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**Inter-Cluster Nutrition Working Group**

terms of reference

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**Purpose**

The purpose of the gFSC Inter-Cluster Nutrition Working Group is to provide technical direction to the gFSC on key areas of synergy between the Nutrition Cluster and Food Security Cluster in humanitarian food security responses.

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The purpose of the Working Group is to provide Operational/Coordination/Technical direction/Guidance to the gFSC on key areas of synergy between the Nutrition and Food Security Clusters in humanitarian responses.

The rationale for developing the Working Group is to:

1. Provide a holistic approach to integrating food security and nutrition responses in a humanitarian context.
2. Reinforce the critical linkages between food security and nutrition.
3. Understand complementarities

**Objectives and Activities:**

The objective of the Working Group is to develop Standard Operating Procedures between the gFSC and the GNC through:

1. Identification of present coordination field practices between the Food Security and Nutrition Clusters.
   * + - * Identify synergies and complementarities
         * Identify gaps and limitations
         * Identify Best Practices
2. Field Survey:
   * + - * Develop, analyze, write-up and disseminate findings

**Deliverables:**

Joint Guidance Note with:

* Synergies
* Complementarities
* Gaps
* Lessons learned

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Decisions concerning budget availability and allocation will remain with the Global Food Security Cluster Coordinator according to prevailing resources.

**Method of work:**

The gFSC support team will act as the secretariat for the Working Group and will manage and ensure the communications through:

* Regular email correspondence
* Conduct regular telephone conferences (the initial recommendation is for monthly meetings)
* The first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for the 16 April 2012, in Geneva (the day prior to the gFSC bi-annual meeting in Geneva, 17-18 April 2012).
* The gFSC WG on Assessments will report high;ights to the gFSC partners during the monthly teleconferences and in more detail during the bi-annual meetings of partners).
* Final meeting minutes will be circulated to all gFSC partners as information.