

WASH SECTOR MEETING:

Purpose: Coordination
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Vanue: CARE Office
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Agadas:

- Security Update
- Reveiw of previous minutes/meeting
- Briefing on IDP Joint assessment
- Coordination of emergency operations
- Action points
- AOB

Opening Remarks:

Hassan Mahdi, the chair welcomed the participants, thanked the participants for their arrival and acceptance for the meeting and asked the participants to show active participation in the meeting as this meeting was meant for continuing the WASH activities in the region and avoid overlapping of the activities. The chair presented the agendas of the meeting and the participants agreed to discuss.

Security Update:

As the security was a very important factor for planning and continuing the activities in the field, NGO –SPAS focal point was invited for WASH sector meeting to provide security update and basic advisory. The security situation was highlighted as unpredictable with hand grenade explosion and it was reported that some of INGO staff received a threat indicating the suspension of their activities but participants mentioned that INGOs are required to continue their normal operations as the humanitarian situation is very dreadful and the community in the region extremely need external support provided by humanitarian actors in the region.

It was reported that the Belet-weyne mayor ordered all vehicles travelling from Belet-weyn to get travel permit letters from the mayor. It was recommended that unnecessary field trips and

movements around Ethiopian troops posts should be minimized and INGO staff exercise high caution at any time.

Review of previous minutes/meeting :

Correction: IMC presented the former meeting but their presence was not mentioned in the former minutes. Action points of the previous meeting was reviewed and it was noted that drilling of the boreholes and HRF budget amendment request is on process and the completion will be noticed in the coming meeting. SC-UK completed the list of the villages

Briefing of IDP joint assessment

The participants discussed on the IDP joint assessment carried out by the agencies and the participants agreed that the assessment was almost well done with minor comments on some issues. The assessment report will be disseminated when OCHA comments. It was highlighted that the main problems encountered during the assessment included exaggeration of number of households done by some of the enumerators, pressure of time and limited resource.

Coordination of Emergency Operations

DRC was given a lead role in the distribution in all IMC supported villages as IMC mentioned that they have limited resource for IDPs at the current time. DRC is supposed to start the distribution of non-food items, NFIs in parallel with water related materials such as, chlorine tabs, watermakers and soap.

HWS handed over 60 cartoons of aquatabs to DRC for distribution and one drum of chlorine powder and 10 cartoons containing of 10,000 tabs per each were distributed in Jallaqsi for the past week. HWS mentioned that their team in Jallalaqsi confirmed that diarrhoea reported in last week was very minor.

Action Points:

- It was agreed that SC-UK and DRC should have a special meeting to plan the way to fill the gaps left by DRC in their distribution on the coming Tuesday at 09:30 am in DRC Belet-weyne office.
- Next meeting will be held at Save the children on the coming Saturday, 30th August 08. at 09: 30 am.