

# Minutes of food aid meeting ICRC Somalia office 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## Agenda

- Introductions and review of minutes and matters arising from July meeting
- Updates by agencies
- Nutrition update
- Brief on CAP
- Cluster co chair
- Cluster field focal points
- AOB

The meeting was called to order at 1120hrs and was hosted by Andrea Heath of ICRC and chaired by Keith Ursel of WFP

## Review of minutes from the July meeting.

- SAACID – In regards to the raid that is said to have occurred at their office in Mogadishu, they wish to clarify that the area is occupied by the opposition. It was not looted and no abductions took place.
- The representative from APD in the previous meeting was Abdiriba Mohamed and not Mohamed Abdi Maalim as reported.
- ICRC – A GFD distributon was carried out in Hagar area in Lower Jubba and not Halhaye as reported
- IR – The beneficiaries of the monthly food distribution is 3400 Hh and not persons as reported.

## Update by agencies

### ICRC

- ICRC opened 3 OTPs in Galagaduud.

### WFP

WFP did distributions in July as follows:

T-SFP	243'444	
B-SFP	116'317	
MCHN	7'294	
IF	44'017	
Total	411'072	

- WFP planned distributions through nutrition intervention in august: not yet available for nutrition but increased slightly compared to July.
- Gedo T-SFP will start 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August with SAACID as implementing partners. WFP aims at targeting 17'250 moderately malnourished children less than 5 years and P&LW over a 7 months period.
- August will be the last distribution for blanket SFP in the central region of Mudug, Galgadud and South Nugaal. WFP commissioned surveys undertaken by FSNAU reveal improvements in the nutrition situation (Mudug 18.03% GAM; Galgadud.14.3%

GAM). However, the food security situation remains fragile and WFP will start T-SFP in selected locations from Sept-Oct.

- The GFD for host community in Bossaso town has stopped in July. Talks are ongoing with Relief International to start a T-SFP project in August or September.
- In July the total quantities distributed stand at 31'000MT to 2.8 Million people. The cereals reduced from 75kgs to 50kgs while the rest remained as usual.
- WFP had no news about re-engagement.

### **SAACID**

- SAACID re-opened 10 wet feeding sites in Mogadishu that had been closed on 20<sup>th</sup> June. 6 sites are still closed, 3 will take time to re-open and 3 more will open next week. In terms of security, SAACID had no access to their warehouse and spent a lot of time re-negotiating access.
- The distribution done in Afgoye of 200MT went on with no incidents.

### **Soma Action**

- Soma Action works in south central in the regions of Gedo, Lower Shabelle, Mogadishu. Soma Action suspended their operations in Lower Jubba. They worked with WFP in Halwan and did 5 distributions of 1500MT to 1800MT per month in the months of February and March. In July, Soma Action carried out 3 distributions of 200MT each.

### **World Vision**

- WVI is currently working in the regions of Bay, Bakool, Middle Jubba, and Somaliland.
- WVI staff are already back in Waajid and will be returning to Buale from this coming Sunday. WVI distributed dry food in Middle Jubba to 23 sites. WVI is operating 18 OTP sites and distributed SFP to 804 beneficiaries.
- In June, WVI ran a TB and SFP program in Tieglow and Waajid and distributed 530MT. WVI is running a Food for Education program in Bay / Bakool in partnership with 9 schools in both regions.
- In Somaliland, WVI will distribute 58MT in the month of August. WVI requested to be informed if WFP was reducing the ready to eat rations, so they may know if the malnourished will be covered by what they have available.

### **APD**

- APD has four distribution sites. APD distributed 18.03 MT in May and 183.9MT in June. In July APD distributed 6MT MCFH and 54MT of SFP in 9 sites. APD has carried out nutrition screening in two sites and will do it in 7 more sites. APD reported that malnutrition is high in Mudug. The challenge that APD faces in distributing reduced food rations is mistrust from the local authorities. APD reported an outbreak of AWD in the north of Afmadow.

### **BARRDA**

- BARRDA did a distribution in July of 406.4MT in Luuq/Gedo

### **Islamic Relief**

- In the month of July IR did a distribution in Afgoye corridor at Hawa Adbdi and the faculty of agriculture of 340MT covering 3425 Hh.

### **Brief on CAP**

- On 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August there will be a CAP workshop in Hargeysa and Puntland respectively organised by OCHA. A similar workshop will be held in Nairobi on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Cluster members can contact Penina Muli directly on all CAP issues, as well as more information on these workshops.

### **Cluster co chair**

- CARE, the former co chair of the food aid cluster is no longer involved in food related activities. CARE can therefore no longer act as co chair, and needs to be replaced. Any organisation interested in being co chair should send a note to Keith with a copy to Penina both of WFP and OCHA respectively.
- A decision that is inclusive of every one will then be made, and details of the new cluster co chair will be communicated to the members.

### **Cluster field focal points.**

- WFP wants to have food aid cluster meetings similar to the ones held in Nairobi, at the field level in each of their offices. WFP has 7 offices located in Bosaso, Beletwejn, Wajid, Hargeysa and Merka. The Merka office has been shutdown temporarily due to insecurity. The focal point for coordinating these meetings in the field will be the officer in charge of the WFP office.

### **AOB**

- WFP comment on the requests for wet feeding in Middle Shabelle was that it is very difficult to implement. Wet feeding is considered an expensive option taking into consideration the very limited CAP funding.
- WFP informed the cluster members that Middle Shabelle will be included in SFP in future. WFP will also circulate information of food distributions done in Somalia to members of the cluster as well as their partners.
- Members agreed to give a one page summary of their activities in future meetings so that their information is not misrepresented during reporting.
- Members also suggested that future meetings be held in one venue instead of the meeting point being rotated on a monthly basis.

**The next meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September at SSS at 11.00 am**

There being no further business, the meeting came to a close at 1300 hrs.

\*\*\*Participants list is attached

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