Strategy Development for a Food Response

Activity: DIGNITY FIRST

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**Your preferred option:** **Cash-based assistance for the purchase of food**

In this programme you would provide money for food – each household would receive money on a monthly basis. The amount of cash for each distribution will be calculated using “the minimum cost of a healthy diet” assessment tool necessary to meet the needs for an average family size at current prices. In this programme every household is treated equally. You have direct experience in this type of programme elsewhere in the country and your internal evaluations have shown that you achieved lower costs due to reduced logistics, and good results for the community in similar situations.

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Activity: FOOD NOW

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**Your preferred option:** **General food distribution**

You propose to provide food for the refugees with each household receiving dry food rations on a bi-weekly basis as you have done in many other emergency responses in this country. Each person will receive the amount necessary to meet their nutritional needs. In this programme everyone is treated equally. The food is not sourced at the nearby market and therefore it does not put any strain on the host community’s food supply or prices. This programme is expensive, as the logistics for delivery to this area are difficult. But your logistical team is excellent, and the guarantee of food regardless of local production capacity makes it worth the extra cost to save lives.

Strategy Development for a Food Response Activity: FOOD FOR TOMORROW

**Instructions:** *Read the scenario below and the response option being proposed by your NGO –* ***Food for Tomorrow****. Discuss the scenario within your group and collectively consider the advantages and disadvantages of your NGO’s proposal. Use your flip chart to list the advantages for and against using your programme option and prepare to present your “case” to the other NGOs to develop a coordinated response plan.*

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**Your preferred option:** **Targeted supplementary feeding for vulnerable groups and seed and tools distribution for the entire group**You have sufficient budget to allow your programme to provide blanket supplemental food for infants, children, and breastfeeding women as well as households with chronically ill members such as people living with HIV and tuberculosis. You can also provide seeds and tools for planting, growing, and harvesting two cycles of the staple food crop.