

## **Terms of Reference for ES/NFI Cluster Provincial Focal Point**

To enhance the effectiveness and timely delivery of the ES/NFI cluster response at the operational level, the regional coordination mechanism was established through the creation of a Regional Focal Point and Co-chair in seven regions. UNHCR leads the regional coordination for six regions (North/Northeast, Central, Central Highlands, West, South, East) and IOM for one Region (Southeast). IOM is providing the Co-Chair support in all six regions while IRC in the Southeast of Afghanistan. This coordination mechanism is very active in East, West, Central, North/Northeast, Central Highlands while the mechanism needs to be improved in the Southeast and Southern Regions.

OCHA leads the overall inter-cluster coordination mechanism in the Regions through the Humanitarian Response Team (HRT) at the Regional Levels and the Operational Coordination Team (OCT) at the Provincial levels for mainly returnees and conflicted related response while the Government (ANDMA) leads the Provincial Disaster Management Committee (PDMC) related to natural disaster response at the Provincial levels.

The regional coordination mechanism of the ES/NFI Cluster is centralized depending on the location of the Regional Focal Points. This excludes partners who are not based at the same location of the Regional Focal Point. Furthermore, given capacity challenges, the Regional Focal Points are unable to represent the Cluster in all HRT, PDMC and OCT forums as well as limitations to effectively coordinate response at the Provincial level.

To improve ES/NFI Cluster coordination and response, and ensure representation of the Cluster at all levels and at the various coordination forums, the cluster agreed to identify Provincial Focal Points to support the regional coordination mechanism. In consultation with the Regional Focal Point and Co-chair, the Provincial Focal Point or Alternate will:

- Represent the Cluster at the various coordination forums in the Province
- Inform OCHA and if requested, the Government about ES/NFI assessment and response capacities in the Province
- Represent the Cluster on inter-agencies/clusters assessments lead by OCHA and if necessary, organize and conduct ES/NFI Cluster specific needs assessments in coordination with the ES/NFI Cluster partners for timely response to identified gaps
- Share information with the Regional Focal Point about assessments, response and gaps in the Province
- Contribute to reports on partners mapping, services and gap analysis related to the Province
- Share information from the regional level with all partners in the Province
- If necessary, organize and chair ES/NFI Provincial coordination meetings