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**Summary of IDP Task Force Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2008
Venue: OCHA Conference Room, Nairobi, 10.00 am**

Updates on working groups for Baidoa and Mogadishu & Periphery

- The participants were informed that the Baidoa working group held an interagency meeting in April to discuss, among other issues, how best to move away from general food distribution, the need to balance assistance between IDPs and host communities, and the need to have a 'single' UN strategy. At that working group meeting, UNHCR announced its interest to conduct a participatory assessment (PA) in Baidoa town in June-July 2008. (A participatory assessment is an objective in the CAP.)
- Discussions followed on how to broaden this approach to include all vulnerable communities. UNDP informed that they in partnership with ILO have developed a livelihood project focusing on quick employment opportunities. FAO is also supporting a livelihood project to destitute populations but faces challenges as the assets provided to such groups tend to be taken away. FAO commented that there is an urgent need to undertake better profiling of IDP and host communities. The Idaale caseload was cited as an example of a group needing better profiling and support to return. **Action: UNHCR, UNDP and FAO agreed to meet to discuss how to support this caseload; and UNHCR to circulate concept note on PA to the participants of the meeting.**
- A query was raised as to the relationship between conducting a participatory assessment and linking it with FSAU analysis. It was noted that the PA does not only address a livelihoods component rather it encompasses issues such as security, protection, access, and land issues. **Action: include FSAU in future meetings/discussions.**
- On Afgooye the working group is working on standardizing names of locations, as a result there are now 215 camps as opposed to the originally estimated 120. The WG is also looking at integrating satellite imagery with population estimates, and finding out dynamics of how families live in the settlements. All the information will be applicable to Mogadishu, as well as, areas on the periphery like El Man, Daynile, and others. It is hoped that meetings of the Afgooye taskforce will eventually take place at K50 security permitting.
- IMC raised concerns that they are experiencing problems in shipping medical supplies in Afgooye. They were requested to raise the issue with the UNHAS user group.

Central Region response – Update

- FAO is supporting 3,200 households in Mudug, Hiraan and Galgaduud. In Hiraan FAO is providing seeds and tools to IDPs wishing to stay there and have access to land. In addition they are distributing cash crops and not just staple foods.
- In Mudug and Galgaduud, FAO is supporting livestock activities to 800 people and are creating holding grounds for animals. About 50 fishing boats are being distributed to IDP groups who wish to engage in fishing activities.
- In Beletweyne, they hope to target 6 villages for an estimated 1,988 households for locally purchased sorghum and sesame seeds. They have cash and food crops for trade and are waiting for cow peas and maize for distribution.
- UNDP proposed that there is need to create a balance in assisting IDP and host communities. It was requested that the IDP strategy be reviewed and updated. Different needs and different groups should be captured in the strategy paper.
- It was reported that ICRC will conduct response in food aid from June through to September in Mudug and Galgaduud.
- Rainfall is reported in Mudug.

Situation of IDPs in Kenya / Somali border areas

- Liboi as a transit centre has been closed and no registration is taking place. Refugees in Liboi have been moved to Dadaab. The number of refugees arriving at the Daadab camp has increased from 117,000 to 191,000. An average of 4,000 refugees is streaming into the camp monthly.
- AFREC reported that access by road has improved due to absence of rains in Afmadow and has resulted in an increase of people waiting to cross the border. Approximately 5,000 IDPs are currently in Afmadow. Arrests of asylum seekers proceeding to Garissa is on the increase. There has been an increase in Somali refugee flows to Djibouti, Yemen, and Ethiopia. Discussions on cross-border movements between UNHCR Somalia and Kenya are ongoing. An update will be given at the next meeting.

SGBV & SEA – Update and way forward

- The SGBV (Sexual Gender-Based Violence) TORs for the field and Nairobi have been developed. A matrix for agencies to complete on their GBV activities is ongoing. The SGBV working group is multi-sectoral in Mogadishu, Baidoa and Galkayo. They hope to roll out in Bossaso and Garowe but there is currently a lack of capacity. The aim of the group is information sharing on GBV, helping survivors of GBV by coming up with a referral mechanism based on different agency mandates, harmonizing activities on the ground as well as working with religious leaders and law enforcers. SEA (Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) is chaired by UNESCO and UNDP. Agency focal points, currently fourteen in number, are in the process of training their respective staff. It is hoped that SEA training will begin in the field shortly.
- There is a need to channel GBV activities through GBV working group to avoid duplication

Protection issues in relation to Post Distribution Monitoring Tools

- Meetings with WFP took place to look at how to best move away from general food distribution (GFD) to more targeted distributions. These discussions are on-going.
- Post distribution monitoring tools could also be used as a protection tool. The need to target better and monitor assistance is increasing.
- DRC hired a consultant, to be based in Bossaso to look at how distributions are conducted as well as post monitoring practices in order to come up with more accountable monitoring systems. There is scope for this kind of process to be replicated in other areas. Meanwhile, NRC is also hiring a consultant to develop monitoring tools for their activities.
- It was suggested that the issue of improving PDM tools should be raised at the inter-cluster meeting.
- The shelter cluster has already started discussions on this among the group.

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- Concern was raised on the need for intervention for returnees who need livelihood support in the Jubas. **Action: AFREC was requested to draft a note detailing information on the need for intervention for IDPs in Afmadow.**
- UNDP also noted that this area is part of their livelihood support project.
- IDPs have been reported in Wajid, arriving from their original areas of origin, some 30 km away from Wajid. These families are currently residing in the hospital and are requesting food assistance. There is the potential for conflict amongst the group and host community because the hospital is due for rehabilitation by WHO and UNOPS. The community's concern is that the two agencies will redirect their funds/assistance for rehabilitating the hospital based on their presence. UNICEF will provide family kits and sanitation to the families. There is need to look at permanent services for these IDPs as well as monitor possible return. UNHCR has requested the two agencies not to withdraw funding for the hospital pending a solution for the IDPs. **Action: OCHA to follow-up.**

The next meeting will be communicated in due course.