

Minutes from WASH Cluster meeting

Venue: UNICEF Conference Room
January 20, 2009, 14.30

List of Participants attached

Agenda

1. Main updates from the field, please provide written updates.
2. The situation in Central region
3. Selection of focal points for geographical areas (proposed focal points are listed below.
4. Prioritisation
5. Presentation by COOPI and standards for WASH Guidelines
6. Security/access
7. AOB
8. Next meeting

Apologies were received from DRC and Medard from Oxfam GB.

1. Main updates from the field

COOPI, IRC, and OXFAM GB had submitted electronic updates (attached).

COOPI gave a brief overview of the activities (details are to be found in the attached document). COOPI is working in Mudug and Nudal in Puntland, where they are tendering 4 boreholes, 12 shallow wells have been constructed, and 249 latrines are planned along with hygiene promotion.

In Gedo COOPI has an EC funded project, and 2 wells have been constructed.

In Lower Juba COOPI together with CCD has completed 5 wells, mobilised the communities, and rehabilitated 1 borehole.

CCD is, besides the work together with COOPI, working in South Galgaduud, where they have rehabilitated 10 shallow wells and 15 berkads. Equipment has been purchased for 2 boreholes, and CCD will desilt 4 pans.

In Lower Juba CCD has developed a proposal for construction of 200 laterines and rehabilitation of 10 shallow wells in Badade and Dhobley.

CCD had been informed that dams in Badade are being or will be chlorinated, but the community was opposing this as they feared animals would not drink the water. The meeting agreed that dams should not be chlorinated, but chlorination should take place at household level. CCD would obtain more information on who is (planning to) chlorinating the dam.

Islamic Relief is continuing water trucking in Afgooye Corridor, and is planning to intervene with sanitation and hygiene promotion.

ICRC's work of rehabilitating boreholes and shallow wells is on-going along with rehabilitation of rain water harvesting structures (berkads). ICRC has pre-positioned chlorination kits in 4 locations.

Water trucking to IDPs and host communities in Guriel and Dushamareb will commence shortly. The water trucking will reach 72,000 IDPs. ICRC is coordinating the water trucking activities with MSF. The chair thanked ICRC for this very important/urgent activity.

Hijra is working with OXFAM GB to complete training of 200 WES committees from 20 IDP camps in Afgooye Corridor, where also 90 old pit latrines have been constructed.

OXFAM GB plans to make an evaluation of existing piped systems in Afgooye Corridor as well as a review of activities Hargeisa. The lessons learned from this will be shared with the cluster when finalised.

The study on berkads done last year is awaiting final details on designs before it can be shared.

A hydrogeological survey for Wado Makail Galbeed Region has been completed. The study indicates that the water would be found at 3-400 m, making extraction very expensive.

Alternative solutions are being sought. The chair recommend to OXFAM GB that the report should be shared with Swalim.

OXFAM GB is piloting ways of implementing if also local NGOs are not able to access the areas. The outcome of the piloting will also be shared.

The cluster coordinator has discussed with OXFAM GB/Hirja the possibility of training pump attendants also from non-OXFAM GB/Hijra piped schemes. OXFAM GB/Hijra will avert when they have an overview.

Relief International has finalised its work in Galkacyo (north). Have removed 6,000 lorry-loads of garbage in 9 IDP camps. Reported that more and more IDPs are arriving in Galkacyo.

Is working in Galkacyo hospital. Has trained hygiene promoter teams, and is working with the municipality to ensure that no water trucks are entering town without being chlorinated first. Have suspended some activities in Puntland due to security concerns, but hope to be able to resume soon.

IRC referred to the written update provided, which included a report on TOT for hygiene promotion.

IRC has finalised the Care-funded project.

It was not possible to work with national NGOs under the Care-funded project, but IRC is now more flexible, and is interested in establishing relationships with national NGOs.

UNICEF: Engineer Mohamed, who used to be based in Mogadishu introduced himself.

UNICEF gave an overview of the progress on constructing piped systems in Afgooye Corridor - almost done.

UNICEF is in the process of planning for the new year. In 2009 UNICEF will have longer-term agreements with partners, allowing a speedier and more flexible approach.

Proposal submitted to UNICEF should include a half page summary with information on location, beneficiaries, needs, activities, and a brief budget with 4-6 lines.

2. The situation in Central region

The need of support for the new IDPs in Galgaduud was discussed. It was agreed that for now, the water trucking undertaken by ICRC and MSF would suffice.

It was agreed that taking into consideration that the IDPs live relatively scattered there was no urgent need for latrines. ICRC would look into if soap is included in the NFI kits to be distributed. The NFI kits include jerry cans.

3. Selection of focal points for geographical areas (proposed focal points are listed below.

Additional suggestions/comments to the list of proposed focal points were put forward. It was agreed that the cluster coordinator would contact the concerned organisations directly and obtain confirmation that they are willing to be listed as focal points.

4. Prioritisation

The prioritised CAP projects were presented (also attached). There was a discussion if the capacity assessment should have included also present capacity, and not only past experiences. It was agreed that the criteria developed by the working group, and presented earlier, would suffice.

There was a discussion of the shortcomings of such a

5. Presentation by COOPI and standards for WASH Guidelines

COOPI made a very clear and well structured presentation on guidelines for latrine designs. Comments were received and will be included in a final draft document to be circulated shortly. The main discussion was on hand washing facilities. It was agreed that COOPI would talk to DRC and NRC to obtain information on their experiences.

At the next meeting, Mercy Corps will present guidelines for on software aspects, i.e. community involvement, operation & maintenance, etc.

6. Security/access

Unfortunately there has been no improvement in the security situation.

It remains to be seen what will happen in Mogadishu. There were reports of a few returns to Mogadishu, but nothing substantial and most likely mainly business men and others assessing their properties.

7. AOB.

Afgooye Update

A new estimate of the population in Afgooye has been distributed by OCHA. The revised population figure now stands at at least 367,000. The cluster coordinator has suggested further revisions. Awaiting the outcome of this revision, the updated document will be shared with everybody.

The meeting agreed that most of the population will remain in Afgooye Corridor for the foreseeable future.

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The participants were reminded of the importance of submitting data for the wwwww database. Those who have submitted already, but without dates will be asked to fill that in too. The information received so far is presented in the attached map.

Training on Water and Sanitation in Emergencies

Participants were informed of the RedR and ECHO supported training on Water and Sanitation in Emergencies coming up next week. The course is unfortunately full, so it will not be possible to accommodate more trainees. Really really important additions can be forwarded to the cluster coordinator for consideration, provided that strong justification is provided.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 14.30 at the Somalia Support Secretariat, Kalson Tower.

Action points

<i>Action point</i>	<i>By whom</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Update</i>
Obtain more details on chlorination of dams in Badade	CCD	17/2	
Ensure that soap is distributed to the beneficiaries of ICRC interventions in Galgaduud.	ICRC	17/2	
Investigate if more chlorination can be done in Mogadishu	UNICEF	17/2	
OXFAM GB/Hijra to report back how many pump attendants etc. can be trained in O&M	OXFAM GB	17/2	
Circulate final draft of latrine guidelines	COOPI	17/2	
Get confirmation from organisations that they will be focal points on the ground	Erik	17/2	
Align cholera preparedness plan with health cluster plan	OXFAM GB/UNICEF	January	
Circulate prioritised CAP projects together with cover note	Erik	17/2	
Facilitate a presentation on finalising guidelines for the software aspects, i.e. community involvement, operation & maintenance, etc.;	Mercy Corps	17/2	
Facilitate finalisation of guidelines for hygiene promotion, environmental sanitation, hand washing facilities, etc.	Oxfam GB	March	
Disseminate study on Berkards	Oxfam GB	?	
Disseminate lessons learned from evaluation in Afgooye Corridor and review in Hargeisa	Oxfam GB	?	
ASEP to submit geological survey	ASEP	?	
Organize cluster meeting in Galkacyo	IRC	When security permits	
Distribute example of Swalim map			
All actors to submit copies of reports to SWALIM	all		

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