

Food Aid Cluster Meeting
2nd September 2008
World Food Programme- Somalia Office.

Agenda

1. Review of last meeting minutes
2. Guidance for approaches to acute malnutrition management-presentation
3. Update by agencies-including security
4. FSAU Gu 08 Report
5. WFP/CARE –Are coverage (October/November 08)
6. Pipeline & shortfalls
7. A.O.B

The meeting started at 11:15 and was chaired by WFP.

1. Review of last meeting minutes.

- CARE International-Somalia delivered 1291 MT of food to XXX beneficiaries in Cadale district and Hiran in the month of July.
- ICRC has delivered 13,454 MT to 373,728 persons in Galgadud, South Mudug, Puntland & Somaliland in the month of July.

2. Guidance for approaches to acute malnutrition management-Presentation.

The presentation mainly focused on the Ready Use Food (RUFF). The presentation has been done by Peter of UNICEF.

The presentation detailed four areas as follows:-

The available products for treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition

Approaches to manage acute malnutrition

Nutritionally vulnerable groups

Scenarios for decision making.

They also explained the basic description of nutrition products such as:-

- a) Therapeutic feeding products
- b) Supplementary feeding programmes
- c) Malnutrition “Prevention/mitigation” Products.

3. Update by agencies-including security.

a) WFP

- WFP Somalia staff, Abdulkadir Diad Mohamed-Finance/Administration Assistant for Wajid Sub office was killed on Friday night 15th August 08 after been abducted by an identified gunmen on the evening of 14th August 08 in Dinsor, 120km South of Baidoa . The motives of his killing are not yet known.
- WFP Somalia staff, Ali Nasir Abdulrahman of Merka sub office has sustained injuries from gunfire on Saturday 30th August 08 at around 17hrs in Merka town, 100km South of Mogadishu. Unidentified gunman fired at the private vehicle driven by a civilian friend who was taking Mr. Abdulrahman home on Saturday early evening.

- Diesel prices increased from US\$220 per barrel in April to US\$300 in July, This had an impact on our Logistics Unit and revised transport rates were made according to the prevailing market rate which resulted a huge additional cost to WFP.UNHAS current operational budget per month is US\$800,000 from US\$650,000 since May due to fuel price increase and aircraft leasing rates.
 - The Canadian Frigate escorting a total shipment of 17441 MT of assorted food commodities in two vessels safely arrived in Mogadishu during the week.
 - The CO formed Rapid Response team based in hargeisa, which is meant to attend to any new areas of WFP food distributions especially in Somalia's Northern corridors for an initial period of 3 months.
 - WFP planned to distribute in August 08 about 15,000 MT of assorted commodities out of the initial plan of 29,530 MT. General food distributions for Lower and Middle Shabelle were cancelled because of food shortages. About 14,000 MT of maize was not moved as planned by mid July from South Africa to Mogadishu due to fear by the vessel owner to sail without a naval escort.
 - WFP delivered 373 MT of food to 18,000 IDP's and residents around Kismayo through their partner HIMILO. Additional overland conveyances with 503 MT of assorted food commodities from Mombassa arrived safely in Kismayo on 24th August shortly before Al-shabab had taken the control of the town. Food distribution to IDP's and urban poor affected by recent fighting will commence once the situation stabilizes.
 - FFW sanitation project in Mogadishu that was suspended a month ago after a road side bomb explosion killing 25 of the women engaged in the project resumed at the request of the IP IIDA.
 - Jowhar distribution for August 08 was cancelled due to insecurity.
 - WFP received approval of revised budget for a net increase in food requirement of 320,331 MT valued at US\$289 million. Currently there is a short fall of only 8,469 MT of non-cereals valued at US\$10 million through the end the year in addition to the outstanding US\$20.9 million IRA and the EMMA loan of US\$20 million. In total the CO needs additional US\$ 97 million through the end of the year.
- b) ICRC**
 No food distribution for the month of August 08
 Food Aid for Badhadhe district after assessment.
 Distribute seeds in whole of Somalia.
 No security issues discussed.
- c) NCA**
- No food distributed for the month of August 08-Still waiting food.
 - Al-shabab movement in Gedo that caused tension in G/harey.
- d) APD**
 431.4 MT of food was distributed in Afmadow in the month of August 08.
- e) IMC**
 6000 beneficiaries reached through SFP in Bay region.
 Crop failure in dinsor especially Yaaqbarawe area.

f) WVI

WVI International staff evacuated from Wajid.

WVI –National staff killed in Wajid-Investigations going on.

XX MT of food to XX beneficiaries was distributed in Alemow site of Wajid district.

g) OCHA

- The Map for that entails the Food Aid distribution to be updated on monthly basis and show the MT of food.

h) CARE International.

- Borrowed some food from WFP for the month of August 08.

i) FSAU

- Post Gu results show that Acute and Livelihood crises in almost all of Somalia.
- Humanitarian Emergencies in some areas of Somalia especially in Bakol, Gedo, Hiran , Central and parts North regions of Somalia due to poor rainfalls, high malnutrition rates, hyper inflation of prices in food items and civil war.
- Overall deteriorations in food security and nutrition in many parts of Somalia.
- The information for the Post Gu Assessment results can be viewed on FSAU website.

A.O.B

The next meeting will be on 7th October 08 at 11:00 Am at ICRC office.

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