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**Summary of discussions - Inter-Cluster Working Group, Tuesday 12 May 2009**

**Venue: OCHA RO Conference Room, Nairobi at 2.30 – 4.00 pm**

**Introductory Remarks and review of action points**

The action points from the last meeting were discussed as follows:

a) AP: *The HRF action points will be discussed at the next meeting as Ivana Unluova from the HRF unit was not available.* The minutes of the last HRF board meeting were circulated. The taskforce paper will be circulated shortly.

b) AP: *HRF question & answer session to be on next ICWG agenda*  
– Should there be a desire for a Q&A session, participants were requested to advise OCHA.

c) AP: *Corrections to indicators to be submitted to OCHA (All Clusters)* – The indicators were received from all cluster chairs.

**Update on Mogadishu – Impact on clusters**

A Mogadishu analysis paper as well as map on population displacements in Mogadishu was circulated. Roughly half of those displaced due to the current fighting are displaced within the city, while others principally are moving towards the Afgooye corridor. Populations from Hodan and Bakara market who had not previously been displaced may face difficulties when trying to settle in IDP concentration areas around the city, as there are reports that newly displaced people are not being welcomed. Many of those displaced are people who recently returned to Mogadishu.

The main needs will be shelter, food aid, and water. The food aid cluster is looking at re-engaging in lower Shabelle. In the past, 25% of food distributions would go to the region which is currently not the case. A question was raised as to whether food distribution will also target those newly displaced in the Afgooye corridor. WFP stated that if they received the figures of newly displaced before Friday, 22 May they would be able to include this new caseload in the June food distribution. OCHA informed participants that there have been new arrivals of IDPs from the rural areas because of the drought.

WASH has concerns on the current level of sustenance and capacity to respond in lower Shabelle in order to be active in the area. Information on Afgooye especially coverage of needs is not forthcoming. The shelter cluster chair stated that there are sufficient NFIs for a response with supplies in the range of about 6,000 NFIs. There was recognition that, in the past, some settlements received assistance while others

did not; and therefore, there is a need to target those settlements not previously covered. Critical analysis of beneficiaries being targeted at the moment is needed, as true gaps are difficult to judge from the Nairobi perspective.

Lower Shabelle should be maintained as a priority area. The food aid and nutrition cluster requested lobbying with stakeholders and authorities so as to be able to work with NGOs in Lower Shabelle to provide a comprehensive package. The nutrition cluster had a meeting on response planning for Mogadishu and how to improve coverage. The agriculture cluster lead stated that he would share the list of national NGOs in Mogadishu for potential coverage in with the nutrition cluster lead.

**Action points:**

- An inter-sectoral mission to Afgooye to assess needs is imperative. OCHA will discuss with the HC/RC, in liaison with DSS.
- UNHCR and DSS should provide a timeframe on availability of K50 for use.
- Information on targeted beneficiaries once a mission is conducted should be made available.

**AWD/Cholera – WASH and Health cluster planning**

The health cluster will circulate their bulletin outlining AWD/Cholera interventions. Discussion on joint Health and WASH planning is taking place but more discussions particularly on prevention are necessary.

**CAP Mid Year Review**

It was clarified that the project reviews are not purely about funding, but also about capacity on the ground and their progress towards targets as well as constraints preventing their attainment. There is a hesitation to cut projects from the CAP by the Clusters altogether because there is a possibility that a project still may be funded even half-way through the year.

The issue of credibility was raised. The education cluster wanted to know whether there is a need to revise the year budget, so as to be clear on messages being sent out to cluster members. The cluster was advised that a strong justification would be necessary to explain why a project that was to run for 12 months but now would only run for 6 would remain with a 12 month budget.

Clusters were reminded of the need to carry out prioritization of all their respective projects, otherwise headquarters will conduct prioritization on their behalf. The prioritization simply outlines what we hope to achieve within the next six months. Clusters were reminded to provide their narratives by the end of the week.

A query was raised on how we distinguish 2008 CAP funding from 2009 CAP funding. If a cluster decides to use carry over funds, these should be clearly indicated in their achievements. Clusters mobilizing for 2009, as well as activities affecting a cluster and not within the CAP should also be clearly stated.

## **Monitoring**

### **a. Quarterly report**

OCHA is trying to reflect on objectives set in the 2009 CAP. This first attempt at producing the quarterly report relates to what we have done against the objectives thus providing an opportunity to report on ongoing activities. Quantitative information is very useful, thus clusters were requested to provide ideas on how the report could be strengthened.

### **b. Draft definition - Strategic indicators report**

The IASC will be requested to provide strategic priority indicators in order to ensure a pragmatic way of monitoring progress with available data and also monitor response to the defined 2009 CAP needs. These indicators will outline achievements in 2009 against indicators, funding, and the target set for 2009.

## **A.O.B**

Following a presentation by DRC on the drought situation in Mudug at the last IASC, agencies are working together in Galkayo to map out needs, and to determine the appropriate response. Birgitt Hotz [hotz@un.org] from OCHA Somalia is the focal point for coordination on the ground.

James King'ori will be leaving UNICEF Somalia as the nutrition cluster chair. Cluster members expressed their appreciation for his good work as chair, and wished him the best.

CHF consultations with UN agencies and NGOs have been completed. The findings will be reviewed before next steps are taken.

Participants were requested to feed agenda items to the IASC by proposing issues that are important.

*The next Intercluster Working Group meeting will take place on 16 June 2009.*