

# MINUTES

## EMERGENCY EDUCATION CLUSTER MEETING

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 2008

SOMALI SUPPORT CENTRE, KALSONS TOWER

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## AGENDA

1. Review/adoption of the minutes of the last cluster coordination meeting
2. Brief update on security and humanitarian conditions and education response plans.
3. CAP 2009
4. Education Cluster Work Plan
5. Feed-back on HRF proposals
6. Co-lead arrangement between UNICEF and Save the Children
7. A O B

## KEY DISCUSSION

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

- Minutes adopted

### **Ad. 2. Update on security and humanitarian conditions and education responses**

Cluster member shared their concern of two schools in Mogadishu SYL Primary and Secondary School and Shafici that were attacked on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 which left 5 students and 2 teachers injured. This attack has led to wide spread protests in Mogadishu which resulted many schools in Mogadishu to be closed for three days. Schools are to resume on Sat. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> although many parents are likely to keep their children at home due to security concerns. If the security situation doesn't improve schools could be closing again as a protest to the security situation. The education cluster agreed that such attacks are unacceptable and violates human rights and international treaties and conventions.

IAS reported that one of their tented schools in K13 (Afgoyee Corridor) was also attacked last week, looting the tents. It is unknown who was behind the attack.

Drought continues to affect Toghdeer and Sanaag regions. Alone in Toghdeer are 60 schools closed and many schools are also closed in Sanaag..

AFREC reported of renewed fighting in Kismayo causing widespread displacement. The few children attending school before the fighting are now kept at home due to

security concerns. The situation is still tense albeit better. There are no educational partners there to address the situation.

### **Action Points**

- Education Cluster to issue statement condemning the attack. A group of four members consisting of UNICEF, Save the Children, Intersos and Trocaire was formed to come up with this statement by Friday 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Ad. 3. CAP 2009**

The process and key elements of the CAP 2009 Nairobi consultations were highlighted. The CAP 2009 will seek to ensure clear strategic linkages throughout the different layers of the CHAP from the overall strategic priorities over cluster objectives to project sheets. Humanitarian agencies are requested to include all planned humanitarian interventions in the CAP 2009 in order to make the needs and the capacity within the sector visible. The cross cutting themes are important for the cluster as well as individual agencies to include in project sheets. The OCHA focal points for cross cutting issues are very much needed to make the indicators more practical and achievable. Furthermore project sheets should consider the criteria as described in the OCHA Guidance Note for the CAP 2009. It was stressed that agencies must submit proposals in the given timeframe in order to be eligible for funding. All documents and templates relevant to the CAP 2009 can be found on the OCHA website:

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

Cluster members are to consider possible ideas for cluster project sheets – in other words activities/outputs which would be better addressed through the cluster than through individual agencies. Ideas can be brought forward at the CAP consultations or send to cluster coordinators by e-mail.

Funding is an issue of concern to many of the NGO's as there is no clear linkage between the CAP and funding mechanisms (CERF as well HRF etc.). Further it is unclear how the CERF is allocated to clusters, based on which criteria as well as how much of the CERF funding going to UN agencies trickles down to implementing agencies. It was clarified that inclusion of project sheets in the CAP 2009 is no guarantee for funding. Both agencies as well as the cluster need to engage in fundraising for education.

### **Action Points**

- The issue of funding mechanisms is to be brought up at the Nairobi CAP 2009 consultations by cluster coordinators as well as participating agencies

#### **Ad. 4. Education Cluster Work Plan 2008**

The education cluster work plan for 2008 was briefly introduced. This is an opportunity for cluster members to influence priorities of the cluster and cluster coordinators work for the remains of the year. Comments are most welcome.

##### **Action point**

- Cluster members to send comment on work plan as appropriate to Charlotte by Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ad. 5. Feed-back on HRF proposals**

Unfortunately Ivana from OCHA/HRF was unable to attend the meeting as planned in order to give feed-back on submitted HRF proposals. 2 projects have been submitted by Trocaire and Intersos. Both projects will be included in a package to be presented at a donor meeting next Wednesday (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>). An immediate response from donors is expected so that relevant agencies will know the status of their proposals by the end of next week. ADRA did not get back with a proposal to the HRF.

#### **Ad. 6. Co-lead arrangement between Save the Children and UNICEF**

Save the Children and UNICEF informed that they are working on a co-lead agreement. Initial comments were welcomed. One topic mentioned was that the sensitivity about funding which cluster leads were asked to clarify in the agreement.

##### **Action Points**

- Share co-lead agreement with cluster members for comments when final draft is ready

#### **Ad. 7. AOB**

Due to time limitations all other agenda items were referred to next meeting. Next Cluster Meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008.