

Minutes from WASH Cluster meeting

Venue: SSS, Kalson Tower
February 17, 2009, 14.30

List of Participants attached

Agenda

0. Review of action points
1. Main updates from the field
2. The situation in Central region and Gedo
3. Update on selection of focal points for geographical areas (new draft for expectation of cluster members)
4. OCHA Gender focal person
5. Presentation by Mercy Corps on WASH software guidelines
6. Water provision in Afgooye (UNICEF/OXFAM)
7. Funding situation
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0. Review of action points

See action points towards the end of the document

1. Main updates from the field

No electronic updates were received.

Mercy Corps has received funding for more WASH activities for host communities at Bosasso IDP camps. Additionally have received funding for improvement (WASH a key component) of 215 schools throughout Somalia.

Hijra are working on providing water for 6 IDP camps in Ceelasha (Afgooye Corridor). Have erected bill boards with hygiene messages in new IDP camps in Ceelasha. Is developing an AWD contingency plan (prepositioning ORS). Is planning to construct 150 pit latrines. There is increased pressure on the piped water schemes in Ceelasha as IDPs are coming from far away to fetch water. Hijra have not noticed any return of IDPs to Mogadishu.

CESVI is implementing solid waste management in 5 communities around Hargeisa. Is developing small-scale remote controlled interventions in Sool/Sanag and Kismayo.

Intersos is planning interventions in Lafoole south in the Afgooye Corridor. The location of the borehole has been decided and drilling will start within a month. Intersos will also construct 48 latrines. In Jowhar Intersos is working on 35 latrines and 12 water points in IDP camps.

ISRA has submitted a proposal for water trucking for IDPs in Baidoa. Reported that the price for water has gone up from 1 USD/barrel last week to now 2 USD/barrel. Has also developed a solid waste management proposal for Baidoa. Is doing a solid waste management campaign in middle Juba, employing 100 women.

ADRA is doing WASH and livelihood interventions. In Bay they have a 1 year programme of rehabilitating 19 wells, 6 berkards, 6 catchments, 4 boreholes, hygiene promotion, and 35 demonstration latrines. In Bakol ADRA is supporting women's groups. In Hiran, ADRA is rehabilitating schools in 4 districts, including small WASH component.

MercyUSA is working in Hiran, Middle Juba, Galgaduud, Middle Shabelle. Constructing and rehabilitating shallow wells. In Hiran and Middle Juba they are doing hygiene promotion.

HARDO is providing cash for work and food relief in Hiran. Is planning livelihoods interventions.

SYPD is working in Mogdashu and Afgooye Corridor together with NRC. Is constructing 600 latrines and are planning to do more, inclusive Hygiene Promotion.

Somalia Aid Foundation is working in Middle and Lower Juba where there is water shortage.

Soma Action is working in Mogadishu and Lower Shabelle. Used to have WASH interventions and is considering starting in southern Gedo.

ASEP has finalised a geological survey for Gedo region. Recommendations will be implemented with the support of NCA. The survey will be shared.

Concern WW is doing WASH in Bay and Galgaduud: 9 rain water catchments (ponds), 17 shallow wells, 7 boreholes, and berkards. Concern WW is water trucking in areas where there is a need. Concern WW was requested to liaise with ICRC on water trucking. Concern WW would like to have guidelines for WES committees. It was agreed that as soon as guidelines for sanitation was in place, the next step would be do work in guidelines for WES committees.

HDC is working with primary health care in Gedo. Reported a water shortage due to drought.. Is doing a geological survey of the area and will liaise with Oxfam GB.

Dialog Forening is implementing an FGM project in Gedo. Is doing a survey of a borehole in south Gedo. Plan to expand WASH activities, especially for schools and hospitals.

Development Concern (DevCon) has finished a WASH project in Gedo. Have done boreholes and shallow wells, 129 latrines. Will rehabilitate a borehole, including a 50 m³ reservoir and distribution points. Have done an assessment of the drought that will be shared with everybody (attached).

WADO is working in Juba, and pointed to the fact that there is a need for WASH interventions in Doblely as more and more IDPs are arriving. WADO was encouraged to contact other partners that also have plans for Doblely. It was reported that UNHCR are undertaking WASH activities in Doblely.

WASDA finished a WASH project in Doble and surroundings. Have funds from UNHCR on a WASH project. Is together with OXFAM GB looking into alternative ways of working: community managed implementation of programmes.

Informed the meeting that Diff has chronic problems. To which Mercy Corps stated that they perhaps would have funds that could assist. WASDA have an ICRC survey of the area.

OXFAM GB works with Hijra, DevCon, WASDA, so details are provided in their deliberations above. Stated that Afgooye Corridor was still an issue, and that it was unknown how many will go back to Mogadishu. OXFAM GB will look into working in Mogadishu. Training of pump attendants etc. have been held in Hargeisa. If there is sufficient demand from other NGOs to have similar training, OXFAM GB will consider. Have done an review with partners, and lessons learnt of value to others will be shared when finalised.

Hirda collaborate with Novib, mainly in the education sector. Have an regional office in Gedo. Hirda drilled a borehole in 2005 in Galgaduud where 150 households have been connected to a borehole and 5 water kiosks constructed. Plan to connect more households and construct more water kiosks.

IRC have held a WASH coordination meeting in Galkacyo (Well Done!), minutes will be circulated when finalised. Have finalised many activities and will do a review, from which lessons learned will be shared. IRC also have a checklist for assessments which will be shared. In 2009, IRC plan to rehabilitate and construct berkards and ponds, and to install pipelines and distribution points where boreholes exist.

JCC is not presently working with WASH, but would like to be kept informed of WASH activities.

2. The situation in Central regions and Gedo

As rates of malnutrition are also of concern in Gedo, like in central regions, a meeting with participation of WASH and nutrition cluster had been held, focusing on Gedo. Clearly there is a need for more interventions. The deliberations above confirm this. However, funding remains a major constraint. All actors are encouraged to do what they can also in Gedo.

3. Update on selection of focal points for geographical areas

DRC had had reservations as to be selected as focal points and a couple of emails on this had been exchanged. The cluster coordinator distributed draft 'expectation to cluster members', and it was agreed that a small working group should work on these. The cluster coordinator would try to make sure DRC participated in this. No other organisations had a burning desire to participate in this work.

4. OCHA Gender focal person

Alexina did not attend the meeting

5. Presentation by Mercy Corps on WASH software guidelines

A presentation was made by Mercy Corps on guidelines for O&M of latrines. A few key points from the discussion/presentation:

- O&M is important and difficult.
- A responsible person has to be identified.
- Women are important in the process as they often suffers the most due to lack of privacy.

Details are provided in the document that will be circulated as soon as comments from the meeting have been incorporated.

6. Water provision in Afgooye (UNICEF/OXFAM)

Some of the main actors did not attend the meeting, including UNICEF and NCA, and it was agreed that a separate meeting would be held with participation of relevant actors. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 20 at 08.30 at SSS.

7. Funding situation

The cluster coordinator explained to the participants that funding was very scarce. So far only 300,000 USD have been received against the CAP 2009 (out of a total request for 36 million USD). Furthermore, the HRF have not received any funds for 2009.

There might be funding coming to the CAP from the CERF, but it is not yet clear how much will be allocated to WASH.

8. Security/access

There was generally agreement that security has not deteriorated, and that perhaps there in some areas were slight improvements.

9. AOB

None

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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>
Incorporate comments on latrine O&M when comments from meeting have been incorporated.	Mercy Corps	25/2	
Share assessment checklist	IRC	17/3	
To investigate if hand washing facilities at communal latrines are actually used also after SYPD have left	SYPD	28/2	
WASDA and Mercy Corps to get together to discuss the way forward in Doble.	WASDA Mercy Corps	asap	
Develop guidelines for water, incl. WES committees	all	When sanitation	

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		guidelines finalised.	
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	ICRC do not distribute soap
Investigate if more chlorination can be done in Mogadishu	UNICEF	17/2	On-going with UNICEF
Circulate final draft of latrine guidelines	COOPI	17/2	Waiting for final with drawings
Get confirmation from organisations that they will be focal points on the ground	Erik	17/2	Clarity needed on expectations. DRC and the coordinator will work on this.
Align cholera preparedness plan with health cluster plan	OXFAM GB/UNICEF	January	1 meeting held, next one in March
Circulate prioritised CAP projects together with cover note	Erik	17/2	OCHA is working on more clear guidelines for this, after which the cluster will review it.
Facilitate a presentation on finalising guidelines for the software aspects, i.e. community involvement, operation & maintenance, etc.;	Mercy Corps	17/2	Hopefully present
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	?	
Disseminate relevant lessons learned from Review of activities in Mudug	IRC	?	
ASEP to submit geological survey	ASEP	?	
Organize cluster meeting in Galkacyo	IRC	When security permits	Meeting was held on Feb. 14
All actors to submit copies of reports to SWALIM	all		

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