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# CONSULTATIVE TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON THE JOINT APPROACH IN NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

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## Background

To meet programme information needs, WFP and UNICEF and other agencies have more often carried out food and nutrition assessments in parallel. These do not usually inform the causes of undernutrition and food insecurity. These assessments have been insufficiently linked, not cost effective as similar data sets are collected by both, leading to participants' interview fatigue, and not making optimal use of data collected and analysed as inputs to informed decision making to improve nutrition and food security programming. A few joint food security and nutrition assessments were conducted over the last years. These have proven successful in terms of cost effectiveness, frequency of data collection on nutrition and more importantly, in terms of providing a deeper understanding on linking food security and nutrition at household and individual level. However, to date no standard protocols and methodology has been established for these joint assessments. As a result, a variety of indicators, sampling methodologies and data collection tools have been used and have unfortunately not been able to draw from wealth of experience gained from such joint assessments.

In order to strengthen the links and to have a holistic view of food security and nutrition information, in January 2011 WFP East Central and Southern Africa Regional Bureau (RBN)<sup>1</sup> and UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) signed a technical regional nutrition MoU to facilitate the integration of methodologies. Since 2010, the two agencies, alongside other relevant stakeholders (UNHCR, FAO, INGOs, USAID, etc) have worked on the drafting and finalization of a set of Protocols for setting standards and methodologies for a Joint Approach in Nutrition and Food Security Assessments (JANFSA). The design allows harmonization of approaches, cost savings, integrated analysis, joint and improved programmes of both WFP, UNICEF and partners, therefore having greater impact in addressing underlying factors of food insecurity and malnutrition.

Since the finalization of the draft methods and tools for the JANFSA in 2013, the JANFSA methodology was piloted in three case studies (Karamoja 2012; Burundi CFSVA 2014, Djibouti CFSVA 2014; Eritrea CFSVA 2015). Based on the pilots, documentation was done for: i) Protocol for joint food security and nutrition assessments; ii) Technical guidance of the JANFSA, including data collection tools; iii) Lesson learned document from case studies.

Given the separate lessons learnt from different initiatives in east central and southern Africa and the results from the JANFSA pilots, it is necessary to hold a technical consultative workshop on the JANFSA so that proper guidance is provided to WFP, UNICEF and partners involved in such assessments.

## Objectives of the workshop

- Presentation of ongoing joint food security and nutrition surveys
- Presentation of the JANFSA Protocol and Technical Guidance

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<sup>1</sup> The region is currently under two separate regional bureaus: WFP East and Central Africa (OMN) and Southern Africa (OMJ).

- Reviewing and refinement of the Protocol and Guidance methodology, tools, indicators and analytical frameworks
- Plan for the roll-out of JANFSA protocols in the interested countries east, central and southern Africa and definition of support required from regional bureaus.

### Participation (tentative)

The participation to the workshop will cover relevant representatives from UNICEF and WFP headquarters, as well as representatives from regional bureaus and country offices from East/Central Africa region and a few selected offices from Southern Africa region. After consultations between regional bureaus of WFP RBN, WFP RBJ and UNICEF ESARO, the following list of country offices will be invited to participate:

East & Central Africa Region (WFP RBN)	Southern Africa region (WFP RBJ)
- Burundi	- Madagascar
- Djibouti (only WFP)	- Malawi
- Ethiopia	- Zimbabwe
- Kenya	
- Rwanda	
- Somalia	
- South Sudan	
- Uganda	

### Invitees:

- **Country Offices (32):**
  - o 10 UNICEF Nutrition officers from ESAR COs
  - o 7 WFP Nutrition officers from RBN countries
  - o 9 WFP VAM officers from RBN countries
  - o 3 WFP Nutrition officers from RBJ countries (TBC)
  - o 3 WFP VAM officers from RBJ countries (TBC)
  - o 2 WFP Nutrition/VAM Sudan
- **Regional Offices (15):**
  - o 5 Regional WFP VAM/Nutrition officers from RBN
  - o 2 Regional WFP VAM/Nutrition officers from RBJ
  - o 3 Regional WFP VAM/Nutrition officers from RBD
  - o 2 Regional WFP VAM/Nutrition officers from RBC
  - o 1 Regional nutrition officer from RBB (TBC)
  - o 3 UNICEF ESARO representative (1 full time + 2 part time)
  - o 1 UNICEF Dakar (TBC)
- **Headquarters**
  - o 2 WFP officers: VAM, Nutrition (TBC)

### Location and dates

- Safarai Park Hotel, Nairobi, Venue
- Dates, May 9-11, 2016.

## Expected final outputs

- JANFSA Protocols validated
- JANFSA Technical Guidance validated
- Tentative work plan 2016 for the rolling out in interested COs' and Regional Bureaus

## Suggested Outline

The workshop will have a technical footprint and shall be structured into three days.

The **first day**, after an overview of the JANFSA process and lessons learned from the pilots, a technical discussion will take place with representatives of organizations involved on existing combined tools (presentations prepared in advance). This will include in-depth presentation of JANFSA methodology, processes and tools interspersed with plenary discussions.

The **second day** will be devoted to finalization of JANFSA processes overview and by an in-depth review of the technical Guidance and protocol based on thematic working groups (methodology; tools; survey roll out and logistics) will take place in the afternoon.

The **third day** will be devoted to the plenary discussions on the results from the working groups, to the incorporation of the amendments/recommendations in the documents. Finally, some time will be devoted to the discussion on the way forward to roll out JANFSA at country and regional levels .

In the interest of time, the draft products (technical guidance, lessons learned and protocol) will be shared with all relevant participants before the end of February to enhance an informed debate at the workshop.

## Agenda

### Monday 9 May

	Time	Activity	Facilitator
INTRO & lessons learned from joint assessments	08.30-9.00	Registration of participants	
	09.00-09.30	Opening remarks from the WFP – Deputy VAM HQ	John MCharris (TBC)
	09.30-10.00	Setting the stage & Objectives of the workshop	Allison Oman
	10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	10.30-11.30	Experiences on joint approached from East, Central, Southern Africa; Asia	Elliot Vhurumuku, Patrick Codjia, RBD, RBJ, RBB
	11.30-12.00	Introduction to JANFSA: brief history of the project	Eric Kenefick
	12.00-12.30	Lessons learnt from pilots (advantages & constraints)	Patrick Codjia
	12.30-13.00	Plenary discussion	All (facilitated by Patrick)
	13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
JANFSA process (1)	14.00-14.30	JANFSA processes	Elliot Vhurumuku
	14.30-15.30	Plenary + group work	All (facilitated by Elliot)
	15.30 -15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	15.45-16.00	Data collection with Androids/ONA	Christoph Waldmeier
	16.00-16.30	JANFSA sampling methodology	Sergio Regi

	16.00–17.00	Plenary discussion on sampling + group work	All (facilitated by Sergio)
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### Tuesday 10 May

	Time	Activity	Chair/Facilitators
JANFSA process (2)	08.30-08.45	Recap from previous day	
	08.45-09.30	JANFSA Data and indicators	Elliot Vhurumuku/Patrick Codjia
	09.30-10.00	Plenary and country level discussions	All
	10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
JANFSA Data Analysis	10.30-11.30	Data analysis (Food security and Nutrition Causal analysis and linkages)	Patrick Codjia/Elliot Vhurumuku /Jo Jacobsen/Cyprian Ouma/Eric Kenefick
	11.30-13.30	Plenary and work group	All
	13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Working Groups (1)	14.00-15.30	Working groups sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JANFSA methodology</li> <li>- JANFSA tools and indicators</li> <li>- JANFSA survey logistics</li> </ul>	Group works supported by facilitators
	15.30 -16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	16.00–17.00	Working groups sessions (cont'd)	Group works supported by facilitators

### Wednesday 11 May

	Time	Activity	Chair/Facilitators
Working Groups (1)	08.30-08.45	Recap from previous day	
	08.45-10.00	Presentation of results, recommendations, amendments proposed (core and optional)	All
	10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
Working groups (2)	10.30-12.00	Working groups sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JANFSA joint programme response</li> <li>- JANFSA use in FS&amp;N monitoring</li> </ul>	WGs focal points
	12.00-13.00	Presentation of results, recommendations, amendments proposed & plenary	All
	13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Working	14.00-15.30	Brainstorming on roll-out plans at country level from interested countries	All
Closure	15.30-16.30	JANFSA: way forward	Elliot Vhurumuku- Allison Oman-Patrick Codjia
	16.30-17.00	Wrap up and closing remarks from UNICEF RD	Leila Pakkala