

Minutes from WASH CAP 2009 meeting

Venue: Somalia Support Center
September 16, 2008, 14.30

List of Participants attached

Agenda

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1. Major updates from the field

The Cluster Coordinator informed the participants of coordination efforts taking place in GEDO. UNICEF and Care have both called for coordination meetings in August. Minutes from the meetings are available upon request from the Cluster Coordinator. It is anticipated that there will be future joint meetings.

The Cluster Coordinator also informed that MSF-CH will stop water trucking in Afgooye Corridor by the end of the Ramadan. An email has been sent out to relevant actors in the corridor, and hopefully we will be able to take over the water trucking. The Cluster Coordinator is meeting with MSF on Thursday, and a detailed plan for the way forward will be developed shortly thereafter.

Participants asked if there was any feedback in the priority projects submitted earlier in September. After the meeting the Cluster Coordinator contacted OCHA, and status is that the projects were presented to the donors on September 10, but no definite response has been received yet.

ICRC informed that as of 11/9 they have initiated a major water trucking activity in Bakool, Hiran, Mudug Galgaduud regions as well as in NEZ. A total of 75 supply points are used to supply 2.4 mill m3 per day to 500 distribution points. ICRC is coordinating with UNICEF and CARE on ensuring the water supply points are functioning.

Actors who are considering trucking water in the above mentioned areas are kindly requested to first look at the attached spreadsheet with details on the ICRC activity and/or get in direct contact with ICRC for coordination.

The Cluster Coordinator thanked ICRC for this very substantial and important contribution to alleviate the consequence of the drought in Somalia.

ICRC will rehabilitate 1 water point in Sool, 1 in Galgaduud, and 1 in Dhushambaareeb.

NCA provided an update of activities, i.e. drilling of 1 new borehole, rehabilitation of 2 boreholes, and construction of 300 latrines in Afgooye Corridor. NCA has faced many difficulties in rehabilitating the boreholes and is considering drilling a new instead. ICRC suggested that it could be worth trying to insert a smaller casing in the rehabilitated borehole.

Details of NCA activities are found in the attached document. Thanks to NCA for providing details in writing.

Islamic Relief informed that water trucking was on-going in Ceelasher.

Oxfam GB is progressing on finalizing the pipes system in Ceelasha. Estimates it will take only 3 weeks from when supplies are available. Is currently serving 27 camps and distributing jerricans and soap in 50 camps.

Hijra has made an assessment in Hiran which they will share when finalized. Will connect Teelix camp to the piped system, and will be able to connect two more camps when supplies are made available; all three camps are presently served by MSF water trucking.

OXFAM Novib Have funds to drill 2 boreholes in Afgooye. One of the boreholes are already located, but the location of the second borehole remains open, so cluster suggestions are welcome.

Rehabilitation of wells taking place in the following locations: Elow, Adale , Galad, Burtuble, El-Hareri and Elasha.

40 latrines constructed in Warsheik district. A total of 420 toilets to be constructed in Midle Shabelle, Lower shabelle and Galad district of galgadud region.

IRC activities are ongoing. Is still struggling to hold coordination meetings in Galkayo. So far one meeting has been held in the north by OCHA. This meeting will feed into a meeting to be held shortly in the south.

UNICEF provide assistance to water supply points in drought affected area. Is trying to come up with comprehensive plan for ending water trucking in Afgooye Corridor. UNICEF has received information about 9 non-functioning boreholes in NEZ. It appears that some of the boreholes have been non-functioning for years, others are in the process of being rehabilitated, and others will be rehabilitated as soon as a contract is signed (process initiated).

AFRIC pointed the attention to Kismaayo area where there are still unmet needs. AFRIC have ongoing activities, including hygiene promotion, and will start to produce concrete latrine slaps.

HARDO is constructing a sand filtration plant in Gedo. Is also working in South Mudug, and is preparing an assessment in Galguduud.

COOPI is working in a number of locations in Mudug and Nugal regions of NEZ, in Gedo and Lower Juba regions of CSZ. Activities include construction of 160 latrine. Details of the interventions can be found in the attached document. Thanks to COOPI for providing the information in electronic format.

COOPI is requesting assistance for undertaking a hydrogeological survey in NEZ, so if anybody know anybody, please get into contact with COOPI.

DIAL is working with solid waste management in Kismaayo.

2. CAP 2009

The latest version of the narrative, objectives, activities and indicators was shared (also referred to as the response plan). The indicators shared were at the activity level, and it was agreed that the Cluster Coordinator would share draft indicators at objective level for everybody to comment on (this has been done, and the latest version of the document is attached).

On September 18 the Cluster Coordinator will meet with FSAU to get data on the no. of people in need of water and sanitation facilities, and the response plan will be updated accordingly.

The response plan will be presented to the HC on Monday, September 22 after which there might be a need for minor adjustments.

If you have contributed to the development of the response plan (narrative, objectives, etc), and is not included in the table on the first page, please let me know and I will correct it accordingly.

A participant asked if HRF would only fund projects that were in the CAP. The Cluster Coordinator has discussed the issue with OCHA, and can confirm that this is not the case: projects that are not in the CAP can still be funded by HRF provided they meet the standard criteria (which are under revision).

Participants were informed that UNICEF will include security cost in their project sheets (2 or 4%). The Cluster Coordinator found this very reasonable considering the added cost of operating in Somalia. Cluster members who wish to include security cost in their project sheets could use this as an inspiration.

The Cluster Coordinator will produce a summary table of project sheets submitted. So far projects benefiting a total of 2 million people at a total cost of more than 20 million USD have been submitted.

Participants are reminded that the deadline for submission of project sheets is September 22.

3. Briefing on cross cutting themes

Alexina Rusere and Charity Buga gave the participants an overview of cross cutting themes. The cross cutting themes are relevant not only for the CAP 2009, but also for our general activities.

A number of examples of concrete activities were given, e.g. provision of two pieces of soap to sick (e.g. PLWHA), ensuring also those who are sick (e.g. PLWHA) or otherwise finding it

difficult to go to meetings (e.g. FHH, disabled, etc) also participate in meetings. It was mentioned that the standard 'incentive' for e.g. hygiene promoters should be gender sensitive, i.e. instead of t-shirts with logos for all, t-shirts could be used for men, while scarves with logos could be used for women. IRC and COOPI have examples of these.

Alexina recommended that the WASH Cluster appoint a gender focal person. Anybody who is willing to take on this role should please inform the Cluster Coordinator.

For more information please contact Alexina or Charity, or consult the OCHA Somalia website for guidance notes on HIV/AIDS, Gender and Capacity Building.

4. Security

The Cluster Coordinator informed that participants that recent reports indicate that the month of the Ramadan was likely to see increased insecurity. The UN had therefore decided to maintain low profile during the rest of the Ramadan.

No other major incidents were reported by the participants. `

5. AOB

The Cluster Coordinator was encouraged to develop a simple form for tracking who is doing what where.

UNICEF has 1,540 poor quality wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and brooms available for donation. If you are interested in using these, please contact WASH section. The wheelbarrows are in Nairobi. Transport cost will not be covered by UNICEF. Please note that if you are interested in the wheelbarrows you should be willing to take at least 500.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 23 at 14.30 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

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