



**Monthly Minutes of Interagency Coordination Meeting:**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, Jowhar, Middle Shebelle, Somalia in CEFA Compound**

**Participants:**

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**Agenda:**

**ISSUES** raised in the meeting:

- i. Introduction, review of previous minutes and follow up previous action point.
- ii. Security and access updates in Middle Shebelle Region.
- iii. Activities updates by each Agency.
- iv. Flood situation updates by the Middle Shebelle Senior Humanitarian Coordinator Officer.
- v. A.O.B.
- vi. Action Point from this meeting.
- vii. Next Coordination Meeting, Date and Venue.

**Summary of the discussions and outcomes of the meeting:**

**i. Introduction, review of previous minutes and follow up previous action points:**

The meeting started with the introduction of the members present. It was noted that the participation of the meeting was good although delays was marked. The agenda of the meeting was read and endorsed by the participants.

**ii. Review of the action points:**

The action points of the last meeting were reviewed as follows:

- MSF Spain security point was taken and discussed by ARS Regional Authorities as a result check points were established that controls movements of in and out of the town.
- Local NGOs participation of the meeting.
- DSS and ARS authorities MOU.

### iii. Security and access updates in Middle Shebelle Region:

The meeting shared the security situation in Jowhar and in general the region and has agreed that the situation is relatively calm with few incidences. CEFA car was hijacked by 4 gunmen and was rescued by ARS Regional Security forces. New checkpoints were established by ARS Regional Security Forces with unqualified militia to reinforce the security. Although the ARS Regional Security check points were informed and aware of the agencies' movement, the agencies were advised to be patient and deal with check point militia with respect as they are not well trained. Otherwise there were no insecurity incidents including major crimes of robbery, rapes and illegal roadblocks occurred in the region. Therefore the access is no problem and the business movements from Mogadishu and other regions to Jowhar are stable.

### iv. Activities updates from the agencies:

- **UNICEF** mentioned that the activities accomplishment depend on security and access situation. They reported that they implement projects through partners. Their routine activities in health, education and WASH projects are ongoing throughout the region. UNICEF WASH is carrying sanitation campaign to clean Jowhar town through local women groups. UNICEF Jowhar has emergency mandate in both preparedness and response. For the emerging floods, UNICEF has 15,000 empty sacks as flood preposition.
- **WHO / Polio** Coordinator in Middle Shebelle Region has mentioned in summary that Polio activities have been on going in the Region without problem. The last Polio campaign was implemented on **August 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008** that have been vaccinated **1116,396** Children under the age of **Five Years**, in all Districts of Middle Shebelle Region on **HOUSE to HOUSE** strategy and given **De-worming Tablets** the children of **Two to Five Years** with the same dates and they were **72,158 Children** in all the Districts as well. Beside the Vaccination against **Poliomyelitis**, that WHO / Polio Coordinator also collect the data about **AFP (Acute Flaccid Paralysis)** and the **Measles Cases** from the sentinel sites at partner's Health Centers as Districts Level. The **AFP** data collection is continuous on weekly basis.
- **CEFA** reported that they are implementing second phase of food security consolidated project. It consists improvement sustainable input supply systems, 9 structures in Jowhar district consisting culverts and sluice gates aimed to contribute flood control efforts and participatory study of marketing for 4 crops such as sesame, Bananas, vegetables etc. In this study all the stakeholders of this market were involved and results will be produced soon. CEFA monitor relevel and collaborate with SWALIM in producing flood early warning information.
- **UNDP** reported that they work on flood control and water management. They repair canals and train communities on flood control measures. They implement in collaboration with communities and local authorities.
- **COSV** report that run the hospital with all hospital services. The patients come from the districts of the region and neighboring regions. They have ODPs in three villages in partnership with WHO and nutrition programmes in 20 villages in partner with UNICEF.
- **SAHSP** reported that they focus on animal health improvement. They deliver veterinary services through associations of animal health whose members are local veterinarians. For sustainable purpose SAHSP facilitated the establishment of the local vet association. They provide refreshment training and conduct animal health survey.

- **MSF Spain** reported that they commenced their activities in 1992. They have MCHs and OPDs in the districts of Jowhar, Balad and Mahadaay. They deliver health services without any partner as in their policy.
- **FSAU/FAO** reported that they are information unit. It has two components FS and nutrition. They conduct regular assessment and monitoring on nutrition and food security and livelihood in rural, urban and IDPs. FSAU information is disseminated to all agencies and donor to use. It is unfortunate that Middle Shebelle which is one of the food basket of Somalia is classified Humanitarian Emergency which need humanitarian assistance. This is the outcome of the post Gu 2008 assessment conducted in July 08.
- **UNOCHA** briefed the meeting its mission which is mainly mobilization, and coordination effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors in order to alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergency and advocate for rights of people in need, policy development and promote preparedness and prevention plans. **To attain** its mission, OCHA works is to gather, analyze and disseminate information from the field to key stakeholders. It facilitates the work of the operational agencies that deliver humanitarian assistance to populations and communities in need in order to avoid overlapping of the responses.

**v. Flood situation updates by the Middle Shebelle Senior Humanitarian Coordinator Officer:**

The meeting deeply discussed the issue of floods in Jowhar district that was forwarded by RHCO. He said that there are reports of river over floods from some villages and he added that he has visited some locations that the river over flooded which need actions to protect and control the floods. It was mentioned in the meeting that there are 13 locations in the east and 7 locations in the west side that the river usually over floods. Besides the International Agencies' efforts to control the floods, there are no local institutions that regularly work on River Floods Control and Protection by strengthening the weak points of the river embankments, cleaning and deepening the river bed to ease the smooth running of the river water. One of the main causes of river floods is manmade. During **High Risk Flood Season** when the river level is high, some people open the river in order to irrigation their crops. Since the river is higher than the farms, the floods occur as they could not able to close and control the river. Only through joint efforts can be tackled the floods and the authority is the key in order to stop the people opening the river banks illegally.

CEFA presented to the meeting river level Data from Jowhar and Belet weyne upper stream indicating alarming levels. It was mentioned the need of information from Ethiopian highland rains and Godey Dam for the flood early warning improvement. The meeting highlighted, Godey Dam confused the early warning system as it control the river water flow from upper stream. Sometimes, the Dam is opened when there are heavy rains in the river catchments area of Ethiopian highland to collect new rains water and this affected the down streams with excess water potential for floods.

UNICEF and UNDP reported that they have made ready the boats and empty sacks as a preposition for the floods. There are 10 boats ready for floods intervention activities if needed and 15,000 empty sacked to be used to control floods from weak points of the embankments.

It was agreed resuming **Flood Taskforce** activities and CEFA was requested to lead the Taskforce and call for adhoc meeting if needed since it is a partner with SWALIM and collects river level Data for dissemination interpreted flood information warning to the communities.

**vi. Action Points from this meeting:**

**Actions to be undertaken are:**

- MHCO to mobilize and inform flood taskforce members in the community and local authority about resuming the activities of flood taskforce/committee.
- MHCO to inform and remind the local authority their role in the flood control which protecting the people to open river banks illegally.
- OCHA and CEFA to inform SWALIM ASAP about Jowhar floods and seek rains and river level information from upper stream and Ethiopia.
- CEFA to organize and call for adhoc flood meeting if flood concerns arise. OCHA and MHCO will assist the coordination and coherences of the actions to respond floods if any.
- Please each every of us should be on time by next meeting since last one has been delayed almost 40 minutes.
- Every participants should send on their agendas on September week before the meeting.

**Any other business:**

No other business discussed in the meeting.

This meeting has not attended CARE & WFP, hopefully by next meeting should be present reason will be for a Humanitarian issues can not be discussed without them, these meetings was attended FSAU/FAO.

We have discussed on Security issues, on behalf of Regional Authority was present by RHCO but there was no re-preventative UNDSS and hopefully by next meeting should be attended.

Also UNOPS was not present but did not attended for this meeting and will be asking to be present our next meeting.

**vii. Next Coordinator meeting:**

Next Interagency meeting will tentatively be on **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at COSV Compound by 10:00 AM till 12:00 PM.**

**Prepared by,**

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