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- Afghanistan** - Market Price Bulletin, August 2011
Bangladesh - Rapid Food Security Assessment at Satkhira in the Context of Recent Flood and Water Logging, August 2011
Benin - Système d'information sur les marchés, 2011
Bolivia - Reporte de Monitoreo de la Seguridad Alimentaria, Mayo - Agosto 2011
Cambodia - Food Price and Wage Bulletin: No. 30, August 2011
Central Asia - A Regional View of Wheat Markets and Food Security with a Focus on Afghanistan and Tajikistan, July 2011
Cote d'Ivoire - Note mensuelle sur l'évolution des prix, July 2011
Djibouti - Urban In-Depth Emergency Food Security Assessment, July 2011
East Africa - Crossborder Trade Bulletin: No. 2, July 2011
Egypt - Secondary Data Analysis of the Food Security Situation, May 2011
Ethiopia - Monthly Market Watch, August 2011
The Gambia - Urban Market Assessment: A Feasibility Study on Cash and Vouchers, September 2011
The Gambia - Daa Nyeeno: Food Security and Market Information Bulletin, August 2011
Ghana - Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring System, June 2011
Indonesia - Monthly Price and Food Security Update for August 2011
Kenya - 2011 Long Rains Season Assessment, August 2011
Lao People's Democratic Republic - Follow-up Emergency Food Security Assessment, June 2011
Lesotho - Food Security Monitoring System Quarterly Bulletin: 2nd Quarter, June 2011
Liberia - Market Price Monitor: No. 18, July 2011
Libya - Rapid Markets Assessment: Eastern Libya, August 2011
Libya - Emergency Food Security Assessment: Eastern Libya, June 2011
Libya - Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis: Report on the Wheat Flour and Tomato Market Systems, June 2011
Mauritania - Système d'Information des Marchés: Bulletin No. 3, Juin 2011
Nepal - Food Security Bulletin: No. 32, August 2011
Nepal - Market Watch: No. 32, August 2011
Niger - Albichir: Analyse approfondie des marchés et de la sécurité alimentaire: No. 22, Août 2011
Sierra Leone - The State of Food Security and Nutrition, 2011
Southern Africa - Informal Cross Border Food Trade, 2011
South Sudan - Food Security Monitoring System: Round 4, June 2011
Sudan - Livelihoods Zoning "Plus" Activity, August 2011
Sudan - North, South & West State: Food Security Monitoring System: Round 10, May 2011
Tajikistan - Food Security Monitoring System: No. 10, August 2011
Tajikistan - Market Price Bulletin, August 2011
Tanzania - Community and Household Surveillance in North Western Tanzania: Programme Outcome Monitoring in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, June 2011
Tunisia - Rapid Food Security Assessment: Libyan Refugees in Tunisia, June 2011

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2. FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

a. Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA)

The CFSVA for **Kenya** (urban), **Madagascar**, **Senegal**, **Moldova**, **Cameroon**, **South Sudan** are under finalization

Collaboration with the World Bank on the Living Standard Measurement Surveys for the preparation of national thematic reports on food security and nutrition is ongoing in **Nepal**, **Malawi**, **Nigeria** and **Tanzania** and will start soon in **Uganda** and **Ethiopia**.

Analysis of Household Budget Survey for **Egypt**, that includes a food security module, will start at the end of September.

Preparatory work for a CFSVA is ongoing in **Ghana**, while CFSVAs for **Dominican Republic** and **El Salvador** are ready to be published.

b. Emergency food security assessments

In response to the **North Africa Crisis**, WFP and FAO conducted joint food security assessments in the framework of the co-led Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster.

The Assessment of **Food Security of households living in Nafusa Mountains (Libya)** and Assessment of **Food Security of Tunisian families** hosting Libyan Refugees are under completion.

An EFSA following up on the effects of 2010 crisis is being finalized in **Kyrgyzstan**. It covers changes in the food security situation, compared to August 2010 and February 2011.

Somalia The FSNAU Post-Gu (rainy season) 2011 interagency assessment has been released.

Kenya The multi-agency 2011 long rains season assessment report has been released by the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG). Preliminary results of the nutrition survey for Hagadera are being discussed.

Ethiopia: A mission was sent to Sherkolle to assess the situation of the new Sudanese refugees. WFP will also join government refugee agency ARRA and UNHCR for an assessment mission to Almahal.

Congo Brazzaville: An EFSA will be conducted in Likouala to assess livelihood issues and impact of DRC refugees on local environment and on host population.

Pakistan: A multi-cluster rapid initial flood assessment led by WFP with the support of OCHA and the National and Provincial Disaster Management Agencies was conducted end of September. It assesses the impact of the flood on food security and livelihoods and provides a basis for a coordinated response.

Philippines: A multi-cluster mission is ongoing in the Philippines to strengthen the country team preparedness to the use of the Multi-cluster Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) approach in emergencies.

c. Monitoring food security and prices

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Somalia A Market analysis mission was fielded in September to help the WFP Country Office to identify the best market-based interventions to improve food supply and access in famine-affected areas of Southern Somalia. The mission involved consultations with traders, government, donors and partners.

In mid-August 2011, VAM conducted a rapid **market assessment in Benghazi** (Libya) to monitor, re-assess and verify critical issues identified in the Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) mission to eastern Libya in June. The mission found that while markets in eastern Libya are functioning well, liquidity constraints posed some risk to household food access. Unfreezing of national assets abroad was expected to ameliorate these risks and rejuvenate national import capacity.

Action-oriented food security and programme outcome monitoring Joint VAM/M&E missions to Zimbabwe and Mozambique took place in August to undertake a strategic review of the Community and Household Surveillance (CHS) in terms of relevance and use of information for food security and programme decision-making, new information requirements related to cash & voucher, sampling strategies, cost-efficiency, sustainability and partnerships.

Capacity-development in FSMS WFP is supporting the Government of Azerbaijan in designing a Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS). A consultation with high government officials took place end of September around market analysis, database management and reporting tools.

The **first Food Security and Market Information Bulletin for Gambia** is now available. It provides a quarterly update on agricultural production, weather forecasts, food trade and price trends and household vulnerability.

Pilot-testing of mobile phones and SMS technology for real-time food security and market monitoring will be conducted in Senegal and **Guinea Bissau** in October.

A mission will be fielded to **Syria** in October to strengthen food security and market monitoring in the context of the unfolding political and economic crisis.

Global Update The fifth issue of the biannual bulletin for the period January to August 2011 will be released in October. The bulletin provides updates on the overall food security trends of 44 countries, based on rainfall and production, prices and purchasing power, food consumption and coping strategies.

Market Monitor The issue 13 covering 3rd quarter 2011 will be released early October. This bulletin is based on the standard price data regularly collated by WFP Country Offices.

d. Joint assessments

Joint Assessment Missions (JAM)

JAMs are taking place in **Sudan, Togo** and **Algeria**. The **Rwanda** JAM report is under finalization.

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Djibouti A joint UNHCR/WFP nutrition and food security survey will be carried out in Ali Addeh refugee camp during October 2011

Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions (CFSAM)

A **FAO/WFP CFSAM** will be conducted in October 2011 in **DPR Korea** to assess overall food and economic situation in 2011, forecast food supply and demand at national level, assess household food security and vulnerability, and estimate the food assistance requirement in 2011/12.

A CFSAM is under finalization in **Burundi**.

Other joint assessments

Haiti The preliminary results of the **National Food Security Assessment** led by the Coordination Nationale de la Sécurité Alimentaire (CNSA) with the joint support of WFP, FAO, Tulane University, Université d'État Haitien and FewsNet are being finalised.

Between July and August, FAO and WFP conducted food security assessment to assess the impact of the drought in **Tajikistan**, in collaboration with the Government. The mission estimated the main (first) season cereal, pulse, and potato production, forecasted the production of second season crops, analyzed the prevalence and main factors of food insecurity and identified the needs and the priority areas for intervention in 2011/12.

3. RESPONSE ANALYSIS

Bolivia A response analysis consultation is planned in October to support the development of the Country Strategy. The consultation will be based on a secondary review of recent food security information, including the findings of the Bolivia Country Programme's mid term evaluation and newly introduced laws and policies affecting food security and food sovereignty

4. CAPACITY BUILDING

An **evaluation of WFP's Enhancing Capacities for Food Security and Response Analysis** (ENCAP) project (Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2010) has been finalized by ODXF. This document summarizes information on capacity development activities and their links to programming from 18 training evaluation reports, feedback received from VAM officers, and a desk review of findings on VAM capacities from over 20 recent WFP or interagency evaluations

A **procurement and market analysis training** was held in Dubai from September 19-23 with USAID funding. This is a joint P4P, VAM and Procurement initiative to improve market analysis skills of WFP staff, and builds on the training materials developed under ENCAP with ECHO support.

5. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

Shock impact modelling system (SIMS) A special case study on the gender dimensions of shocks will be presented in mid-October. This case study will include **Pakistan, Bangladesh** and **Tajikistan**. The SIMS has been recently extended to Tajikistan. The model is currently used to

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assess impact of the recent floods in **Pakistan**.

6. FOOD SECURITY RESEARCH

A **validation study of the Food Consumption Score** and other relevant food security indicators is ongoing in several countries in Latin America. Data collection is scheduled to take place in October. The study aims to validate the standard food consumption score and thresholds to better reflect the poor dietary diversity and the nutritional situation of vulnerable and food insecure households. It will also consider intra-household food consumption patterns and differences in dietary diversity amongst households.

7. STAFF NEWS

Wanja Kaaria, head of the HQ FSMS team was reassigned to WFP Senegal. In the interim, **Claudia Ah Poe** will be heading the team.

Cédric Charpentier has started his new assignment as regional VAM officer in West Africa.

Diego Fernandez is the new VAM officer for Kenya.

Eric Kenefick and **Mark Gordon** have taken up new positions as Head of Programme in Sudan and Tanzania respectively.

Christina Hobbs and **Inci Aydin** have recently joined the CFSVA and FSMS teams, respectively.

Blake Audsley is leaving WFP to take up a new field assignment with USAID.

Professor **Diego Rose** from Tulane University will spend a sabbatical year with ODXF, starting in October. His work will focus on establishment of a standard WFP approach to assess food security and entail the review and development of different food security indicators.

8. OTHER

The **joint FAO/WFP strategy for Information System for Food and Nutrition Security (ISFNS)** will be presented in November during FAO's Programme Committee and WFP's Executive Board.

The first meeting of the **ISFNS Steering Committee** will be held on 4 October in Rome.

The Consultative Conference for the **Food Security Information Network (FSIN)** was held early September in Nairobi, with participation of FAO, WFP, IFPRI, governments and donors. Participants reviewed the design of FSIN and its ability to respond to different stakeholders' food security information needs and agreed on the development of a work plan around the FSIN main components: capacity development, standard, methods and tools and advocacy.

The **International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods: Methodological Challenges for Measuring the Achievement of International Policies** will be hosted by FAO in May 2012. ODXF is part of the Steering Committee of the event.

A call for abstracts was issued with deadline for submission 30 November 2011. More information at: : www.icdam8.org