

**Food Aid Cluster Meeting**  
**05 August 2008**  
**CARE International-Somalia Office**

**Agenda**

1. Review of last meeting minutes
2. OCHA CAP Presentation
3. Update by agencies – including security
4. A.O.B

The meeting began at 11:00 and was chaired by WFP.

**1. Review of last meeting minutes**

CARE clarified that its Senior Program Officer for Galgaduud was still in custody of his kidnappers. On a related note the meeting was advised to refrain from sending sensitive security information to staff email. The main reason is that if kidnapped, the kidnappers will ask the staff to access their email and any incriminating information could put the staff's life in jeopardy.

**2. UNOCHA CAP Presentation**

- Alex Williams a consultant with UNOCHA made a presentation (**circulated separately**) of the CAP Process. She informed the meeting that there are 9 clusters and three cross-cutting themes namely HIV, Gender and Capacity building
- With the reducing humanitarian space, the focus will be inter agency coordination and shared response plans as well as defining a monitoring strategy.
- Workshops for Somaliland and Puntland are on course but the possibility of holding one in the SCZ will be determined at a later date.
- The meeting sought clarification on:
  - the linkage of the CAP with the FSAU Post-Harvest Assessments; it was informed that the FSAU assessments feed into the process and especially in the area of food security and nutrition.
  - The linkage of the RDP and CAP. These are two separate processes and whereas the CAP deals with humanitarian relief efforts, the RDP deals with the recovery and longer term development. The implementation of the former is contingent on the successful conclusion of the political process. A request will be made through the chair to convene a forum to update on the implementation of the RDP framework.
- Donors present also clarified that they use the CAP document to inform on the magnitude and priority areas as well as the overall strategy and general approach.

**3. Update by agencies – including security**

**a. ICRC**

- ICRC has delivered 13,454 MT to 373,728 persons in Galgaduud and south Mudug in the month of July.
- This was the first of two planned full ration deliveries; the second one will be delivered towards the end of August.

**b. WFP**

- Deteriorating security in several parts of Somalia including Mogadishu and Hiraaan region and North Gedo is a major constraint for humanitarian efforts. Transporters are incurring increased security costs.
- There are expected pipeline breaks in August especially in non cereals as some of the ships arriving late August.

- In July about 20,600 MT of food was distributed to around 1,125,214 people including CARE areas, however most of the areas did not receive vegetable oil, and pulses owing to their short supply.
- WFP continues to provide food in support of 16 wet feeding centres in Mogadishu. Wet-feeding, one of the flagship urban food assistance activities in Mogadishu serves 80,000 hot meals a day.

**c. CARE**

- CARE delivered food to XX beneficiaries received X MT in Cadale district and Hiran. Local leadership wrangles led to a last minute cancellation of the dispatch planned for Aden Yabal district.
- CARE has received 7,600 MT of sorghum and expects a further 1650 MT of lentils in September and 36,800 MT of sorghum in October. However processed commodities will continue to be in short supply.

**d. NCA**

- No deliveries were done in July
- The Al-Shabab are said to have taken over leadership in Burdhubo, this has currently not led to any security issues.

**e. Islamic Relief**

- Islamic Relief has delivered food to 2,000 IDP in Afgoye
- The agency has not come across any security incidences on its operations or staff
- There is a plan for distributions in August

**f. Gael???**

- Funded by HRF and is supplying locally procured cereals, pulses and oil to 850 HH in Baddhadhe.

**g. USAID**

- The US Government has released a US\$ 90 Million Supplementary grant for purchase and delivery of food commodities to Somalia. WFP will receive US\$ 50 Million with CARE receiving US\$ 40 Million.
- The procurement will be fast-tracked to ensure faster delivery to Somalia
- There is also an expected surge of refugees crossing the border in to the Dadaab camp on the Kenya border.
- USAID was concerned that there are very few other donors providing food assistance in spite of the apparent need.

**h. ECHO**

- ECHO is currently considering a decision to fund food security interventions, the specifics are still not available.

**i. FSAU**

- FSAU and partners will be completing analysis of the post harvest assessments in the next two weeks. Indications are of an overall deterioration in the nutrition and food security situation in many parts of the country.

**AOB**

**Discussion on HRF**

The meeting briefly discussed the Humanitarian Response Fund of UNOCHA. Agencies were to point out some of the improvements that can be made. Some the ideas floated for consideration included:

- Turnaround time
- Possibility of presenting guidelines and template in Somali
- Improved Audit and reimbursement speed.
- Pre-disclosure of sectoral and sub-sectoral funding priorities and geographical areas

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

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