

***Minutes of Middle Shabeele Education  
cluster coordination Meeting in Jowhar***

**At WOCCA Conference Room**

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## **Apology:**

*Local artist entertained the gathering w* **Apology:**

Unicef  
Balad Flood Control Committee

## **Absent**

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## **Preliminaries**

The meeting was opened with few Koranic verses at 10:00 am. Shabelle Umbrella chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. He hoped that the meeting will come up with ways of making the education in Middle Shabelle Region sustainable, then he prolonged the minutes of the previous coordination meetings held.

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Brief Update on current education situation in Middle Shabelle Region
2. Brief Update on NGO's education response to the previous existing emergencies
3. Round-table discussion on the education sustainability in the riverine areas in the period of the floods according:
  - ❖ Proper places in which they can run their learning
  - ❖ How the floods control committee, which the Umbrella established from the districts of Jowhar, Balad and Mahadai are supported.
  - ❖ Making action plan.

## **Jowhar women group**

First, as a women organization, we have 8 schools in which most of the students attend are females, teachers are volunteer, there are many children who do not have exercise books and pencils.

A great burden increased to our schools from internally displaced people IDPs, for instance there are students come from Isnai Biasa IDP camp, but unfortunately, they are coming to the schools with out books, our volunteer teachers, expressed concern about those children, because teachers can nether buy books to the students from IDPs nor they can teach them with no books and pencils,

The other problems that we have are:

No latrine, no water, when a child wants to have a stool or urine, she/he goes to a neighboring house.

JWG met with the parents/guardians of the children and requested to contribute two thousand Somali Shillings per week, although many parents send their children back to us for justifying of not having that amount of money.

### **Shabelle Umbrella**

Shabelle Umbrella chairman raised a very big issue about the youth who are risking their lives by traveling by boats and the umbrella promised that vocational skills will be provided to the youth, like: Computer, hard ware, Electricity, Secretariat, tailoring et cetera the umbrella will conduct this program in collaboration with Gothenburg Initiative and Inetrsos.

Two children out of three children drowned in the river were attending at Gumbe School.

### **Private schools association**

Children in the urban area taken to a nearest private schools to learn before going to primary schools and some children go to upper primary schools after emplacement exam, so private schools have an important role in the education, but they were forgotten because their teacher are not given in-service training in addition that, they were never given school supplies as other operational primary schools in the region, so teachers run the teaching from their pocket in terms of repainting the broken benches and desks, buying text books, chinks and other teaching materials.

As private schools association, we have distributed many orphans and other children of poor families to the private schools to learn with out fee.

### **Hawo sheik oyaaye feeding center**

We have orphans the do not have appropriate learning space, they learn in out side where the rain and the sunshine do not prevent, from the pupils we have showed the umbrella , but no assistance was provided to us so far, this center which caters more pupils/children, after interruption of the feeding, children began to drop out from the schools so we restarted to run the project from our pocket, however, in terms of flood or any other emergencies, our organization is ready to take part in those issues voluntarily.

### **Jowhar youth group**

There are many members of the youth group attend at the primary and secondary schools in Jowhar, nowadays they began to drop out from the schools, because they are going to immigrate from the country to either Italy or Saudi Arabia by sea, they missed their friends in the town.

Their friends contact them from the Diaspora by phone and tell that they live in a comfortable life, thus prompted them to go to the Diaspora by boats.

So we need a joint effort to hold awareness raising to the youth to prevent them from going to abroad and to create vocational skills which they can get rid of from the unemployment they suffer.

### **Wocca**

People, especially villages need awareness on the significance of the education, it is mentionable that teachers mostly teach voluntarily in hope for seminars/teacher with out incentive and training teach in the schools? In fact teacher have no moral to continue teaching for example: the training contacted by Unicef for the teachers in middle shabeele region was 2005, place there was not school kit provided to the schools these years, however, Unicef did not play the role it was expected

As wocca, we operate in both emergency and development, emergency is for IDPs and development is for the villages. We plough one hecter for the teachers and its seeds scattered in the farm, we hope that we shall add the teachers of the villages in the emergency.

### **Jowhar DC**

Jowhar Dc expressed his gratitude for the good work that Shabelle Education Umbrella is doing for the community in middle Shabelle region.

As a district administration, we have seen with our own eyes school tents looted or stolen, the problem is contractors, and funding agencies do not pass to the district administration, likewise, they did not make hand over to the community to feel ownership with the help of the district administration.

On the other hand, as you know Spring rain will begin and there are fears of floods in the river surrounding villages, access to those villages will be very complicated, so we have submitted written documents to the agencies, although we did not get any feedback yet. At the end of April, embankment is needed before the rain , as a district, we proposed that

WFP should distribute to the community food for work for the embankment of the rivers finally, he told that he will collaborate with the Umbrella and to the education sectors in overcoming the obstacles on the way of the education.

### ACTION POINTS

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- *UNICEF to solicit more tents to accommodate the children that have no learning space.*
- *Education cluster to approach WFP feeding program for the IDP schools, the tented schools and riverine schools.*

## **AOB**

### A- refreshment

members requested shedu chairman to organize for tea and snacks during the following meeting

### b- Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

### c- robbery of the school tents

member discussed on this issue for a long time

### c- Closing

there being no other business, the meeting closed at 12;30 p,m with Koranic verses.