

Emergency Education Cluster – Somalia
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

In attendance:

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Agenda

1. Adoption of minutes from the last Education Cluster meeting
2. Security and humanitarian situation update with analysis of implications for education
3. CAP Mid-Year Review results overview
4. Rescheduling of Education in Emergencies training
5. Planning for 2010 CAP – strategic priorities
6. Standards Working Group
7. A O B
 - Outreach/Advocacy joint-effort with ESC
 - 3Ws map
 - Gender working group

Key Discussion

1. Adoption of minutes from the last Education Cluster meeting

Minutes were adopted without modification.

2. Security and humanitarian situation update with analysis of implications for education

Intersos: Operations in Jowhar had been stopped for about a week following the Al-Shabaab take over, but were able to re-start before the end of the school year.

Islamic Relief: Continuing to support education activities until schools close for the summer in mid-June. IR is interested in launching a school feeding program, and requested the cluster coordinator to set up a meeting with the WFP on this issue.

Relief International: Undertaking an education assessment to identify gaps in IDP camps in Galkacyo and for Ethiopian refugees in Bursalah. RI stressed the importance of consulting

with the MoE during the proposal writing stage of program development to ensure their meaningful input and coordination.

Muslim Aid: Working in 15 camps in Afgooye (with UNICEF funding) reaching 3,018 children. Work includes teacher training and emphasis on improved quality of learning. A similar package of activities is planned for Garowe.

UNICEF: Requested that all future school construction-related proposals include provisions for WASH and hand washing facilities. Consideration of water sources – in the long and short term – have been lacking in some proposals.

3. CAP Mid-Year Review results overview

Mid-year review data was collected and submitted to OCHA in mid-May. Education cluster partners reached 104,280 children through cluster-supported schools in the first half of the year, with an average gender parity rate of 49.2%. Additionally, 1,723 teachers were trained; 9,068 individual emergency school kits were distributed; and 527 “school in a box” kits were distributed. Indicators that were under-achieved for the first half include number of schools rehabilitated (67); number of latrines constructed (68); and number of schools implementing psycho-social activities (3). The full mid-year report will be sent to cluster members once finalized by OCHA.

4. Rescheduling of Education in Emergencies training

The EiE training planned for Jowhar on June 8 had to be postponed due to the deteriorated security situation in Middle Shabelle. The cluster coordinator and UNICEF are looking at options for holding a training for CSZ field staff in an alternate location later in the summer. Details to follow as they become available.

5. Planning for 2010 CAP – strategic priorities

Based on last year’s time table, OCHA likely will ask for CAP priority proposals to be submitted around September. As such, the cluster should now begin to consider how proposals will be prioritized for the 2010 CAP and begin to develop strategic priorities for the coming year. Cluster members requested the coordinator to send around a short list of ‘guiding questions’ by email that will form the basis of a more substantive discussion at next month’s meeting. The draft strategic priorities should be circulated to all the sub-clusters at the field level for further discussion and feedback.

It was also suggested that the cluster coordinator contact the MoEs in Somaliland and Puntland to ask them to identify gaps in their programming which might be addressed through the 2010 CAP. This email could potentially be followed up with an all agencies meeting in Garowe and Hargeisa to discuss emergency education plans for the coming year.

6. Standards Working Group

The education cluster will form a standards working group, which will first focus on the development of guidelines/minimum standards for school construction and rehabilitation. NCA, UNICEF, CISP and Relief International were volunteered to be members of the standards working group based on their past experience in school construction. The group will hold its first meeting in the coming week and will report back to the cluster at next month’s meeting.

7. A O B

- Outreach/Advocacy joint-effort with ESC: The Strategic Partnership and/or the Education Sector Committee (ESC) may work on a 'success stories' document to publicize the many achievements that have been made in the education sector in Somalia. Cluster members may be contacted for additional input in the coming months.
- 3Ws map: OCHA has produced a first draft of the 3Ws map for the education cluster/sector. Several cluster members noticed data errors regarding their working regions, and requested that the map be re-circulated to confirm accuracy.
- Gender working group: Rosaia represented the education cluster at OCHA's gender working group meeting and briefed the cluster on a proposed training on the inclusion of gender in CAP proposals. OCHA was seeking feedback on whether each cluster would like a separate training, or whether an inter-cluster training would be preferred. The education cluster members voiced a preference for an inter-cluster training, and Rosaia will pass the feedback along to OCHA.