

Highlights from Afgooye WASH Cluster meeting

Venue: Somalia Support Center
June 16, 2008, 14.00

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Updates from the field
2. Update on division of areas of responsibilities
3. Selection of co-chair for the Afgooye WASH Cluster
4. Feed-back from the WASH Sector meeting
5. Update on working groups
6. Security
7. AOB

1. Updates from the field

By the end of June Oxfam Novib will discontinue paying for water trucking in five locations in northern Mogadishu and for the water being distributed by CED in Ceelasha. Oxfam Novib was encouraged to share details of where they will stop activities, as well as keep on trying to locate funds. The cluster chair, provided more details and budgets were forwarded, would also assist in fundraising for a continuation of activities.

There was a discussion on the ownership of boreholes in Ceelasha. It appeared that boreholes are owned by the government, and that a group of former staff is running it now, charging for their time, fuel, etc. OXFAM GB will try to support them in obtaining spareparts, back-up pumps, etc.

Oxfam GB informed that the pipe laying in Ceelasha (east-south) will be done shortly. In Ceelasha west Oxfam GB will connect existing storage tanks and bladders to the pipe system as soon as possible.

Oxfam GB had done a study on flea investigation. The study will be shared when finalized. Two thirds of the IDPs are having skin infections. It was agreed that this serves as a reminder that hygiene promotion needs to be undertaken continuously.

2. Update on division of areas of responsibilities

No major problems regarding the division of areas of responsibilities were reported.

There were potential some overlaps in Ceelasha, and Hijra would contact CED to sort it out.

3. Selection of co-chair for Afgooye WASH Cluster

Merdard mhakizamungu from OXFAM GB was elected Co-Chair of the Afgooye WASH Cluster.

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

The Chair informed that a job description for a National Mogadishu Cluster Coordinator had been finalized and hopefully the position will be advertised soon.

5. Update on working groups

The Chair informed participants that three working groups have been established for:

- a) Monitoring of functionality of latrines in Afgooye corridor
- b) Development of guidelines for latrine designs and hygiene promotion for IDPs in Somalia
- c) Development of strategy for payment for water in Afgooye.

The groups were to meet shortly to refine the draft TORs.

6. Security

The meeting was informed that some NGOs' international staff have received warnings that they should cease working in Somalia.

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7. AOB

None

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