

Minutes from WASH CAP 2009 meeting

**Venue: Somalia Support Center
September 1, 2008, 14.00**

List of Participants attached

Agenda

0. Major updates from the field
1. Update on CAP 2009 process
2. Discussion of CAP 2009 WASH objectives
3. Establishment of a working group to develop the CAP 2009 response plan
4. Briefing by OCHA Gender Support, Ms. Alexina Rusere
5. Security
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The sequence of the agenda topics were changed slightly.

0. Major updates from the field

There seems to be no doubt that the drought will be affecting the Somali population again. Some actors are preparing themselves for water trucking with a week or two. Other actors are encouraged to do likewise.

It was suggested that SWALIM should put rain gauges in drought-prone areas in order to rely less on satellite photos that despite the caption on the graphics does not actually reflect rainfall, but only cloud cover.

HIJRA has sent a team to Hiran to make an assessment.

An assessment in Hiran has been made two months down the road. OI (Oxfam International) and Hijra requested OCHA to be included in the Hiran mailing list.

After the meeting IRC confirmed that they would try to revitalize the coordination meetings in Galkayo.

It was mentioned that ADRA has data from Mudug (Cluster Coordinator will try to locate that)

ACF told on August 20 that they were about to undertake an assessment in central regions. ACF, please share the assessment with us.

1. Update on CAP 2009 process

The timetable for the CAP 2009 was presented.

Please note that the project sheets are not restricted to one page only (as indicated in the latest version of the timeline for CAP 2009), but can go up to a max. of two pages.

Please also note that the very last part of the project sheet, asking for details of the sector focal point in the heading is actually the agency focal point for the project (as also indicated in the cell it self), i.e. contact details of who donors should contact for more information.

It was agreed that cluster members would submit their draft projects to the Cluster Chair by September 22.

2. Discussion of CAP 2009 WASH objectives

Valuable inputs were provided to the draft WASH objectives. A revised version will be sent out shortly.

It was noted that guidance notes on the cross cutting issues would be available on the OCHA website this week. All cluster members are encouraged to look at these guidelines prior to developing their projects. For HIV/AIDS one of the important things to include would be HIV/AIDS awareness in hygiene promotion campaigns. And for gender it is important to disaggregate data by gender.

The WASH working group will look into the activities and indicators. The workshop in Nairobi on September 8 and 9 will together with the response plan also guiding the development of activities and indicators.

3. Establishment of a working group to develop the CAP 2009 response plan

Only UNAIDS was potentially available for developing the response plan together with the Cluster Chair.

OI (Oxfam International) would be strongly encouraged to participate, especially considering that OGB is the co-chair of the Afgooye Corridor cluster group.

4. Briefing by OCHA Gender Support, Ms. Alexina Rusere

Ms. Alexina did not attend the meeting.

5. Security

The good news first: The UN staff member kidnapped in Afgooye Corridor has been released.

Despite the worsening security situation activities are on-going.

It has been decided that K50 is not open for meetings.

Kissmayo needs more attention. NGOs are able to operate outside the town only. There are increased tensions. Activities continue but actors are cautious.

Security in Belet Wayne is still questionable.

IRC has difficulties in moving out of Galkayo.

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6. AOB

The participants were informed about the upcoming CAP 2009 CSZ workshop on Thursday, August 21.

It was flagged as a problem that donors are reluctant to pay for running costs for pipes schemes.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 15 at 09.00 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

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