

**Monthly interagency coordination meeting  
among Mogadishu aid agencies  
at UNCC on 27/5/2008**

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**Meetinga Agenda**

1. Security updates
2. Humanitarian situation and concerns in the region
3. Achievements in May and action plans for June 2008
4. Sharing information products

**Security updates**

- Security concern has been made on recent withdrawal of L/Shabelle TFG forces in Afgoye corridor and recent attacks to Asluubta and Km 7 for possible access obstacles may encounter Mogadishu aid agencies and increase of criminal acts in Afgoye corridor.
- In recent days the security incidents in Dharkeynley district has continually been increasing where many displaced families from hot spot quarters inside Mogadishu evacuated and temporarily live. This could possibly lead another mass displacement of whole populations in Dharkeynley district.
- General feeling of imminent security threat for the safety of aid personals and their properties and possible ways can keep the continuation of meager humanitarian operations were deeply participants discussed within this context of evolving security situation that finally agreed to act cautiously and being vigilant.

- In particular UN staff has made growing security concern on the impact of AGEs feeling on recurrent political reconciliation initiative sponsored by UNPOS and capacity building assistance to the TFG that in turn believes UN is equipping financially and technically their dead enemy to survive long.
- Jointly requested to improve the information sharing of security related matters among aid agencies based in Mogadishu.
- In the venue, participants highlighted the requirement of public advocacy and awareness on humanitarian principles among authorities and populations, and the need to assist relief personals to help the needy people by facilitation the smooth access and cooperation to reach the targeted needy populations.
- Again enhancing information dissemination on ongoing humanitarian interventions to all public actors and in particular focusing how local media can take part.

### **Humanitarian updates**

Price escalation of basic food commodities and its impact on livelihood condition of poor vulnerable people was the issue by all actors agreed to raise as humanitarian concern that will negatively affect and weakened purchasing power of poor vulnerable people due to *prevailing security situation and its effects on access challenges and personal safety, secondly sea pirates' sanctions that restricted the importation and smooth business follow and general devaluation of Somali shilling.*

Price information of basic commodities at present comparing to previous prices in six months before (in early January 2008) period:

#### **Local products**

<b>Item names</b>	<b>Current price/unit</b>	<b>before 6months price/unit</b>
1. Maize	14,000 Sh/Kombo	3,000 Sh/Kombo
2. Sorghum	12,000 Sh/Kombo	2,500 Sh/Kombo
3. Beans	25,000 Sh/Kombo	6,000 Sh/Kombo
4. Cowpea	25,000 Sh/Kombo	5,000 Sh/Kombo
5. Sesame Oil	80,000 Sh/Liter	14,000 Sh/Liter

#### **Imported goods**

<b>Item names</b>	<b>Current price/unit</b>	<b>before 6months price/unit</b>
1. Sugar	17,000 Sh/Kg	6 – 7,000 Sh/Kg
2. Cooking Oil	56,000 Sh/Liter	10,000 Sh/Liter
3. Rice	40,000 Sh/Kg	4,000 Sh/Kg
4. Spaghetti	44,000 Sh/Kg	12,000 Sh/Kg
5. Pasta Macaroni	50,000 Sh/Kg	15,000 Sh/Kg

#### **Other humanitarian issues were raised in the venue include:**

- Aid agencies agreed the emergency shelter is the 1<sup>st</sup> priority need for the displaced people in this rainy season and many of displaced families suffered a lot on continual Haggaa rains pouring daily in Mogadishu and its surroundings.
- In addition, Food, WATSAN and health care are other emergency needs for the displaced people in Afgoye corridor specifically for the newly displaced camps.
- UNHCR Field sub-office in Mogadishu explained in the meeting the purpose of emergency shelter assistance that he noted and defined to address temporarily the shelter needs of displaced people in certain short period but not planned to deliver continually in every season. On regard of Afgoye corridor displaced settlements

with giving consideration on long period of more than a year were displaced, and qualities of plastic sheets which are never long; UNHCR Somalia office again determined to address the emergency shelter needs for the displaced people in Afgoye corridor and else where in order to minimize the risks and hardship of poor and shelter less condition exist in the IDP camps.

- Wanle-weyn Youth Development Organization (LNGO) based in Wanla-weyn raised the humanitarian concern for 950 newly displaced people from Yaq-bari weyn and Lego settlements along Baidoa road that reached recently in Wanla-weyn district with joining old displaced people from Mogadishu in separate settlements; after insecurity widely spread in the area due to the recurrent skirmishes and confrontations in between the AGEs and TFG/ETH troops. Total estimation of displaced people in Wanla-weyn at present is 1,770 people in combination of old and newly arrivals from Yaq-bari weyne/Lego settlements as reported by the WYDO LNGO.
- Highlighted the need for continuation of water trucking and construction of new latrines in the displaced settlements since more than 100 new IDP camps were formed in the past three months in Afgoye corridor and other settlements.
- As reported by SGVB task force, the existence of SGVB cases and steadily growing concern of rape cases in displaced settlements in particular Afgoye corridor that seriously stressed by the participants.
- Other protection issues including *exploitation and minority segregation* in the IDP camps has been reported that could not cope solely by the aid agencies.
- Evolving poor sanitation condition during rainy season with possible health hazards in culmination of possible seasonal water diarrhea out break in the IDP camps is another humanitarian issue was raised in the meeting.
- Reportedly many latrines in the IDP Camps are not useable due to full of pit latrines with possible fear of outburst/leakage during rainy times that will exacerbate poor sanitation condition in the IDP camps. This will adversely affect the health condition of poor vulnerable displaced people.
- According to the admission figures from Bendair hospital there is growing number of AWD patients from the displaced settlements in particular the children under 5 yrs of age.

### **Humanitarian intervention achievements in May & plans in June 2008**

#### **Shelter interventions**

- UNHCR Mogadishu office with CED partner successfully completed the distribution of 7,000 NFI kits for 55 IDP camps along Afgoye corridor and planning soon the distribution of another 9,000 NFI kits.
- NRC completed the distribution of 310 Plastic sheets in three displaced camps in Hodan district inside Mogadishu in May 2008.
- NRC planning the distribution of 7,000 NFI kits jointly with CONCERN in Dayniile and Afgoye corridor that will share their plans with other agencies involved in shelter emergency response for better coordination.
- In addition, NRC again completed construction of 453 fire retardant temporary shelter tents in 4 IDP camps in Wadjir and Hodan where as previously erected 15 such tents in Medina, 5 in Keysaney and 5 in Dayniile hospital. Also managed to

complete joint assessment with CONCERN for NFI distribution in TDA and Abdihakim (known as Bangalo) IDP camps in Dayniile.

- Construct 321 temporary shelter tents in Mogadishu with community training to equip them the necessary skills for construction of temporary shelter tents.

#### **Food intervention activities**

- An increase of wet feeding sites in Mogadishu with additional six new sites in districts Hamar Jajab, Abdulaziz, Shangani, Heliwaa, Holw-wadaag and Wardhigley for better coverage to all 16 districts in Benadir region as reported by WFP Mogadishu office. In parallel with planning free food distribution in the displaced settlements of 225 camps along Afgoye corridor, nine camps in Dayniile – Northwest of Mogadishu, five IDP camps in Northeast Mogadishu and another five camps in Kax-shiiqaal settlement to be continued in June - next month.
- WFP planning jointly with CARE Somali/Sudan office an emergency food intervention programs to central regions in Somalia.

#### **Health/Nutrition interventions**

- WHO continue the support of 3 OPDs operational in Afgoye corridor run by MAUK.
- 3 MCHs and 3 OTPs run by MAUK continue its services for the displaced people in Afgoye corridor that jointly supported by UNICEF and WFP. In addition 2 TB centers in Mogadishu with the support WHO and WFP is ongoing.
- UNICEF and JUMBO LNGO finalized the registration and distribution of 10Kg UNIMEX for each 44,500 children (less than 5 years of age) registered in Afgoye corridor displaced settlements.
- UNICEF concluded on job training for 12 MUAK OTP/MCH staffs for better improving program activities in the corridor.
- UNICEF planning the second phase distribution of UNIMEX in same locations and extend this response to Dayniile and Kax-shiiqaal displaced settlements.
- UNFPA planning the integration STI responses with OPDs/MCHs established along Afgoye road and Dayniile by provision of STI kits. In addition, will provide Hawa Abdi hospital one PEP kit for emergency response of SBVB cases.
- In the venue, UNFP requested to speed up the process of mobile clinics allocated to Kax-shiiqaal and North Mogadishu displaced settlements.

#### **Water supplies and distribution in May 2008 & plans in June 2008**

- UNICEF Somalia succeeded to implement with partners CED and SDRO the emergency water supply system enhancement plan which is the exit strategy of water trucking by increasing borehole yield capacities located in Lafoole, Daqa Qaranka & Xawa Cabdi with water extension Kiosks.
- UNICEF with DDA LNGO is close to the completion stage of Wanle Weyn mini water supply system project. But planning in June to start the water works improvement and extension system in Km 13 with GSA partnership.
- Hijra covered 26 IDP camps in Elasha settlement for water piping extensions out of 40 camps under their coverage area in Elasha. So, there is gap of additional 14 IDP camps in Elasha that could not make feasible as planned the defined coverage areas of water provision in Afgoye corridor by the aid agencies in last April 2008.

- However, CED completed the piping system in Afgoye corridor i.e. 53 IDP camps in different settlements along Afgoye road are using water pipe delivery system.
- DRC, SAACID & IR continue water trucking in Afgoye corridor displaced camps. Total 977,000 liters, 629,250 liters, and 500,000 liters of water quantities daily supplied by respective agencies which are UNICEF funding.
- CED continues water trucking in north Mogadishu and covers Gubadley, Isaley, Galgalato, Kawoyinka and El-adde IDP camps' water needs.

**Construction of latrines & sanitation/hygiene promotion activities during May 2008:**

- SAACID constructed 200 new latrines in 17 IDP camps along Afgoye road and planning another 100 new latrines in June.
- DRC conducted and completed Hygiene and Sanitation education in 20 IDP camps in Afgoye corridor.
- DRC completed the construction of 200 new latrines in Xawa Cabdi and Arbiska settlements. The same number in the pipeline for coming month June 2008 in the same locations.
- NRC established new 400 latrines inside Mogadishu IDP camps and Dayniile with SYPD partner accompanied by community mobilization on hygiene and sanitation promotion. Planning newly 400 latrines to build during June 2008 in Mogadishu IDP camps which part of them allocated separately to RAS and ..IDP camps for possible risk mitigation and prevent/minimize reported rape cases in that IDP camps.

**Education activities:**

- Continuation the support of 30 schools (60 school tents) in Afgoye corridor with partnership of SAACID, IAS and IR.
- UNICEF planning in June 2008 to establish new schools:
  - 8 new schools (16 School tents) in Kax-shiiqaal and Dayniile with partner SAFE education umbrella.
  - 5 new primary schools (10 tents) in uncovered areas of the IDP corridor with partnership Somali Community Concern (SCC LNGO).
  - 2 new schools (8 classes) in Lafoole/Xawa Cabdi area with SSRDA LNGO partner.
  - 1 new school (4 classes) in Muri with partnership of LNGO named African Human development Center.
  - And extension of 10 more classes in 10 schools among exist 30 schools.

**Other protection/HIV-Aids/empowerment activities by UNICEF**

- UNICEF closely monitoring and continue the reporting of violations against children and women.
- Distribution of sports materials to eight different youth groups of which five of them in Afgoye corridor, 2 in L/Shabele region and 1 group in Middle Shabelle region.
- UNICEF planning in June to conduct 3 sessions of three days through the partners on Psycho-Social/care to 210 Community Education Committees in an effort to integrate Pscho-Social support into 30 UNICEF supported emergency primary schools in the corridor.

- Again in similar training of 3 sessions of 4 days each to 120 school teachers in the 30 IDP schools run by the partners of SAACID, IAS and Islamic Relief.
- The same kind of training in 3 sessions of 3 days each will be given to 150 community supported structures (women, youth, and religious leaders groups).
- Five days training on women to women initiative for 42 female facilitators from various regions of the zone through partners COGWO & IIDA women organizations.
- And training on HRAP, PCA development and UNICEF's business and procedures governing partnership agreements that will hold in Merka for 25 UNICEF partners.

### **Recommendations**

- ✚ Invite members from health cluster in next WASH meeting on Monday 2/6/2008 for their recommendation and joint strategies to tackle such possible health effects on poor sanitation conditions.
- ✚ UNFPA requested to develop strategies enhancing ongoing public awareness on gender based violence.
- ✚ Recommended as priority the livelihood intervention programs for immediate action to tackle the growing vulnerability of poor urban and displaced people in Afgoye corridor and other displaced settlements. Giving consideration and targeting separately to families headed by mothers or can say widow groups. Such special targeting livelihood programs are ongoing in Mogadishu by DRC & HIJRA.
- ✚ In order to minimize the issues of exploitation and minority segregation, aid agencies proposed to deeply sensitize the community on equality of aid assistance and increase the presence and involvement of aid agencies' staff during aid distributions in the IDP camps for better addressing and overcome such issues.

### **Action Points**

- ❖ Based on last agreement in April 2008 to finalizing the coverage areas of water provision by each agency in Afgoye corridor in next WASH meeting on Monday 2/6/2008.
- ❖ Submission of action plan of agencies in the coming month June 2008.
- ❖ Improve the coordination of latrine constructions in displaced settlements among aid actors involved.