

Highlights from Afgooye WASH Cluster meeting

Venue: Somalia Support Center
July 2, 2008, 14.00

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Updates from the field
2. Update on division of areas of responsibilities
3. Security
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0. Introductions

Reena Ghalani introduced herself. She will be the OCHA Nairobi focal point for WASH. Abdullah Ali Hassan from CED introduced himself. Abdullah gave an overview of the CED activities.

1. Updates from the field

Islamic Relief: Water trucking in Ceelasha is on-going. Will end in August. It was agreed that IR will maintain close contact with OXFAM GB regarding finalization of the piped distribution systems. IR is considering constructing latrines in 2 camps.

NCA: Have started rehabilitation of borehole in Tawakal Jango'an. However, the re-drilling has stopped because of something blocking the borehole. As an alternative NCA has met with Hijra to discuss an extension of their piped system. NCA was requested to follow up with Hijra on who would pay for the extension.

NCA will drill another borehole at KM 13.

At Faculty of Agriculture, NCA has constructed a 80 m³ water tank and is working on the distribution system.

NCA is in the process of finalizing 300 latrines. NCA is planning to construct 100 latrines.

Oxfam GB:

Has had a meeting with Oxfam Novib to discuss the water trucking in Ceelasha. It is not clear where they camps supported by Novib are. GB, Novib and UNICEF will have a follow-up meeting to sort this out.

OGB has developed a of supplies need for connecting the system constructed by CED to other camps as well as for spare parts for maintenance of systems. UNICEF will look into what they have available.

OGB is assessing host communities, especially those located close to the Shebelle river to see how they can be connected to the piped system; approximately one child fetching water is being taken by crocodiles every month.

OGB is looking for funds for next year, and will soon submit a proposal to donors.

UNICEF: Informed that slabs are readily available for latrine construction.

UNICEF made clear that hygiene promotion, including soap distribution etc. is a priority for inclusion in future contracts.

On-going activities are continuing.

UNICEF also informed that steps had been taken to clarify with DBG as to where they are working.

2. Update on division of areas of responsibilities

No major problems regarding the division of areas of responsibilities were reported, except for Northern Mogadishu where it is still a bit unclear. Hopefully the meeting between OGB, Novib and UNICEF will bring more clarity.

3. Security

Oxfam GB stated that security was a major concern. Oxfam International is planning to have a meeting to develop a worst case scenario. OCHA informed that security would be on the agenda for the inter-cluster meeting on Thursday, July 3. OCHA also stated that security/access was high on the RC/HC's agenda.

4. AOB

None

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 22 at 15.30 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

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Those ticked were present.

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