

## MINUTES

### EMERGENCY EDUCATION CLUSTER MEETING AUG. 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

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## AGENDA

1. Review/adoption of the minutes of the last cluster coordination meeting
2. CAP 2008 funding overview and CAP 2009 preparation
3. Brief update on security and humanitarian conditions and education response plans.
4. Discussion on education priorities for the next six months
5. Briefing on upcoming MSESE trainings
6. A O B

## KEY DISCUSSION

### Ad 1. Review/adoption of the minutes of the last cluster coordination meeting

- Minutes adopted

### Ad. 2. CAP 2008 funding overview and CAP 2009 preparation

- **CAP 2009 Preparation**

Head of OCHA, informed about the CAP and involvement of partners. The CAP 2009 will very much look like last years CAP however emphasis has been put on strengthening the internal logic and connection between objectives, sector plans and projects.

Consultations with agencies and donors have been carried out and work-shops with local actors will start soon. Work-shops will be carried out in Hargeisa, Garowe and Nairobi. 2 work-shops will be held in Nairobi one to cover SCZ as the security situation doesn't allow the work-shop to be carried out there and the other to cover the national level CAP consultation.

Each cluster to develop a sector response plan with realistic indicators and clearly defined mid and end year targets. The sector response plan will be pulled together by cluster leads based on the outcome from work-shops and shared with cluster members. A new amendment is to include a monitoring plan. The response plan shall include enough flexibility for the cluster to adapt to the changing operating environment and the changed operating modalities (working through partners, quick in and out). OCHA advised to focus on areas where we can work instead of areas where we should. However, the education cluster will prepare the sector response plan based on needs.

The 2009 CHAP will have 3 cross cutting areas: Gender, HIV/AIDS and capacity building. One common objective will be developed per cross cutting issues for all clusters to work towards. For gender this will e.g. be gender segregated data. The focal points for cross cutting issues will be working with the clusters. Alexina Rusere, OCHA's gender focal point participated in the meeting.

OCHA recognized the difficulties in involving agencies in the CAP as there is no link to funding. OCHA is advocating for HRF to be linked to CHAP to achieve better buy in.

*Please refer to the CAP outline and time sheet found on:*

<http://ochaonline.un.org/AppealsFunding/CAP2009/tabid/4794/Default.aspx>

- **CAP 2008 Funding**

HRF has received additional funds and has based on this asked all clusters to develop 2-3 priority projects but welcomed more from the education cluster if relevant. Proposals to be send to Maulid by Friday Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> to forward to OCHA on the same day. Technical appraisal will be carried out by the cluster leads.

So far 78% of funds from the HRF have been allocated to NGOs. Furthermore HRF has to date not rejected any education proposals, so are NGOs making full use of the available funding sources?

OCHA is currently revising the HRF guidelines and welcomes any feed-back from NGOs. HRF guidelines can be found on:

<http://ochaonline.un.org/AppealsFunding/FundingMechanisms/tabid/2839/Default.aspx>

- **Action Points**

- Feed-back on HRF guidelines to Charlotte Beyer, co-chair (see email address above) by Sunday Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Priority proposals for the HRF to be send to Maulid by Friday Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### **3. Update on security and humanitarian conditions and it is effect to education**

FSAU special brief from July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 reports of a deepening crisis due with up to 3,5 mill. people in dire need by December 2008. The crisis is due to drought, price increases for food and fuel as well as high inflation. The global food crisis followed

by price increase of import goods puts more pressure on local commodities which are also scarce.

Schools are to open in 2-3 weeks and it is expected that many children will stay out of school due to the humanitarian situation

UNICEF Cluster Coordinator informed about the status of the Education Cluster statement re school feeding and teacher incentives. The document has been sent to OCHA and UNICEF management who has advised to time the delivery of the statement with the re-opening of schools. OCHA head of Office promised to share the statement with the HC and put the issue on the agenda for the next donor meeting.

The issue of inclusion of teachers in school feeding programmes also came up.

#### **Action Points**

- Cluster co-ordinators to send formal request to OCHA about enclosing the issue of school feeding/teacher incentives on the agenda for next donor meeting
- Restate the cluster's stand at the next education sector meeting and the need to resolve this
- OCHA to present the statement from the education cluster for the Humanitarian Coordinator

#### **4. Education priorities the next 6 month**

HRF has app. 8 mill. usd. for dispersal. Geographic priority areas for the next six month and thereby for the HRF dispersal will be:

- Afgooye Corridor
- Galgoduud
- Mudug
- Hiran/Beletweyene
- Gedo
- Mogadishu IDPs

It was agreed that agencies can include teacher incentives in the proposals in order to push the issue despite the lack of clear policy. Teacher incentives should be around 50 usd. Proposals to be send to Maulid by Friday – see also agenda item 2

#### **Action point**

- Cluster coordinators to locate resource material on psycho social training.
- UNICEF to also share the psychosocial training materials developed for Somalia with the cluster members.

## 5. Briefing on MSEE trainings

MSEE training to take place in Hargeisa (August 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>), Garowe (26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August) and Nairobi (September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>).

### Action Point

- UNICEF cluster coordinator to send out invitations for the Nairobi training.

## 6. AOB

- Each Cluster has to appoint a gender focal point. Rosaia Ruberto, Intersos kindly volunteered on behalf of the education cluster.
- UNICEF has received funding from the Italian government and request proposals. Priority will be given to Italian NGOs
- UNDP has possibility to fund labour intensive “cash for work”. Please contact Maulid if interested.
- An Education Network is under establishment in Gedo. A separate meeting will be held for agencies implementing there.
- Agencies are kindly requested to send an updated list of implementing partners. Template attached.
- Next education cluster coordination meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

### Action Points

- Identify gender focal point back up at the next cluster meeting
- UNICEF will send out further information on how agencies can apply the UNDP cash for work funds.
- Circulate ToR for Clusters
- Agencies to send updated list of implementing partners before the next cluster meeting.