

Minutes of
AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER MEETING

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FAO Conference Room

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Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening remarks 2. Update on Humanitarian situation (By FSNSU) 3. Follow-up on CAP 2010 objectives as outlined during the CAP Somaliland | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regional Workshop 5. Discussion of response plans to meet the CAP 2010 set objectives 6. Discussion on the IASC Guidelines on including projects in the CAP 2010 AOB |
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Item 1 Opening remarks

This meeting was chaired by Abdikarim Hussein of OCHA. The chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. FAO and Candlelight, as cluster lead and co-chair respectively, are requested to chair the next meetings.

Item 2 Update on Humanitarian situation (By FSNAU)

FSNAU provided a general overview on the humanitarian situation in Somaliland. OCHA and FSNAU will agree on when to facilitate a full presentation on the humanitarian situation in Somaliland at the next humanitarian forum. It was also agreed that the drought emergency response matrix will be updated at the next meeting to provide a clear picture of who is doing what, where.

FSNAU briefed the meeting that the analysis of the post Gu assessment by FSNAU and its partners has been finalized. There is an alarming deterioration in the food security and nutrition situation of the pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in the north, caused by an emerging drought after 2-3 consecutive seasons of below normal rainfall. These areas are suffering from consecutive seasons of severe water shortages, stressed livestock migration, high livestock off-take and high debt levels. The situation is now deteriorating further, as indicated by increased malnutrition rates reaching the emergency level threshold of 15% in some areas. An estimated 255,000 people are identified in Acute Food and Livelihood Crisis (i.e. Togdher, Awdal and Hargeisa), while another 25,000 are in Humanitarian Emergency. There is early warning that the situation in Burao and Sanaag regions will deteriorate causing the populations to slip into HE.

Recommended Action Points:

- OCHA/FSNAU to facilitate full presentation on humanitarian situation in Somaliland at the next humanitarian forum
- Cluster to update drought response matrix at the next meeting

Item 3 Follow-up on CAP 2010 objectives and activities

The meeting reviewed the objectives and activities outlined during the CAP 2010 workshop held in Hargeisa in early August 2009 with the aim of refining it and contributing towards the overall Agriculture and Livelihoods cluster objectives for CAP 2010. Objective one (1) “*to improve household income and protect livelihood assets of the affected population*” was deemed as a priority. The main changes recommended were to merge objective one (1) and objective three (3) noting their similarities; hence reducing the overall objectives to two. Other changes included refining the specified activities under outlined objectives. Please find attached revised CAP 2010 objectives and activities incorporating the recommended changes.

Item 4 Discussion of Response Plans to meet the CAP 2010 objectives for Somaliland

The cluster support officer briefed the meeting that a cluster meeting would be held in Nairobi on 31st August 2009 whereby discussion will be initiated on the overall cluster response plan. Following development of the response plan, cluster members would be invited to submit project sheets (see attached sample) in response to the agreed CAP strategic and cluster objectives. The cluster/support technical team in Nairobi will keep the Hargeisa cluster updated on this process and any important timelines (also see attached CAP timeline).

The meeting agreed, generally, on the principle of working jointly during the CAP process. For instance, to explore the option of setting up a task force to assess projects to include in the CAP 2010 and general consensus by the cluster members on prioritization of projects.

Item 5 Discussion on the IASC Guidelines on including projects in the CAP 2010

The meeting was in agreement with the criteria outlined in the IASC guidelines. No revisions were made. Please see attached IASC guidelines for ease of reference.

Item 6 AOB

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th August 2009 at 10am at FAO conference room. Agenda is to review the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster terms of reference (TOR).