

FEWS NET

The Famine Early Warning Systems Network Team (FEWS NET) provides decision support to ensure timely, efficient, and appropriate assistance by analyzing, forecasting, and providing early warning of food insecurity. FEWS NET's integrated food security analysis involves synthesis of data and information on livelihoods, agroclimatology, markets and trade, health, nutrition, and conflict. The Team coordinates the technical efforts of multiple partners (U.S. private sector, USG science agencies, and Universities) who work together to implement this 35-year-old activity. In collaboration with BHA colleagues, implementing partners, and key stakeholders at the global, regional, and national levels, the Team ensures the harmonization of food security data, information, efforts, and messaging to motivate action. As a Global Partner to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) system, FEWS NET produces independent "IPC compatible" analyses while also participating in national IPC Technical Working Group processes and strengthening the technical capacity of global, regional, and national actors working in food security.

DDAIM

The Disaster Data, Assessments, and Information Management (DDAIM) Team facilitates a coordinated, evidence based humanitarian response by supporting both internally and externally. Internally, DDAIM provides decision support services to BHA. This includes advising on data and analytics, building dashboards and other decision support tools and conducting analysis with a focus on the humanitarian needs, operational context, and situational awareness. Externally, DDAIM advises on and oversees BHA programming in the Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments sector that strengthens the humanitarian data ecosystem. This encompasses programming related to analytics, assessment, technology, and information management for improved humanitarian coordination and informed, evidence based, decision making. Throughout its work, DDAIM promotes and facilitates digital transformation in both the humanitarian community and at BHA. The DDAIM Team provides technical advising on the use of technology in humanitarian response, particularly regarding the creation, management and use of information and data to support humanitarian coordination and decision making.

WASH

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Team is responsible for technical leadership of humanitarian WASH programming efforts focused on improving public health within vulnerable populations. This includes addressing drinking water supplies and excreta disposal, with the associated design, implementation, management, operation and maintenance of community and household infrastructure, and enabling WASH-related healthy hygiene behaviors. Additional areas of focus comprise solid waste management, vector control, and environmental hygiene as well as broader WASH interventions including governance, and market based interventions. The Team champions integrated WASH, Health, and Nutrition interventions which interrupt disease transmission or support treatment of illness and malnutrition. The Team collaborates on cross-cutting themes, such as Water Security, and activities in other sectors which incorporate WASH focus areas.

Nutrition

The Nutrition Team leads BHA technical efforts to address malnutrition through multi-sectoral programming (both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches), management of acute malnutrition, maternal, infant and young child nutrition, which includes micronutrient deficiency

prevention and control in humanitarian response, early recovery, and resilience settings. To ensure that the health related determinants of malnutrition are adequately incorporated in multi-sectoral nutrition programming, the Team maintains expertise in maternal and child health and works hand-in-hand with the BHA Health Team. The Team also includes expertise on food assistance, and contributes to the design and review of appropriate ration size and composition for target populations to ensure optimal nutrition. In addition, Food Science and Technology technical advisors contribute to the team goals with expertise in the formulation, production, packaging, safety, and quality assurance of specialized nutritious foods and other food commodities.

INWRM

The Infrastructure and Natural & Water Resources Management (INWRM) Team takes an interdisciplinary approach to addressing key issues both within and beyond the team. With a commitment to climate change adaptation, INWRM focuses on (1) the planning, implementation, operation and maintenance (O&M), and sustainability for physical infrastructure related to on- and off-farm livelihoods; (2) conservation of land, soil, water, biodiversity, and related factors; and (3) water management for equitable productive and sustainable human use. INWRM advisors regularly collaborate with other TPQ teams including NHDRR, WASH, Shelter and Settlements, and Agriculture on technical issues as well as with the Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) on environmental compliance. The Team engages across the Agency on climate change adaptation efforts, construction policy issues, the Environment and Natural Resources Management (ENRM) framework, and the OneHealth initiative.

SPADe

The Strategic Planning and Activity Design (SPADe) Team works to improve the quality of BHA programs by supporting strategic planning and activity design processes for multi-year awards. The Team supports BHA, USAID, and implementing partners with making critical decisions related to geographic targeting, participant/beneficiary selection, goals, objectives, and programmatic principles through a range of analyses, studies, fieldwork, consultative processes, and engagements that are relevant to the context and needs of the design teams. The Team serves to align and evolve BHA strategic approaches, activity design, and programming with key Agency and Inter-Agency priorities and strategic processes including Mission CDCS', USAID's Resilience Policy, and the USG's Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS). This engagement seeks to ensure that BHA investments will layer, sequence, and integrate future programming with other USAID and USG platforms, policies, and investments in order to maximize efficiencies and programmatic outcomes for beneficiaries.

M&E

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Team leads the BHA's efforts to systematically monitor activity performance and effectively evaluate the full spectrum of the Bureau's programming. The Team provides BHA staff and partners with the policy, guidance, tools, technical assistance, and capacity to ensure BHA's strategies and programs are effective, efficient, relevant, accountable, and impactful. The Team serves as the Bureau's experts on all aspects of monitoring and evaluation in BHA programming from humanitarian response to transition into longer-term resilience programming.

Applied Learning

The Applied Learning Team (ALT) works to improve BHA program quality, decision-making, and strategic leadership by ensuring that technical evidence and learning is captured, shared, and applied by both BHA staff and partners throughout the program cycle. The Team brings expertise in collaborating, learning, and adapting (CLA), and the roll-out and mainstreaming of emergent strategic approaches. ALT's work includes supporting the development of learning agendas; capturing, sharing, and facilitating the uptake of emerging evidence and lessons learned across country contexts; supporting adaptive management and process improvement efforts; and strengthening capacity around key strategic approaches relevant to the Team's scope. ALT also engages with USAID counterparts to ensure that BHA programmatic approaches, evidence, and learning questions are reflected in Agency-level strategies, policies, and learning agendas. ALT provides direct technical assistance, and designs and manages support mechanisms that enable internal and external knowledge sharing, collaborative learning, and capacity strengthening.

Protection

The Protection Team leads BHA's efforts on : child protection; GBV prevention and response; PSS; protection of civilians; education in emergencies; HLP; mine action; trafficking in emergencies; and coordination on atrocity prevention. The Team provides BHA staff and partners with the guidance, tools, and technical leadership and assistance to ensure BHA's humanitarian protection programs, policies, and strategies are relevant, high-quality, effective, and reflective of humanitarian protection best practices. The Team proactively engages with global protection coordination bodies to ensure the development of interagency tools and guidance which are responsive to emerging protection needs at the field level. The Team serves as the Bureau's in-house experts on all aspects of child protection, gender-based violence prevention and response, psychosocial support, and protection of civilians for all of BHA programming.

GASI

The Gender, Age, and Social Inclusion (GASI) Team leads the BHA's efforts to provide technical leadership, guidance, policy development, and coordination to promote gender equality and women's empowerment, and integrate gender, age, diversity, and social inclusion in BHA programming. GASI works to institutionalize approaches that address the underlying inequalities that render groups more vulnerable in times of crisis; elevate diverse groups in participatory decision-making; and strengthen the empowerment of marginalized groups. The Team engages across BHA's programming mandate - in emergency, early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience contexts - to elevate and integrate the diverse needs, priorities, and capacities of women and girls, and men and boys. This includes the promotion of gender, age, and disability-responsive programming, and Positive Youth Development (PYD) approaches. By providing technical leadership and assistance, on gender, age, disability, and other social inclusion issues, the team helps ensure that BHA strategies, policies, and programs are evidence-based, high-quality, effective, reflective of best practices, and aligned with broader Agency initiatives.

SAP

The Safe and Accountable Programming (SAP) Team, located within PCC, leads the Bureau's work to ensure that beneficiary safety, accessibility, and accountability are central to every BHA strategy, policy, and program. The Team focuses on all aspects of humanitarian protection work that are cross-cutting in nature: the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, accountability to affected populations, humanitarian protection mainstreaming and safe programming; and ensuring that issues of gender, age,

disability, and diversity are included in all aspects of BHA humanitarian responses. The Safe and Accountable Programming Team focuses on beneficiary safety, with expertise in the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. The Team leads the Bureau's efforts in its comprehensive approach to accountability to affected populations. It also ensures that protection mainstreaming remains central to BHA's responses. The Team is responsible for ensuring inclusive programming in BHA's responses. Furthermore, it provides BHA staff and partners with guidance, tools, and direct technical leadership and assistance to ensure that the safety and protection of beneficiaries is foundational to every BHA response.