

## **Minutes from WASH CAP 2009 meeting**

**Venue: UNICEF Conference Room  
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*List of Participants attached*

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### **Agenda**

1. Major updates from the field
2. Review of CAP 2009 proposals
3. Security
4. AOB
5. Next meeting

### **1. Major updates from the field**

Two separate coordination meetings were held in Gedo in September with different participants. The organizers have been encouraged to merged the two meetings to one. Minutes are available from the cluster coordinator upon request.

Two coordination meetings were held in Galkacyo, one in the north and one in the south. Minutes are available from the cluster coordinator upon request. The situation in Galgaduud is very critical. It is hoped that the rain will start soon. The cluster coordinator had in vain tried to contact ICRC to find out if they needed assistance with the water trucking. NCA is willing to assist with water trucking.

WHO has issued a report on the cholera cases in Merkka. The situation is not yet under control, and there is a need for improved chlorination procedures and community mobilization. UNICEF, who is supporting COSV, has been requested to ensure this is done.

The danger is that the cholera spreads to more densely populated areas, i.e. Afgooye Corridor. Hijra have been training wash committees in the corridor, and will do more, especially in Ceelasha. Other actors are encouraged to increase the efforts too.

Intersos have noted an increase in AWD cases in Jowhar, but does not yet know if it is cholera. Intersos will meet with Medair to discuss the way forward, and will share the information asap. Intersos was encouraged to contact WHO in case they needed assistance with diagnosing the type of AWD.

There are often cholera outbreaks just before the rain season, and it was decided that a preparedness plan should be prepared. OXFAM GB, UNICEF and Hijra would develop a plan. The plan would focus on Afgooye, but would be developed in such a way that it could be used also in other locations.

Hijra, DRC, Oxfam GB all stated that a major bottleneck to implementation is the UNICEF delays in signing agreements. DRC mentioned that NGOs raise expectations, but the long time to get an agreement could lead to security concerns. It was agreed that the cluster coordinator should receive inputs for NGOs detailing there experience, and a statement from the cluster would be sent to UNICEF.

UNICEF is working hard on reviewing and renewing contracts for supplying water in the Afgooye Corridor. The aim is to reduce water trucking substantially by the end of the year. All actors are requested to prepare for phasing out of water trucking as soon as the piped schemes get finalized.

Hijra informed that more displaced people have arrived in Afgooye Corridor. Supposedly 28 new camps have been established. These camps receive no assistance. The coordinator raised the concern that some of these camps might be break-away camps from original camps. However, due to the increased influx of people there might a gap in service delivery. This gap will be taken into consideration when new agreements are developed.

DRC stated that many more people have been displaced to Daniele. DRC will assess if they can provide water to 630 people that MSF can not support. It is hoped that some of them will be able to return again when things calm down in Mogadishu. DRC said that it was important to also assist in other locations around Mogadishu in order to prevent the IDPs from moving to Afgooye. DRC is providing 1.25 mill litre/day in Mogadishu and Afgooye Corridor. DRC has agreed to support the camps that MSF are no longer able to support. DRC stated that monitoring is very difficult when flights are no longer allowed to use Mogadishu airport. In Hiran DRC is rehabilitating berkads. DRC is coordinating activities with Save the Children. A meeting was held between NGOs and the ICU focusing on access and implementation. There has been scattered rain in Hiran.

Intersos is developing 14 shallow wells in Baidoa. Is also working in Jowhar and Afgooye Corridor (Orphanage).

Medair is working in SCZ through remote control. Have trained SAACID staff, but they are presently not able to travel to the field (Adale district in Middle Shabele). Will repair/rehabilitate shallow wells, latrines and hygiene promotion. Is assessing the need for assisting in NWZ.

IRC have new contract for boreholes, hand dug wells and latrines.

CARE was not able to participate but have kindly prepared the attached document with details of their operations.

NCA have constructed 12 water points in the Agricultural Faculty area of Afgooye Corridor. Is developing shallow wells and one piped water system in Puntland. NCA recommended that more efforts needs to be undertaken in order to monitor activities. All participants agreed to this, and OCHA would be approached for assistance with mapping. Furthermore, the WASH and Health Cluster might soon get a cluster support officer to assist with databases and mapping. This would be supported by ECHO through OCHA.

Oxfam GB is continuing wash activities in Ceelasha and is currently supporting 103,000 people. However, Oxfam is **still** waiting for a response from UNICEF regarding supplies to finalise the piped system.

Is developing 4 strategic boreholes (2 rehab, 2 new) in Somaliland.

Is developing boreholes and ponds in Gedo and Lower Juba. Will undertake a study of the most appropriate design ponds in order to make the water in ponds as safe as possible. The chair promised to contact COSV to get a copy of the study they made in a district in Gedo.

DIAL would like to get information from others on where to obtain chlorine from.

## **2. CAP 2009 projects**

The chair thanked the participants for their active participation in the CAP process and the submitted project sheets.

There was a discussion of some of the projects submitted. The majority of participants felt that urban solid waste management projects by CESVI and DIAL) would more appropriately be funded as a development project instead of an emergency project. The chair also suggested that the JCC proposal with a beneficiary cost of more than 100 USD should not be included. JCC had also failed to submit any supporting documents as to their capacity/previous experience.

The decision on what projects to include in the CAP 2009 will be taken by the humanitarian coordinator.

It was agreed that for next year's CAP, criteria for inclusion of project sheets would be established well in advance of the deadline for submission.

In November the WASH cluster will potentially be asked to prioritize the submitted projects.

After the cluster meeting, bilateral meetings were held to sort out potential overlaps. This has now been done.

## **3. Security**

DRC informed the participants that shelling was on-going in K4 and K5. DRC was surprised that there has not been more press releases on this. On Wednesday, October 1 demonstrations against the fighting had been held in Mogadishu.

DRC felt that the security situation in and around Mogadishu was about to deteriorate to a level where field-staff are being asked to take more and more risks, and that one day it would be impossible to continue the work.

In Baidoa there had been a landmine explosion.

The security in Hiran has improved.

The security in Jowhar is good, however only within the city.

## **4. AOB**

The cluster chair informed the participants that the planned training on watsan in emergencies would be held during the first week of November. However, the training has been postponed by the facilitators. A new date will follow as soon as possible.

## 5. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on October 16. However, both the chair and the co-chair are out of the country that day. The chair and co-chair has therefore agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 14.30 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

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