

Food Aid Cluster Meeting
January 6, 2009
WFP Somalia Country Office, Nairobi

Agenda

1. Review of last meeting minutes
- 2- Operational access
- 3- Update by agencies – including security
- 4- Central region food aid update
- 5- AOB

The meeting began at 11:00 and was chaired by WFP.

1. Review of last meeting minutes

Minutes of last food aid meeting was not circulated, thus not reviewed

2. Operational access

WFP shared the meeting that Alshabab took over her Merka SO in December and confiscated equipments and money. So far nothing had been returned although people who confiscated the office reported that they will return all those which have been taken. This action left WFP no option but to suspend all Merka WFP activities. WFP operations in Buale were also suspended after receiving threat that WFP is damaging the crop production in the area. Limited access also affected WFP's monitoring plans in Puntland and Somaliland.

3. Update of the months by Agencies

WFP

- Kenya/Somalia border closed in September but now WFP managed to move food to Gedo.
- Distribution is on-going in Afgoi
- Bomb explosion near Afgoi had been reported but not so far no casualties had been reported
- Due to security reasons Biadoa and Merka WFP staff had been relocated to Wajid temporarily
- WFP reduced its logistical capacity in Merka and food was moved to different destinations such as Gedo, Wajid, Hiran and central regions
- On December 15th WFP started food distribution in some of CARE areas in Hiran and Middle Shabelle. Next week WFP will in addition start food distribution in Galgudu
- WFP also started supplementary Plummy in Nov/December distribution and directly distributed supplementary feeding food in the former areas of IMC in Bakool and Bay regions
- WFP supported 400 HH fire victims in Sakow after they have been affected by Fire outbreak in Sakow
- WFP was asked by ICRC which beneficiary figure and which partner does WFP is using for central regions. WFP shared the meeting that CARE figure and as well CARE CPs are currently engaged by WFP whereby the figure is based on FSAU analysis.
- In discussion on how long WFP will continue distributing food in CARE areas, the agency articulated that the initial plan to take over is for three months starting from December but the contingency plan is to continue feeding the vulnerable people until CARE comes back to operations in her areas.

- WFP finalised food distribution in Puntland with DRC
- WFP is also covering Togdheer and Awdal regions of Somaliland

ICRC

- ICRC reported that the agency supported 55,840 HH in Galgudud and 25,201 HH in Mudug and distributed 5,650 MT and 2,550 MT of assorted food commodities respectively.
- ICRC finalised distribution in central regions for three months and distributed food for 72, 500 HH including 12,000 in puntland and Somaliland, beneficiaries received one month full ration
- ICRC will not continue GFD in 2009 but will continue to fill the gaps that WFP might not reach for other recovery activities
- ICRC made request for funding and if materialised will focus the most relevant interventions

FSAU/FewsNet

- FSAU is conducting post *Deyr* assessment and within a week a workshop for result analysis will be conducted followed by vetting of findings
- Observation by FewsNet elaborated that the efforts of food distribution reflected the reduction of cereal prices and where food distribution had been implemented the impact is noted, however, although overall rating of food prices might go down yet not significant and hyper inflations still exist and local cereal prices are still high
- Impact of *Dayr* season is mixed in many parts of the country and no measurable positive changes had been so far noticed. Water and pasture scarcity had been reported
- Cereal harvest reported in most of Bay region and some pockets of Bakool, Gedo and Shabelles. However many parts of Hiran, Gedo and Shabelles will face complete crop failure and generally the crises might continue in most of pastoral areas and urban settings
- Currently FSAU is doing all team analysis for post *Deyr* assessment and indication is that the situation might change to worse
- For Jubbas although animal body and calving is good yet the situation might be worse and below normal crop production is predicted due to the recent floods
- Situation in the central regions is devastating due to the on-going conflict and fighting, worst are the IDPs from Mogadishu. In central region livestock are also not calving and did not conceived

Nutrition

- Nutrition assessment covering most of the areas is on-going and will be analysed soon
- An alarming malnutrition rate in Boassos IDPs camp which the GAM rate is 27.9 and frequent mortality rate of 3.5 had been reported by FSAU.
- Nutrition status in Shabelles not bad which showed 12% in IDPs where as the costal area is 10%
- High GAM rate also reported in the North i.e. Guban/Golis livelihood zones
- FSAU will share seasonal (*Deyr*) results analysis immediately after it is known

In conclusion as a matter of interest participants asked WFP if there might be a change for CAP identified plan for WFP, CARE and ICRC. In response WFP mentioned that the approach and modalities will remain as planned although WFP is covering all areas previously planned for CARE, ICRC and WFP.

The meeting ended at 12:30 pm

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