

Highlights from Afgooye WASH meeting

Venue: Somalia Support Center
May 26, 2008, 14.00

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Introduction of new WASH cluster coordinator
2. Update on activities and future plans
3. Presentation of the monitoring tools developed by OCHA (maps and list of settlements)
4. Links between NBO and Mogadishu and support to the field
5. AOB
6. Next meeting

1. Introduction of new participants

Erik Toft, who will replace Julien Le Sourd as WASH Cluster Coordinator, was introduced. Craig von Hagen, previously SWALIM, introduced himself as now working for IMMAP, an international NGO.

[Within Oxfam Novib, Winifred Mueni Muasya \(Emergency Programme Officer\) will replace Victor de la Torre Sans \(Emergency IDP Response Projects' Coordinator Novib\) moving internally to the position of South Sudan Programme Manager.](#)

2. Updates

NCA

Have plans to drill 1 new borehole, rehabilitate 2 boreholes, and construct 400 latrines.

DRC

Water trucking, latrine construction and hygiene promotion in Afgooye Corridor. DRC is also trucking water in Dayniile and Ceel Man.

Islamic Relief

Will do water trucking until the end of July. Plan to construct 500 latrines.

IMMAP

IMMAP focuses on information management and mapping. IMMAP will do a presentation at the next WASH Sector meeting.

UNICEF

Funding water trucking, latrine construction, hygiene promotion, and rehabilitation of boreholes.

ADRA

Is at present not working in Afgooye, but are planning to do.

Oxfam Novib

[In partnership with CED is providing water in 47 IDP camps long the Afgoye corridor through 49 water kiosks and trucking water to five villages in N Mogadishu until end of June.](#)

Has adopted a concept note prepared with CED for BH rehabilitation in villages in N. Mogadishu, OxN is seeking funds for this operation.
In partnership with SAACID it has produced a field participatory study on exit strategies for water trucking along the Afgoye corridor. It could be shared with the group members.

Oxfam GB

Has finalized a distribution network for 26 sub-settlements.
Work in 43 sub-settlements for latrine construction and hygiene promotion.

3. Monitoring tools

OCHA gave a presentation of new maps developed as well as updated tables on who is doing what where. Actors are encouraged to go through the data and forward updates to OCHA (Cedric). Updated maps are available on the OCHA website.

The tables with services provided are based on a water provision of 15 l/p/d and 5 HH/latrine.

Latrines

The latest data used in the table are from March 2008. From the table it is clear that some areas are underserved, especially new sub-settlements. All actors are encouraged to focus on areas where no latrines are reported to have been constructed yet.

DRC has entered data, and found it overall to be straightforward (so there is no excuse!). It was, however, pointed out that it could be difficult to disaggregate data by donor. OCHA reminded that disaggregation would be preferably, but in case that was not possible, any data would be welcome.

OXFAM raised the issue that some latrines were perhaps not functioning anymore, i.e. filled up, collapsed, etc. In general it was found that there is a need to develop a more comprehensive and effective monitoring system. OCHA proposed that a representative sample of latrines should be monitored for functionality.

A discussion on latrine standards ensued. It was agreed that a sub-group would revise a minimum standard developed last year, and include recommendations for hygiene promotion and operation and maintenance of the latrines. The standards would be endorsed by the WASH Sector and forwarded to all actors, including donors. UNICEF will take the lead on this.

Water supply

No discussion of the tables for reporting on water supply services was undertaken.

4. Links between Nairobi and Mogadishu, and support to the field

Areas of responsibility

DRC requested that the division of areas of responsibilities were enforced asap in respect of Ceelasher.

UNICEF would contact Mogadishu to ascertain status, and encourage that a solution should be found before the next meeting.

A meeting between OXFAM GB, Novib, and other actors involved in water supply in Ceelasher was agreed to be held on Tuesday, May 27.

(Post meeting comment: Not all actors showed up to the above meeting, so the meeting has been postponed to Thursday, May 29, 1400 at SSS.

Mogadishu will hold a meeting on Monday, June 2 to discuss the Ceelasher division of responsibility)

Data management

Novib suggested that compilation of data should be done in Mogadishu. UNICEF will investigate the possibility of increasing the capacity in Mogadishu. It was agreed that as a minimum the tables should be sent back to field as a tool for them to use during monitoring.

Comments were made that in general the coordination efforts, especially between Nairobi and Somali levels, could be improved. UNICEF promised to look into this.

5. AOB

The issue of payment for water was brought to the attention of the meeting. Especially for piped water supply versus water trucking. UNICEF suggested a sub-group to be established developing a short/medium term strategy for this. It was agreed that discussions to this effect should first be held at the field level. OXFAM and UNICEF would liaise to get it moving.

The idea of having a co-chair of the group was discussed. UNICEF will look into a process of how to select a co-chair.

OXFAM informed participants that they have extra storage tanks, etc. available.

OXFAM would also be happy to assist NGOs with training of trainers, i.e. hygiene promotion, operation and maintenance, etc.

UNICEF informed participants that they have extra GPS's and PDAs available.

UNICEF informed that ECHO funds are available, but have to be spent before September, potentially extended until November) for workshops, training, capacity building and the like. Please contact Erik Toft, if you want to know more.

6. Next meeting

The next Afgooye meeting will take place on June 4 at 14.00 in the Somalia Support Secretariat. The focus of the meeting will be the roll-out of the division of areas of responsibilities and selection of a co-chair. A more detailed agenda will be distributed before the meeting.

The next WASH Sector meeting will be held on Monday, June 9.

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