

Minutes from WASH CAP 2009 meeting

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room
October 28, 2008, 14.30

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Major updates from the field
2. News from working groups
3. Presentation on gender monitoring
4. Security
5. AOB
6. Next meeting

1. Major updates from the field

Apologies and electronic updates received from Care and NCA. COOPI also provided an update in electronic form. Thanks to all of you.

CARE has suspended its operations in Somalia until further notice.

SDRWA reported that there was still water scarcity in Gedo, and that there were too few boreholes.

COOPI has sent an electronic update attached to the minutes. Thanks for that COOPI.

IRC had a sub-grant from CARE, and due to CARE's decision to suspend their activities, IRC work has been affected. IRC is approaching other donors to continue to work in Galkacyo. Will try to organize a new coordination meeting in Galkacyo asap.

ASAP works with COOPI in two district in Gedo

Green Hope are working with hygiene promotion and rehabilitation of 30 water catchments in Bay/Bakool and is in the process of initiating a new project.

A70 HQ representative Daniela is visiting Nairobi. A70 is based in Hargeisa.

UNICEF has managed to make agreements with partners to continue to provide water to the population in Afgooye. UNICEF is continuing to work on establishing more boreholes in Afgooye Corridor.

UNICEF is also supporting the cholera-interventions in Merkka, Jowhar, and Bossasso. If anybody need chlorine in Jowhar, please contact the NGO WOCCA or UNICEF.

UNICEF was also active during the hand washing day.

Hijra finally received the soap and jerricans from UNICEF: 9965 households have received jerricans and soap. More will be distributed. Hijra has also constructed 23 latrines. Hijra was participating in the global hand washing day, and a separate report on this is attached.

DIAL is continuing activities on removing waste from Kismayo, and is looking into the possibilities to bring water to Baderda.

OXFAM GB

Is providing water in 27 IDP camps in Ceelasha, and have temporarily connected some camps, and will shortly connect an additional 14 camps.

Is planning to drill 2 boreholes in Somaliland.

In Gedo Oxfam GB is working with Development Concern on rehabilitating shallow wells and have on-going hygiene promotion campaigns.

Have finished the field study on water catchment structures. The preliminary findings were discussed, and it was proposed that when the final report was ready it would be presented at a WASH Sector/Cluster meeting.

NCA had sent its apologies and the below update:

NCA have now completed the construction of 23 water points in the Faculty of Agriculture zone, in partnership with Bani'Adam. Secondly, NCA in partnership with SADO begun water trucking response in Galgadud region with some small emergency amount of funding from FinnChurch Aid but we are still lobbying for more funding for the area. Thirdly, implementation of Garbaharrey town water supply system is on-going, through a local contractor but supervised by NCA Gedo staff.

NCA has submitted a proposal to UNICEF for funding of the maintenance of the two complete water systems for six months in order to phase out water trucking in the area.

2. News from working groups

The working group on establishment of criteria for prioritization of projects would meet on October 29. After-meeting-update: The group (or at least part of it) met and developed first draft criteria. The draft criteria are expected to be ready for distribution for comments on November 6.

The working group on cholera preparedness had drafted a preparedness plan. The draft plan is attached and cluster members are encouraged to comment on it before November 6. When inputs have been received a final draft will be produced, which will be discussed and finalized together with the health cluster. It should be noted that the health cluster is responsible for coordination in case of an outbreak, of course supported by the WASH cluster as requested.

3. Presentation on gender monitoring

Alexina M. Rusere gave a presentation on gender monitoring.

She also informed that there was a working group on Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Settings, and the WASH cluster is encouraged to participate in the working group. The Chair proposed that the WASH cluster should identify a male representative from a national NGO. Members who want to represent the cluster in this working group should contact the chair before November 11.

Also available is an Inventory of Gender Resources.

The documents are available on <http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/iasc/gender>. Alternatively CDs can be obtained from the chair or from Alexina (mugwebirusere@un.org).

There was a short discussion after the presentation. It was proposed that a longer (hours) presentation on gender should be provided to cluster members. Alexina would contact the chair regarding timing of this.

4. Security

Security has improved in Kismayo. The situation in Merka continue to deteriorate with killings of senior officials. Otherwise, no major incidents were reported.

If the recent incidents in Somaliland and Puntland is going to have an impact on your programmes/projects I would appreciate to be informed, especially if you plan to down-scale/suspend WASH activities.

5. AOB

There was a discussion on capacity building of national NGOs. It was agreed that this was important, and that national NGOs can play an important role in minimizing conflicts. It was recognized that in an emergency context time might sometimes be too limited to allow for capacity building. Activities are on-going by Oxfam Novib, and Oxfam GB have in vain been trying to find funds for it. COOPI has signed an agreement with CCD, UNICEF has many national NGOs as partners, and Oxfam GB has established partnerships with 3 national NGOs for the CAP.

It was requested that a form for providing electronic updates be developed.

The cluster chair has once again requested OCHA to update the population figures for Afgooye Corridor. After-meeting-update: OCHA, WFP and UNHCR have met on this, and will develop a policy document for updating the population figures.

6. Next meeting

It was agree that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, November 13 at 14.30 at the Somalia Support Secretariat.

Action points

<i>Action point</i>	<i>By whom</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Update</i>
Nominations for WASH representative in working group on Gender-based Violence in Humanitarian Settings (send to cluster chair)	All	12/11	
Feed-back on draft cholera preparedness plan (send feedback to Omar and Medard)	All	6/11	
Distribute draft criteria for prioritization of projects	Erik	6/11	
Follow up on draft documents for WASH guidelines	Erik	11/11	
Plan a presentation on gender	Alexina/ Chair	11/11	

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Organize cluster meeting in Galkacyo	IRC	When security permits	
Develop form for electronic updates of activities	Erik	11/11	

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