

Highlights from Afgooye WASH Cluster meeting

Venue: Somalia Support Center
August 19, 2008, 14.30

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Updates from the field
2. Establishment of a working group to work out an Exit strategy for water trucking in Afgoye corridor
3. Trucking in Afgoye Corridor (including detailed budget)
4. Feedback on WASH guidelines from the field (Erik to confirm if Eng Mohamed/UNICEF Mogadishu has sent the feedback)
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6. Solid waste management in IDP camps/Afgoye Corridor
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1. Updates from the field

Hijra: Is still working on finalizing the piped system in Ceelasha.

SAACID: Is trucking in Afgoye Corridor. SAACID had been informed that CED would also be working in Lafaole. However, SAACID has not seen them. CED is encouraged to get in contact with SAACID.

Informed that BDG is still not willing to move as agreed earlier on according to the division of areas of responsibility.

Has found 5 camps in Afgoye that are not covered. Will discuss the issue with Engineer Mohamed.

There is a need for more latrines in Afgoye.

SAACID also mentioned the lack of coordination on the ground. and the need for improved planning.

Reported significant water shortage in Middle Shabelle. This is caused by drought and the lack of coping mechanisms.

Has implementation constraints due to security issues.

AFRIC: Works in Lower Juba. The IDPs are in need of latrines, and does not have access to safe water. AFRIC estimates 5,000 HHs are in need. AFRIC believed that people were moving to Afgoye Corridor as the level of services was considered better. There is a need for improved coordination in Lower Juba although OCHA is already having coordination meetings. AFRIC reported that there are 40 IDP camps in Kismayo.

Islamic Relief: Have had an extension of the water trucking until first week of October.

DRC:

Greater Moga:

- Due to the pullout of some agencies, requests from some agencies to meet increase needs that they could not cover, and increased needs in DRCs AoR DRC has increased its water trucking. Currently 1.248million lt of water per day is being delivered across 4 areas (North Moga, Danile, Kaxada, Afgoyie Corridor)
- DRC has been working to ensure that its water trucking in reactive to the continued displacement within and to areas of high IDP concentration. It should be noted that new people are arriving and new settlements are being established and this will effect the over all needs in these areas.
- DRC will complete 500 latrines in Aug (Danile, Afgoyie Corridor, Kaxada). The needs assessments for latrines in DRCs AoR will be completed by the 3rd week in Aug.

Hiran Region:

- Due to the evacuation of OCHA, DRC is supporting coordination on the ground
- The coordination for the emergency response has been mixed—some agencies are coordinating well and others not. There needs to be an improvement of cross sector coordination vis-à-vis planning, inter-linkages and the impacts that programs can have on each other.
- The results of the inter-agency assessment should be finalized by the 3rd week of Aug and will result in a better pictures of needs/capacities and agreement between coordinating agencies vis-à-vis on distribution sites etc.
- The reaction of the aid community at large to the displacement has not been very timely.
- DRC will carryout WASH and NFI distributions to an estimated 40,000HH
- DRC has distributed a pamphlet with Watermaker instructions in Somali to the Cluster
- Is drilling a borehole South of Bulaburte

DRC is trying to support coordination in Hiran, and will hold a WASH meeting on meeting August 20.

Thanks to DRC for sharing the information in electronic format.

SADO: Work in Gedo region where some districts are already facing water shortages. In some areas the water is salty. Expect that by mid-September there will be a need for water trucking. Has finished an assessment in Galgadud where there is severe drought in some districts. SADO has a detailed report on this.

Will develop a proposal together with NCA for submission to HRF. The proposal will be shared with the cluster when available.

OCHA: Will send out the database for updating.

Informed that there were water concerns in Galkoye due to drought.

OXFAM GB:

Finalisation of the piped system in Afgooye is awaiting supplies from UNICEF. When finalized in December 96 camps will be covered.

Is also working in 4 locations in Gedo. Have been in contact with CARE to find solutions to water trucking that probably will have to resume again.

Have submitted a proposal for Gedi Bai in lower shabelle together with partners.

Is planning a response in Somaliland.
Find access difficult in Juba and Lower Shabelle.

Oxfam Novib:

Oxfam Novib raised the issue of payment for water in pipes schemes presently paid by Novib.
Donors are encouraged to contribute to this.

World Vision:



Have cut down on implementation due to security constraints.

Thanks to World Vision for sharing the information in electronic format.

UNICEF:

See separate document that contains information not only about UNICEF activities, but also an overview of the status of various activities.

Thanks to UNICEF for sharing the information in electronic format.

2. Establishment of a working group to work out an Exit strategy for water trucking in Afgoye corridor

It was agreed that the work initiated in June should be resumed.

3. Trucking in Afgoye corridor (including detailed budget)

This would be discussed in the group working on establishing the exit strategy as per the above.

4. Feedback on WASH guidelines from the field (Erik to confirm if Eng Mohamed/UNICEF Mogadishu has sent the feedback)

This issue will be referred to the working group already established to develop standard WASH guidelines.

5. Standardization of latrines, berkads and pans (Adoption of most appropriate and cost effective designs)

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7. Security

Increased insecurity remain a concern to many NGOs. Access is expected to be increasingly restricted and it is felt that the staff on the ground are already taking enough risks.

It was expected that the IDPs in Afgoye will start moving, but most likely will stay in the area. It was commented that water trucking has the advantage of being more mobile than pipes systems.

Lack of coordination in Mogadishu is a concern, and it was decided that staff on the ground should be asked for potential solutions.

At the meeting there was also a more detailed discussions as the to the reasons for the decreased security, include the protection consequences. It was discussed that a more detailed note on these issues should be developed and forwarded to higher levels. However, I have had discussions in the office, and it is clear that the information provided is very well known to also higher levels. I therefore do not see a need for yet another note on this issue. It was agreed that more advocacy would be required.

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8. 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.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 1 at 14.00 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

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Those ticked were present.

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