biweekly)
Nigeria	Provided briefing to ECHO West African Regional Food security advisor on FEWS NET methodologies
Nigeria	Provided briefing to USAID Mission
Nigeria	Provided food security update at the biweekly Nutrition in Emergency cluster meeting led by UNICEF
Nigeria	Provided Technical support to the ACF in Nigeria
Nigeria	Provided Technical support to the ICRC in Nigeria
Nigeria	Provided Technical support to the Norwegian Refugee Council in Nigeria
Ethiopia	Briefed the general assembly of NGO's funded by the Canadian government on findings from joint FEWS NET/WFP rapid mid-season assessment
Ethiopia	Disseminated food security outlook report, food security outlook updates, and an Alert on food insecurity in Afar and northern Somali Region
Ethiopia	Provided briefing at roundtable for ambassadors on March to May rains and seasonal forecast for the 2015 Kiremt Rains
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on Findings from FEWS NET and WFP joint Rapid mid Meher/Karma/Karan 2015 assessment
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on Food Security Outlook for July to December 2015
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on Food Security Outlook Update for August 2015
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on Meher 2015 progress
Ethiopia	Provided briefing to USAID on the findings of the Belg multi-agency seasonal assessment in Afar, Somali and SNNP Regions
Kenya	Disseminated the FSO, FSOU's and Key Messages
Kenya	Presented findings of the long rains assessment to the Kenya Food Security Meeting (KFSM)
Somalia	Briefed members of the Somalia government, regional administrations, donors, partners, and other stakeholders on Somalia's Gu 2015 outcome
Somalia	Briefed USAID on quarterly and monthly basis while responding to ad-hoc calls
Somalia	Generated and presented joint Post Gu 2015 Outcome Analysis with Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) to stakeholders
Somalia	Presented and disseminated the Somalia Food Security Outlook and Updates, Market and Trade bulletins, and Joint Technical/Press release
South Sudan	Briefed USAID/FFP and other partners on current and projected food security conditions
South Sudan	Briefed USAID/FFP on Canal SMART survey progress and challenges; Food Security Outlook and Update; Network Development, and IPC
Sudan	Briefed FFP/USAID Sudan about July food security outlook
Sudan	Briefed the food security and livelihood (FSL) cluster about preliminary findings of the mid-season assessment
Sudan	Briefed the food security and livelihood cluster about July food security outlook
Sudan	Briefed the FSL advisory group about the harvest prospect of 2015/16 agricultural season in Sudan
Sudan	Briefed the FSL coordinator about the likely scenarios of food security in year 2016
Tanzania	Disseminated remote monitoring report and price watch to MUCHALI (key stakeholders cluster partners)
Uganda	Distributed and managed feedback of the Food Security Outlook reports, Outlook Update, and Price Bulletins
Uganda	Presented results of the July-December Food Security analysis to the USAID Mission at the American Embassy
Malawi	Provided briefings to USAID and key partners on food security conditions, outlook and issues
Mozambique	Briefed USAID Disaster Relief Officers on FEWS NET FS monitoring and outputs; provided overview of prevailing food security situation
Mozambique	Presented the July- December Outlook Report Highlights to Humanitarian Country team (HTC)
Zambia	Disseminated market assessment trip report to USAID and partners

Office	Activity
Zambia	Disseminated monthly reports (FSO/U) to USAID, key partners and relevant organizations
Zambia	Provided 3 briefings to USAID (Food Security Specialist) on food security/market updates
Zimbabwe	Briefed the USAID Food For Peace on the food security situation
Zimbabwe	Provided input to the Home Office FAOB briefings
Guatemala	Briefed FS partners, and supported others to provide information and briefings
Guatemala	Collaborated in the elaboration of the Food Security Outlook video
Guatemala	Participated in the Monitoring Committee for the governmental drought response
Guatemala	Provided technical input for the communications products on lessons learned in the network development
Guatemala	Published and disseminated national FEWS NET products
Haiti	Briefed USAID mission on food security evolution in the country
Afghanistan	Briefed Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) on Agro climatic Situation
Afghanistan	Briefed USAID and partners on current products, discussed information gaps, and reviewed opportunities for network development

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.

Important activities carried out during this quarter include:

- Completing the third round of livelihoods baseline in Malawi,
- Finalizing the IOM monetization evaluation brief requested by USAID, and
- Finalizing the updated livelihoods zone map for Somalia, in collaboration with the FSNAU.

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	Collected historical agricultural production data and prepare for management by data warehouse
All Offices	Continued with the reviewing process of the price data sets to be uploaded in the FDW-price
All Offices	Updated food security databases including price, nutrition, and CPI
West Africa Regional	Conducted a general supervision of field activities for the Niger NCA Second Round data collection
East Africa Regional	Completed the fieldwork of the knowledgebase Study in Tanzania and writing the report
East Africa Regional	Established and updated the nutrition database for East Africa
East Africa Regional	Prepared brief outcome analysis training materials
East Africa Regional	Reviewed documents for revising seasonal calendar and impacts of Ebola on HH livelihood in Ebola affected countries
Southern Africa Regional	Initiated the writing of the first baseline profiles
Southern Africa Regional	Supported third round baseline activity data collection in Malawi
HO Livelihoods	Finalized and posted Mali Livelihood Zone Descriptions in English and French
HO Livelihoods	Finalized and posted Rwanda Livelihood Zone Description Revision in English
HO Livelihoods	Finalized sensitivity analysis report
HO Livelihoods	Reviewed and finalized Haiti Livelihood Profiles in English

Office	Activity
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 Zambia market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Developed and presented new Markets and Trade monitoring reporting strategy to SMT and USAID
HO Markets and Trade	Finalized Somalia IOM monetization evaluation brief for USAID
HO Markets and Trade	Supported background research, network workshop, and creation of Burkina Faso market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Supported background research, network workshop, and creation of Tanzania market context report
HO Markets and Trade	Supported background research, network workshop, and creation of Uganda market context report
Mali	Conducted workshop elaboration database of the food security system in Mali data base
Mali	Contributed to carry out Livelihood urban profile
Mali	Supported the Supervision of the National Survey
Mali	Trained supervisors and investigators for national survey on food and nutritional security
Mauritania	Prepared for the agroclimatology training foreseen in October
Niger	Contributed in meeting, tools elaboration and all exchanges on second round of nutritional causal analysis
Niger	Participated in supervision of data collection for second round of nutritional causal analysis
Kenya	Provided technical input to KFSSG's planned livelihood review/update exercise
Somalia	Participated the finalization of the Somalia Livelihood Zones mapping with FSNAU, HEA FEG group and FEWS NET RO
Malawi	Participated in livelihoods Data collection for 12 livelihoods zones for Phase 2 and 3
Malawi	Provided financial and technical support and led in the Malawi Baseline Assessments and Data Analysis - Phases 2 and 3
Malawi	Reviewed and provided input into the Baseline spread Sheet, Profiles and LIAS
Zambia	Updated Zambia XBT data (data from ACTESA)
Guatemala	Analyzed the National Living Conditions Surveys for data on coffee labor and small production
Guatemala	Supported the update of the Technical Regional Archive

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

During the reporting quarter, the project provided foundational training to new staff, held in Harare, Zimbabwe. This is an important part of the FEWS NET overall training strategy. Various sector advisors continued to finalize important guidance documents including the herd dynamic guidance and the price projection analysis guide. The training advisor, the communications advisor, and the IT manager began working on the concept of an online FEWS NET learning center and started the development of the first e-Learning module for communications. 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	Co-led the regional livelihood zoning work - livelihood zoning and brief descriptions
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the discussion of FEWS NET future livelihood direction - HEA Dashboard and other livelihood methods
East Africa Regional	Participated in the revision of materials for IPC, SST and livelihood orientation training
Southern Africa Regional	Initiated the idea of developing the regional market assessment cluster and guidelines
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in developing terms of reference for the drafting of the 2017 strategic framework for RVAC work
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the development and review of the regional guidelines on urban assessments
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the review of the guidance framework for mainstreaming nutrition, gender and HIV
Southern Africa Regional	Updated regional database on production figures and trade data to inform Local and Regional Purchase of food
HO Livelihoods	Finalized Herd Dynamics Guidance
HO Markets and Trade	Finalized full price projections training package and translate into French and Spanish

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. The Decision Support Advisor continued to lead FEWS NET's participation in the IPC Technical Working Group and participated in several tele-conferences to prepare for the upcoming harmonization workshops to address common issues across the IPC Acute, Chronic, and Nutrition scales.

In the field, FEWS NET staff continued to participate in various IPC and Cadre Harmonisé (CH) activities. Table 9 shows the details of these activities.

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

Office	Activity
HO Decision Support	Participated in IPC analysis in the DRC
HO Decision Support	Participated in IPC analysis in Afghanistan
West Africa Regional	Participated in the CH Technical committee training on the CH indicators in Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso
West Africa Regional	Provided CH and food security training to national partners in Liberia and Sierra Leone on, jointly with CILSS and regional partners
West Africa Regional	Provided jointly with CILSS and regional partners a Cadre Harmonisé Training for representatives of 17 countries in West Africa
East Africa Regional	Provided technical support to the IPC for classification of Acute Malnutrition in Somalia
LAC	Attended a virtual meeting related to the results on Chronic scale for El Salvador
LAC	Meeting with IPC Regional office in El Salvador
HO Nutrition	Conducted literature reviews on 1) methods to estimate energy intake; 2) effects of caloric deficits on nutrition and mortality
Mauritania	Discussed with WFP the necessity of using a common scale for food security assessment and the IPC
Niger	Participated in the meeting of trainers of assessment surveys of economic, social and demographic indicators
Niger	Participated in workshop on update of multi-hazard contingency planning
Kenya	Collected data needed to undertake Chronic IPC analysis
Kenya	Participated in the National Acute IPC analysis workshop
Somalia	Participated in the IPC analysis following the post-Gu assessment
South Sudan	Participated in national IPC analysis, vetting process and preparation of key messages
South Sudan	Presented to IPC analysts and facilitated the discussion on Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum 41 rainfall forecasts
Sudan	Supported IPC level II training for state level IPC working groups North Kordofan and White Nile States
Mozambique	Continued the participation in the annual food security assessment, analysis and validation of the IPC exercise
Yemen	Attended IPC Core Group Meeting assessing information available for the next IPC Workshop
Haiti	Actively participated in a re-analysis of chronic IPC
Haiti	Attended a chronic IPC training
Haiti	Participated in chronic IPC planning related to analysis and data entry on ISS
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC level 1 analysis worksheets
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC level 1 Training
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC steering committee meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in IPC technical working group meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in monthly IPC technical working group meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in revision of IPC analysis worksheets

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
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
HO Nutrition	Participated in USAID/FANTA meeting on anthropometric survey methodologies
Mauritania	Transmitted all rainfall data from Department of Agriculture the National Meteorology Office to the USGS at the end of every dekad
Nigeria	Provided field weather condition information to the meteorological team
Sudan	Reviewed Africa Hazard's areas of concern in Sudan
Haiti	Distributed Information received from NOAA to partners
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. The Network Development Advisor (NDA) has been working with regional and national technical managers to finalize network development plans for each country and region. This quarterly report contains a special Network Development section starting on page 8.

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
All Offices	Collaborated with the NDA to develop regional and national Network development strategies
West Africa Regional	Organized and participated in the Network development strategy phone conferences with NDA
West Africa Regional	Participated in meetings with USAID Washington representative in Ouagadougou to assess and strengthen the collaboration with partners
West Africa Regional	Participated in the FSNWG meeting in Dakar
West Africa Regional	Participated in the PREGEC meeting in Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso
West Africa Regional	Participated in the restitution of the national external evaluation of the PREGEC charter in Burkina Faso
East Africa Regional	Provided technical input to the monthly Kenyan Nutrition Information Technical working group meetings
East Africa Regional	Provided technical input to the Regional Nutrition sub-working group meeting
Southern Africa Regional	Attended FNSWG, RIASCO and IPC WG meetings
Southern Africa Regional	Attended the RVAC dissemination meeting
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in 3 SADC Regional Vulnerability and Assessment Committee Planning meetings
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the crucial partners meeting focusing on the revival of the Food Security Early Warning Monitoring System in Madagascar
LAC	Attended regional coffee rust working session
LAC	Attended workshop on the technological platforms of the MIS of Central America and Dominican Republic in Costa Rica
LAC	Conducted two market and trade teleconference with nine Market Information Systems of OIMA and other partners
LAC	Conducted virtual meetings with the Central American Agriculture Council
LAC	Organized the regional M&T coordination teleconference with partners of the network
LAC	Participated in meeting on harmonization of coffee network, organized by PROMECAFE (August 11-12)
LAC	Participated in meeting with the regional USAID Project: PRUMECAN (July 27)
LAC	Participated in teleconference on coffee regional network related to Climate conditions (September 18)

Office	Activity
LAC	Participated in the 2nd Workshop on Early Warning System and tools for coffee in Central America
LAC	Participated in the Climate Outlook forum in Honduras
LAC	Participated in the meeting with the Technical Group of CAC in Costa Rica
Burkina Faso	Participated in FAO meeting to validate the method on assessing national risks profiles
Burkina Faso	Participated in national EWS monthly meeting that assess the country's food security situation
Burkina Faso	participated in network strengthening on market assessment and analysis by Regional Agrhymet center (CRA)
Burkina Faso	Trained national partners on using remote monitoring data for field assessment
Chad	Attended a workshop : Validation of the report on Food Crisis's Prevention and Management
Chad	Attended the meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the United Nations Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel with NGOs
Chad	Attended the Revitalization workshop of information's System on livestock markets
Chad	Attended the workshop : Revival of national monitoring and evaluation system of policies on food and nutrition security strategies
Chad	Attended three CASAGC meetings at the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment
Chad	Attended three meetings of the HEA working Group at the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment
Chad	Attended three monthly Nutrition cluster meetings in UNICEF
Chad	Attended two food security cluster meetings in OCHA
Mali	Participated in meeting of food security cluster
Mali	Participated in meeting of GTP
Mali	Participated in preparatory meetings for the national food security survey (ESAN)
Mali	Participated in Season monitoring meeting
Mali	Participated in training on targeting methodology in Mali
Niger	Participated in food security cluster meeting
Niger	Participated in HEA baselines in selected livelihood zones
Niger	Participated in meeting on sentinel sites
Nigeria	Participated at the HEA meeting led by SCI
Nigeria	Participated in establishing state CH food security analysis cell in Kano state
Nigeria	Participated in establishing state CH food security analysis cell in Sokoto state
Nigeria	Participated in FAO led Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment in Northeastern Nigeria
Nigeria	Participated in FAO led Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment in North-western Nigeria
Nigeria	Participated in National Agricultural Performance Survey for 2015 with partners
Nigeria	Provided data to ACAPS for secondary data analysis led by the INGO forum in Nigeria
Nigeria	Provided technical support to the Food reserve Agency of the Federal ministry of Agriculture
Ethiopia	Provided inputs to deliberations and discussions, to aid in decision-making' in Disaster Risk Management Technical Working Group(DRMWG)
Ethiopia	Provided inputs to deliberations and discussions, to aid in decision-making' in Humanitarian Coordination Committee(HCC)
Ethiopia	Provided inputs to deliberations and discussions, to aid in decision-making' in Multi Agency Nutrition Task Force(MANTF),
Ethiopia	Provided inputs to deliberations and discussions, to aid in decision-making' in the Agricultural Task Force (ATF)
Somalia	Conducted meeting with FEWS NET RO, FSNAU, and the IPC GSU over establishment of an IPC Technical Working Group for Somalia
South Sudan	Participated in Food Security and Livelihood Cluster meeting
South Sudan	Participated in Nutrition Information Working Group and Nutrition Cluster meeting
Sudan	Developed and presented household dietary diversity (HDDS) questionnaire for the upcoming food security survey in Darfur
Sudan	Participated in one mid-season planning meeting
Sudan	Participated in three FSL coordination meetings
Sudan	Participated in two FSL sector advisory group meetings
Sudan	Participated in two nutrition coordination meetings
Tanzania	Participated in MUCHALI cluster meetings
Malawi	Participated in various food and nutrition security network meetings and activities
Malawi	Provide technical support and national focal point backstopping for the Malawi informal cross border trade monitoring activity
Mozambique	Carried out the GeoWRSI training to provincial agriculture technicians
Zambia	Participated in a stakeholder workshop on how to make Zambia a regional food basket through trade organized by Ministry of Agriculture
Zambia	Participated in review of the food trade bulletin prepared by RO MT and ACTESA

Office	Activity
Zambia	Participated in the ZVAC core team meetings to develop implementation modalities for the relief food distribution
Zambia	Supported price data and market analysis for MAL reporting
Zambia	Supported the maize stock monitoring committee through sharing of national and regional market analysis
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Agriculture National Steering Committee on the food security situation in the country
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Food Aid Working Group Meetings (hosted and coordinated by WFP) on the food security situation and outlook
Zimbabwe	Briefed the Markets Linkages Association meeting on food security and markets situation in the country
Zimbabwe	Participated in the "Mapping of Hazards Affecting Rural Livelihoods in Zimbabwe" pre-validation workshop
Guatemala	Provided support to improve the food security analysis of the Food Security Forecast Committee
Guatemala	Provided technical input during the Interinstitutional Support Group for food security
Guatemala	Provided technical input for the discussion and report, during the monthly crop monitoring system meetings
Guatemala	Provided technical input to a virtual forum on the ENSO and its effects on basic grains production
Haiti	Attended CNSA meeting to raise awareness among the humanitarian community about the worsening of food security conditions in Haiti
Haiti	Participated in the monthly nutrition cluster meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) /M&E group meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in Global Strategy on Agriculture and Rural Statistics
Afghanistan	Participated in Introductory USAID Washington meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in Risk Register meeting
Afghanistan	Participated in Women in Nutrition WG of MAIL meeting

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
West Africa Regional	Participated to the Cadre Harmonisé Nutrition Task Force call conference
East Africa Regional	Provided support to FEWS NET's food security network in South Sudan in collaboration with the Chemonics SVP
East Africa Regional	Provided technical support in the IPC for classification of Acute Malnutrition Piloting in Somalia
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the crucial partners meeting focusing on the revival of the Food Security Early Warning Monitoring System in Madagascar
Southern Africa Regional	Provided input for the Food and Nutrition Situation Update generated by the regional FNSWG
Burkina Faso	Participated in national EWS tools and methods review workshop
Kenya	Participated in preparations for the USAID Regional Resilience Learning Workshop, by providing technical inputs into the resilience agenda
Zimbabwe	Attended Nutrition Technical Working Group and National Food and Nutrition Committee meetings
Zimbabwe	Drafted and submitted the Zimbabwe FO Network Development Strategy based on HEA outcomes analysis training to ZIMVAC subnational structures
Zimbabwe	Participated in the Community Based Model for Prevention of Stunting

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. Table 13 shows the IR 3.3 activities during the quarter.

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

Office	Activity
All Offices	Participated in the All FEWS NET Meeting in Istanbul
Haiti	Participated in a Price Data Warehouse training

Office	Activity
West Africa Regional	Participated in the FY2016 work planning retreat in Washington DC
West Africa Regional	Participated in the Regional Training on SMART and SENS (Standardized Expanded Nutrition Survey)
West Africa Regional	Provided training to Market Enumerators and partners in Mauritania on data collection methodology and Market and Price analysis
West Africa Regional	Supported staff recruitment in Ebola affected countries (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone)
East Africa Regional	Conducted orientation training for new FEWS NET Somalia ANTM
East Africa Regional	Conducted scenario development and assumption building training for staff and partners in South Sudan
East Africa Regional	Contributed to the hiring of WA regional livelihood specialist
East Africa Regional	Prepared and provided livelihood orientation and outcome analysis training to partners in Khartoum, Sudan
East Africa Regional	Provided technical guidance to the new Southern Africa regional livelihood specialist
East Africa Regional	Provided training on IPC and Livelihoods for new FEWS NET technical staff in Harare, Zimbabwe
East Africa Regional	Trained Somalia food security staff on IPC classification of Acute Malnutrition, in Hargesia Somalia
Southern Africa Regional	Coordinated the regional level training of new staff
Southern Africa Regional	Participated in the FEWS NET work planning retreat in Washington
LAC	Attended the Work Plan session in Washington
LAC	Conducted training on Agroclimatology for the Meteorological service in El Salvador by the USGS field scientist
LAC	Conducted training on Agroclimatology for the Meteorological service in Honduras by the USGS field scientist
LAC	Conducted training on Agroclimatology for the Meteorological service in Nicaragua by the USGS field scientist
LAC	Conducted training on Agroclimatology for the Meteorological service in Panama by the USGS field scientist
LAC	Participated in the Seminar on Agro meteorological and early warning systems in Panama organized by FAO
HO Livelihoods	Provided technical support to the Livelihoods 1-day partner training in Sudan
HO Markets and Trade	Rolled out price domain of FEWS NET Data warehouse to Haiti
HO Communications	Collaborated with ITC manager on training for RTMs on production of video outlooks
HO Communications	Collaborated with training advisor and ITC manager on eLearning approach and posters for staff development
HO Communications	Prepared and supported orientation of new communications advisor
HO Communications	Revised Communications Orientation training module
Chad	Attended HEA Training at the World Food Programme
Chad	Trained 76 enumerators and supervisors for the 2015 ENSA (Enquetes Nationales sur la Securite Alimentaire) surveys
Mauritania	Conducted data precision and transmission training for FEWS NET data monitors, WFP, CSA, SCF, OXFAM, National statistics office agents
Mauritania	Conducted price analysis and projections training for partners, for capacity strengthening
Niger	Participated in workshop training in framework of economic, social and demographic survey
Niger	Participated in workshop training of trainers in framework of data collection in sentinel sites
Niger	Participated in workshop training on HEA baselines data collection
Niger	Participated in workshop training on second round of nutritional causal analysis
Nigeria	Participated in FAO led Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment Training of Trainers
Nigeria	Participated in FAO led Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment Training of Trainers
Nigeria	Participated in updating state CH cell knowledge in CH process
Nigeria	Participated in WFP Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods Training
Kenya	Trained KFSSG members on interpretation and use of agro-climatic and markets and trade data, in food security analysis
Somalia	Inducted the newly recruited FEWS NET ANTM on country office activities
South Sudan	Conducted Market Information System data collection and analysis training using SMS data collection, and reporting in Rumbek and Aweil
Sudan	Organized five-days scenario development and livelihood analysis training for partners
Tanzania	Participated in the training on tablet use in food security assessment data collection
Zimbabwe	Participated in the new FEWSNET staff training in Harare
Guatemala	Participated and supported the training on GeoWRSI and CHIRPS to climate monitoring-related partners
Afghanistan	Participated FEWS NET Training for all newly hired staff around the world