**Gender and Food Security Interventions**

Rationale for shift from life-saving food assistance to other modalities

* Need to revisit types and levels of assistance after 3 years of life-saving food assistance in Rakhine and 4 years in Kachin
* Need to minimize long-term dependency on food assistance
* Need to identify appropriate humanitarian interventions in a transitional period so that IDPs can return to more normal life/self-sufficiency
* FSS partners and others have seen food being resold in the market, so either there is an excess of food and/or a need for other types of assistance
* where people have access to market and/or livelihoods, food assistance is not the most adequate type of support
* Potential shift from food to cash (unconditional cash transfers/cash grants)
* The Government should take the lead, as they have with returns/relocations, in close consultation with FSS partners, respecting the principle of transparency in communication, and addressing gender and protection issues
* Need to monitor interventions

GROUP WORK

1. How would the shift from food assistance to cash transfers impact/affect these groups? Consider their social roles in the family and community, their possible reactions and concerns, and any risks they may face if food assistance moves to cash transfers.

* Women
* Men
* Elderly women
* Elderly men
* Adolescent girls
* Adolescent boys
* Girls
* Boys

1. What practical recommendations can we share with Food Security partners on how to design and implement a food assistance and/or cash transfer programmes that is gender-sensitive at different phases of the programme cycle?

**Assessment**

* What mechanisms will you put in place to collect the information you need, and ensure you consider the needs and views everyone affected?

**Registration and targeting**

* What mechanisms will you put in place to ensure that the most vulnerable households are registered? How will you decide which households will be prioritized for emergency food assistance and NFI distribution? How will you decided which households will be prioritized for cash transfer programmes?

**Adapting services and access**

* What mechanisms will you put in place to ensure that the services provided meet the needs of girls, boys, adolescent girls, adolescent boys, women, and men, including people with special needs (ex. elderly, people with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, etc.) and are accessible to all?

**Participation**

* What mechanisms will you put in place to ensure the meaningful participation of girls, boys, adolescent girls, adolescent boys, women, and men, including people with special needs (ex. elderly, people with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, etc.)?

**Monitoring, evaluation and accountability with the affected population**

* How are you going to collect the necessary information and report the data for your report concerns the above-mentioned points?