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Minutes from the WASH meeting for drought response in Mudug

Where: The Rahmo Meeting Hall, Galkayo
When: February 24th 2008
Participants: Se enclosed list, including contact information.

Agenda:

1. Drought situation: coordination of responses – commitments and cooperation
2. Establishment of a local WASH cluster in Galkayo
3. AOB

OCHA chaired the meeting. The overall aim was to identify overlaps, gaps and agencies to fill them. See the attached matrix for status. It was only focused on the drought response, and not on long term development projects implemented by the same agencies.

Ad 1.

The most drought affected areas are Western part of Jeriban, Northern Hoby, Goldogob and Galkayo districts (especially South Galkayo). In all districts, the following needs have been identified thru several independent assessments:

- Emergency: Water trucking to most affected areas
- Emergency: Repair/maintenance of non- or poor functioning boreholes (top-sites) in a combination with the organization of water committees and training of local community in operations and maintenance.
- Longer term: Repair/maintenance and improvements in water harvesting systems
- Longer term: Construction of new boreholes, water harvesting systems and shallow wells.

Food insecurity is now frequently reported as a growing problem in the same areas. A specific food security analysis should be undertaken in the areas in order to identify emergency needs.

Gaps and overlaps in water/sanitation were discussed district by district. Summary of “who doing what where” is enclosed. The following action points were decided:

Jeriban district:

- Local NGO Rahmo has prepared a HRF application for borehole maintenance/repair and water trucking. Diakonia will engage in partnership with Rahmo and be responsible for the HRF application.
- Rahmo and Diakonia to liaise with UNICEF Bossaso in order to coordinate activities in Jeriban town and Semade.

Goldogob district:

- Local NGO NRO has prepared a HRF application for borehole maintenance/repair and water trucking. Diakonia will engage in partnership with NRO and be responsible for the HRF application.
- Rahmo and Diakonia to liaise with UNICEF to avoid overlaps.

Hobyo district:

- ICRC started water trucking Feb 16th for 75 days.
- SCDO to repair/maintain borehole in Wisil if funding from HRF.
- YME/GSA to re-drill borehole in Ceel Gula village when funded by HRF.

Hobyo and Galkayo districts:

- The second wave: IRC to monitor gaps in water trucking and repair/maintenance of boreholes and fill gaps if necessary – eventually together with partners. Identifying gaps in water trucking to be done in beginning of March.
- IRC has identified 10 strategic boreholes in Galkayo/Hobio. SCDO, SRRDO and IRC to decide about division of labor for maintenance and repair.
- Agencies to liaise with UNICEF Bossaso to avoid overlaps.

Galkayo district:

- ICRC started water trucking on Feb 16th for 75 days for South Galkayo.
- SCDO in consultation with IRC to maintain and repair boreholes and provide training in Hingod, Galinsor, Do'ol and Bitale if funded.
- IRC to construct hand dug wells when fully operational (not specified)

Other:

- The HRF funds are limited, and it will not be possible for HRF to support all applications indicated in this summary. Hence, agencies should try to mobilize own resources to put into the projects.
- Islamic Relief will submit a matrix showing their ongoing and planned projects in Mudug.
- Islamic Relief to submit their own assessments/overviews over water points in Mudug in need of rehab, including Harfo.

Situation in IDP settlements in Galkayo:

- IRC will conduct a WASH baseline study in the settlements as the starting point for own activities, but also to serve as the baseline for other agencies.

- SRRDO and SRDO to meet with IRC in order to sort out potential cooperation for conducting the baseline assessment.

Ad 2:

Establishment of a local WASH cluster in Mudug: Due to increasing activity and new agencies starting WASH projects in Mudug region, the meeting agreed to establish a local WASH cluster to do technical coordination of projects in the region.

- IRC to take the lead as local cluster lead. This has been approved by UNICEF Bossaso who is the cluster lead for WASH in Puntland.
- Meetings in the cluster to be organized when needed

Ad 3 AOB:

- UNHCR to organize a rapid assessment to update the population profile in the Galkayo IDP settlements.
- OCHA to identify agency to conduct a nutrition survey in the Galkayo settlements.
- OCHA in a cooperation with all agencies to monitor the food security situation in the drought affected areas.

Attachment:

- The Drought humanitarian response matrix for Mudug region.

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