

Minutes from WASH Cluster meeting

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

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Apologies were received from DRC.

0. Review of action points

See action points towards the end of the document.

1. Main updates from the field

Electronic updates were received from COOPI, Intersos, and CARE. Thanks a lot for this.

Novib together with SAACID has finalised the borehole in Lafole area, serving 4,595 HH.

VSF-G is water trucking (giving vouchers) in Afmadow, Badade and Gedo districts. Informed that the borehole in Badade is having problems.

ADRA is working in Bay region. Rehabilitating 30 shallow wells and 2 boreholes. Has desilted 12 catchments and constructed 12 boreholes. Has trained WASH committees and constructed 45 demo latrines.

Dialog Forening is working in Gedo and El-Wak on cleanliness and sanitation. Stated that there is limited water in El-Wak, and that whatever water is there is salty.

Mercy Corps is working in Jilib and Jamale districts, and in 5 IDP camps and surroundings in Bosasso. 31 schools in Somaliland and Puntland are being provided with WASH facilities. Has sent a team to assess the Diff borehole. Will share report when finalised.

COOPI submitted electronic update:

Contracting for drilling of 2 boreholes (Burtinle and Rebeenti in Nugal Region) is underway.
Contracting for rehabilitation of two rainwater harvesting facilities (Jalam in Nugal and Salah in Mudug regions) has been done.
In collaboration with PSAWEN is in the process of identifying 15 wells for rehabilitation in Mudug Region.
Construction of 98 latrines is ongoing and an additional 108 latrines have been identified for construction in Nugal and Mudug Regions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 latrines constructed in Jamama District• Hygiene awareness promotion in Garbaharey & Jamama district
Project in Galgaduud has been completed. CCD will present the achievements at next meeting.

CCD has rehabilitated 2 boreholes in Galgaduud, 5 berkards, 11 shallow wells and trained 50 community health workers. WASH committees have been established and youths have been trained. Want to present the achievements at the next meeting. Stated the need for water trucking in central regions, and is working on a proposal.

Intersos submitted electronic update:

In Afgooye

- we started drilling the borehole for the water distribution system in Lafoole Sector South (from Xawo Cabdi up to Casha Gorad (about 44 IDP camps including host community)
- water distribution system will have 9 tanks and 9 water points
- one big tower tank linked to the borehole
- 48 latrines
- raising awareness campaigns on Hygiene Promotion and making trainings
- distribution of Hygiene Kits (2200) - soap, jerrycan, bucket and nail clippers

In Jowhar

- we will implement wash activities in Kalaguye, Sheik Omar, Biasa and Sheik Sabi IDP camps (beginning in April)
- 12 water points in these 4 camps
- Biasa and Kalaguye camps will be connected to the JTWSS (aqueduct) - payment of water bill for the 4 camps for 6 months
- 35 latrines
- raising awareness campaigns on H.P. and trainings
- distribution of 550 Hygiene kits

Merlin is doing a health programme with a WASH component at health facilities in Ceel Buur hospital (protecting berkard and piping water). Is also doing solid waste management, including provision of tools and hygiene promotion at marked. Also doing hygiene promotion at educational facilities.

AFREC is doing hygiene promotion in Kismayo. Distributed a report on AWD/cholera outbreak around Kimayo. Also distributed a report on the situation in Badade. UNICEF is in the process of purchasing a generator for the borehole in Badade.

IRC activities are on-going in South-Mudug, and a report will be submitted when finalised. IRC now have more staff on the ground. Contracts for 3 boreholes and 6 hand dug wells are to be signed soon. Will assist the Galkacyo North hospital. Will meet with Mercy Corps for potential collaboration.

Hijra has trained WES committee members, distributed NFIs, and have trained quranic teachers and students.

Islamic Relief is working in Mogadishu where they have completed 42 pit latrines. At km 13 in Afgooye Corridor they have completed 32 pit latrines and 1 berkard. Is considering resuming water trucking in five camps in Afgooye Corridor (Hawa Abdi: Sabir 1, 2, 3 and Barwaqo; and Ceelasha: Tabaro or Indoole). It will be investigated if these camps are already served.

SWRDA is doing hygiene promotion in Gedo. Stated that water shortage is a problem in Gedo, especially for livestock. Will start education in June.

CARE International submitted electronic update:

CARE are currently planning to rehabilitate some 46 shallow wells in Nugal and Karkar regions of Puntland. We are also rehabilitating boreholes at Dangoroyo and Sunijif, both in Nugal.

Through local partners, we have the following activities:

NRO	Mudug	263 latrines	3 boreholes
Candlelight	Burao	422 latrines	10 berkads or water catchments
Yovenco	Berbera	280 latrines	3 water kiosks

CARE International have funding available for other organisations. Proposal development guidelines and details of what can be funded are available in the attached documents.

2. The situation in Central regions and Gedo

The situation in the central and Gedo regions is critical with a need for water trucking.

2a. The situation in Badade

AFREC distributed an update on the situation in Badade. UNICEF has agreed to provide a generator for the borehole.

2b. Cholera outbreak in Jilib

According to a report by AFREC, there is a confirmed cholera outbreak in Jilib. Mercy Corps, Mercy USA, AFREC and MSF-H is ready to chlorinate. AFREC suggested that one cause of the outbreak was the need for rehabilitation of shallow wells after the 2007 flooding.

3. Update on selection of focal points for geographical areas (new draft for expectation of cluster members)

The general expectations of cluster members were adopted with only a minor change.

There was a discussion on how to select focal points. Some participants argued that physical presence was important. After discussions with other cluster coordinators I am proposing that we phrase it like the below. Please provide me with your comments on this before COB Thursday, March 26.

Focal points

Focal points will act as the cluster's local 'representative' in specific geographic areas, e.g. in a region or district, and will be the cluster coordinator's main channel for disseminating and collecting information in the geographical area. To the extent possible focal points will keep the cluster coordinator informed of major new developments of relevance to the cluster. The focal points will also if possible facilitate joint needs assessments and other related activities within the geographical area.

As there is limited access in many locations the organisation taking on the role to act as focal points will vary from place to place. Commitment and capacity to undertake the role is important. In some locations physical presence is not always possible, and an organisation with staff members having in-depth understanding of the situation, geography, local actors, etc. can be selected.

UNICEF is the cluster lead and is therefore the first choice of focal points. In locations where UNICEF is not able to act as focal point, other organisations will be approached.

4. Indicators

There was no initial feed-back on the indicators, indicating that they were in general acceptable. It was decided to establish a working group to refine the indicators. The working group consist of Cluster Coordinator, CARE International, Mercy Corps, Intersos, and IRC.

5. Presentation by Oxfam GB on Hygiene Promotion guidelines

OXFAM GB was not present. Hopefully they will be able to present it at the next meeting. Considering that this process was started mid-2008 and only very limited concrete outputs have materialised it was agreed that it would be worthwhile hiring a consultant to finalise all guidelines, including those for water supply facilities.

6. Brief presentation of mapping of piped schemes in Afgooye

OCHA presented the first draft maps of the piped schemes in Afgooye. Hard copies were given to relevant actors, and they were requested to forward all corrections to Anne Mette from OCHA (klansoe@un.org).

7. Funding situation

The CAP funding remains at 300,000. CERF funding is on its way to UNICEF and potential the HRF will get some CAP funding too.

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8. Security/access

The security situation was more or less as usual. Most notably incidents were the kidnapping of UN staff in Wajir (released safely same day) and fighting in Galgaduud.

9. AOB

There is a need to revive the development of a cholera response plan. UNICEF would be reminded.

It was pointed out that rehabilitation of water sources in drought-affected areas is important.

It was agreed that an overview of the documents available on the website should be distributed. A list is attached. The website can as usual be found on <http://ochaonline.un.org/somalia/wash>

Other AOB items were moved up on the agenda (2a and 2b).

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 14.30 at the UNICEF Annex Conference room. The Somalia Support Secretariat will be closed from April 1.

Action points

<i>Action point</i>	<i>By whom</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Update</i>
Remind UNICEF of the need for a cholera response plan	Erik	asap	
Hire a consultant to develop minimum guidelines for emergency WASH interventions in Somalia	Erik	asap	
Refine indicators	Cluster Coordinator, CARE International, Mercy Corps, Intersos, and IRC.	asap	
Provide feed-back on Afgooye Map	Afgooye actors	asap	
Circulate content of website	Erik	Done	
Incorporate comments on latrine O&M when comments from meeting have been incorporated.	Mercy Corps	25/2	Agreed to submit latest by COB 20/3
Share assessment checklist	IRC	17/3	done
To investigate if hand washing facilities at communal latrines are actually used also after SYPD have left	SYPD	28/2	Reminded on 18/3
WASDA and Mercy Corps to get together to discuss the way forward in Diff.	WASDA Mercy Corps	asap	A team is on the ground doing an assessment.
Develop guidelines for water, incl. WES committees	all	When sanitation guidelines finalised.	
Obtain more details on chlorination of dams in Badade	CCD	17/2	The dam is now dry,

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			but apparently it was chlorinated.
Provide feed back on final draft of latrine guidelines	all	10/3	Only received from DRC
Get confirmation from organisations that they will be focal points on the ground	Erik	17/3	See discussion under item 3.
Align cholera preparedness plan with health cluster plan	OXFAM GB/UNICEF	March	Joint meeting between WASH, Health, WHO, UNICEF held. UNICEF will take the lead. Need to remind UNICEF.
Circulate prioritised CAP projects together with cover note	Erik	OCHA is working on more clear guidelines for this, after which the cluster will review it.	
Facilitate finalisation of guidelines for hygiene promotion, environmental sanitation, hand washing facilities, etc.	Oxfam GB	17/3	
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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