

## Minutes of

### IASC AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER MEETING

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## Agenda

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| 1. | Opening Remarks, Review/Endorsement of Minutes and Action Points from meeting of 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 | 5. | Update on the CAP 2010 process and discussion and agreement on the guidelines for inclusion of projects in the CAP 2010 |
| 2. | Update from FSNAU on the Final Gu 2009 assessment   | 6. | Presentation: Analysis of the Training Needs Assessment Survey  |
| 3. | Update on FAO project proposal to the CERF  | 7. | Presentation: FAO Food Facility Project   |
| 4. | Update on the CAP Regional and Consolidated Workshops   | 8. | AOB   |

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<b>Item 1 Opening remarks, Review/Endorsement of Minutes and Action Points from meeting Held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009</b>
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- The Cluster Chair welcomed the cluster members to the meeting.
- The minutes of the cluster meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were reviewed, amended and endorsed as a true reflection of the discussions.

### Opening Remarks

- An estimated 3.8 million people are facing an increasingly dire situation, and perhaps in the region of 2 million people are being affected by drought in the central regions, parts of Bakool, Gedo and the northern regions of Somalia.
- Poverty and destitution are on the increase, and of late camps of destitute nomads are being reported on the outskirts of towns in severely drought-impacted regions.
- Somalia continues to be probably the worst displacement crisis in the world with a staggering in excess of one-fifth of the population (1.7 million people) being internally displaced.
- Clearly, there was never a greater need to take the results of the FSNAU's situation analysis and develop a practical and costed programme of response in support of people facing crisis in Somalia.
- Currently, the humanitarian community is in the midst of the CAP process – developing a document that is intended to present the projected needs in Somalia for 2010 and an appropriately designed and costed response programme for submission to donors.
- Given particular concerns of donors as well as the global financial crisis, there is an overwhelming need to be clear on the priorities for action and to develop a CAP, that for 2010, will certainly have a greater emphasis on humanitarian livelihoods support, and which will need to be carefully and intelligently articulated if it is to achieve it's aim of persuading donors to fund the response programme outlined for 2010 – and importantly the Agriculture and Livelihoods component of that response programme.

- An important element of the response programme is an integrated inter-cluster project in response to the drought situation (outside of the CAP 2010) and which needs urgently to be developed now and submitted to donors, with additional drought preparedness measures built into the CAP 2010 to take advantage of probable increased rainfall during the coming Der season.
- A team comprised of cluster leads will draft an integrated drought response project for submission to donors and would present back to the IASC in the second week of September. Once the proposal is drafted it should be submitted to the clusters for a structured discussion and review prior to finalisation and submission.

#### **Item 2 Update from FSNAU on the Final *Gu* 2009 Assessment**

- Cindy Holleman of FSNAU/FAO presented the results of the Final '*Gu*' Assessment. The presentation is available on the FSNAU website on this link <http://www.fsnau.org/fileadmin/uploads/1546.ppt> . Detailed presentations are available separately for the different regions.
- The Integrated Phased Classification (IPC) response matrices will be available by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009. IPC evidence templates are also available.

#### **Significant comments from the presentation:**

- Cindy noted that in analyzing livelihoods in Gedo, it is difficult to take out the impact of food aid. Food Aid and Agriculture and Livelihoods clusters have to work very closely in Gedo as there is need for a coordinated and integrated approach to interventions. The underlying issues affecting livelihoods in Gedo need to be addressed.
- Dr Harberd noted that the CAP needs to prioritize very carefully using the FSNAU analysis to develop clearly articulated plans.
- Regarding Somalia exporting livestock, it was clarified that Somalia exports livestock to Saudi Arabia and Yemen but through Djibouti. There is also increased export trade in chilled carcasses following advocacy by FAO.

#### **Item 3 Update on FAO Project Proposal to the CERF**

- FAO's most recent project proposal to the CERF has been approved for funding. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> project proposal that FAO has successfully written to the CERF, and the first that has been developed with some input from the Cluster. It does also bring to a total of US\$ 5.65 million raised for FAO-led interventions, since November 2006, through this one funding mechanism alone.
- The proposal is titled "*Time-Critical Emergency Livestock Vaccination and Treatment Project for the Protection of Productive Livestock Assets of Primary*

*Importance to the Survival of Pastoralist Populations in Crisis in Gedo and Lower Jubba Regions of Southern Somalia”.*

- The current CERF project is a US\$ 640,000 time-critical intervention in the Kenya border regions of Somalia aimed at protecting the productive assets (sheep and goats) of pastoralists from the danger of the devastating viral disease PPR – *Peste des Petite Ruminants*.
- Vaccination of some 700,000 sheep and goats against PPR will be undertaken using private veterinary associations in the Lower Jubba and Gedo regions. It builds on and strengthens vaccination delivery by the Kenya Veterinary service in the Kenya border regions and by VSF-Suisse in Gedo and Lower Jubba regions of Somalia.

**Item 4 Update on the CAP Regional and Consolidated Workshops**

- In preparation for the CAP 2010, consultative workshops were undertaken in Hargeisa, Garowe and in Nairobi for South Central. They were followed by the consolidated CAP 2010 workshop in Nairobi on 20<sup>th</sup> August, where overall strategic priorities for the CAP were developed, and which are currently under review. The Co-Chair of the Cluster participated in the Hargeisa and Garowe workshops and both Chair and Co-Chair participated in the South-Central and consolidated workshops that took place in Nairobi.
- Based on an analysis of the results from these workshops and a consideration of the FSNAU post-“Gu” analysis, the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster should now develop strategic priorities and a response plan for the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster.
- The strategic priorities and the response plan should be drafted by a select committee of the Cluster and then put before a special meeting of the Cluster and circulated by e-mail for review and comment. In order to remain within the OCHA schedule for the CAP 2010 process this needs to be done and submitted to OCHA by 08<sup>th</sup> September. Cluster leads will need to present cluster response plans to the IASC and Humanitarian Coordinator by 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Additionally, Clusters need to submit what was achieved with CAP funding in 2009 – and this needs organisations funded under the CAP 2009 to forward information to the cluster lead on what they have achieved with regard to the specific indicators in the CAP 2009. The organisations concerned are:
  1. FAO: Strengthening the Livelihoods of Pastoral Communities
  2. Horn Relief: Food Security and Alternative Livelihoods Promotion in
  3. Sanaag and Sool regions of northern Somalia
  4. NCA: Emergency Livelihoods Support for Vulnerable Agropastoralists and Women in Puntland and Gedo Somalia

5. Oxfam Novib: Strengthening and Diversifying livelihoods for IDPs and Vulnerable Host Communities in Middle Shabelle
6. SADO: Livelihood Support and Recovery Programme for South Gedo
7. TARDO: Support to Livelihoods through Cash for Work and Distribution of Animal Transport for IDPs and Women Headed Households

With funding through the CAP organizations are required to report through the Cluster with reference to the indicators on what was achieved with the funding.

**Recommended Action Point:**

- By COB on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September the above organizations report to Dr Dagane Ali by email: [daganeali@yahoo.com](mailto:daganeali@yahoo.com) or [lbrahim.dali@fao.org](mailto:lbrahim.dali@fao.org) against the agreed indicators on what has been achieved with CAP 2009 funding.
- Select committee to Cluster strategic priorities and response plan.
- Cluster Technical/Support team to call a special meeting of the cluster for cluster members to review the cluster strategic priorities and response plan

**Item 5 Update on the CAP 2010 Process and Discussion and Agreement on the Guidelines for Inclusion of Projects in CAP 2010**

- The IASC criteria for the inclusion and prioritization of projects was shared during the meeting.
- Dr Harberd proposed additional criteria as follows:
  - The submitting organisation must be actively involved in agriculture and livelihoods and have already implemented a project in the sector.
  - The submitting organisation must be a member of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster and must have completed the cluster stratification matrix and the cluster training needs assessment forms.
  - It was emphasized that organizations who wished to submit a project towards the CAP 2010 are also required to complete the 3 W matrix (who/what/where). The cluster support/technical team will advice on the procedure for this.

Cluster members present during the meeting unanimously endorsed the proposed additional criteria.

Dr Harberd proposed the way forward for the Cluster CAP 2010:

CAP 2006 request:	US\$ 12.5 million	US\$ 4.20 million (34%)
CAP 2007 request:	US\$ 35 million	US\$ 11.15 million (33%) <sup>1</sup>
CAP 2008 request:	US\$ 57 million	US\$ 17.75 million (31%)

<sup>1</sup> Was “Food Security and Livelihoods” Cluster

CAP 2009 request: US\$ 65 million US\$ 7.79 million (15%)

CAP 2010 request: US\$ 77 million (18% increase on US\$ 65 million)

Then, taking into account, the agreed funding prioritisation for the CAP 2009:

Apply:

75% (US\$ 57.75 million) funding in AFLC areas / 25% (US\$ 19.25 million) in HE areas

68% (US\$ 52.36 million) in South-Central regions

16% (US\$ 12.32 million) in Puntland

16% (US\$ 12.32 million) in Somaliland

- This can be refined further, so that we could actually solicit proposals approximating to a certain level of funding for humanitarian livelihoods response in each region.
- It would be for the cluster to decide, based on a projected needs analysis, the level of funding apportioned to each region, and obviously, the CAP, being a living document, could be revised following the post-“Der” assessment.
- Organizations should submit their project sheets to the cluster for review by the Proposal Review Committee **by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009**. Dr Harberd emphasized that **project sheets received after the deadline will not be considered**.

#### **Recommended Action Points:**

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| <p>➤ The cluster strategic priorities and cluster response plan to be sent to OCHA by 8<sup>th</sup> September and circulated to cluster members by the Cluster Support Officer.</p> |
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#### **Item 6 Presentation: analysis of the Training Needs Assessment Survey**

- Dr Ibrahim Dagane gave a presentation on the training needs assessment survey. The presentation will be circulated by email.

#### **Significant comments from the presentation:**

- Dr Dagane indicated that this was a presentation of the preliminary findings. At the September cluster meeting, there will be a presentation of the final findings.
- USD 20,000 is available for capacity building of NGOs which will be done by the end of September. About 20 NGOs which have filled the TNA form will participate in the training.

- Abdinassir Mohamud/DIAL proposed that this capacity building training should check on what Oxfam Novib did in terms of lessons learnt so as to ensure that the training is effective.

**Recommended Action Points:**

- Cluster Technical Support Officer to organize training of NGOs by the end of September.

**Item 7 Presentation: FAO Food Facility Project**

- The presentation was given by Andrea Berloff of FAO, with the aim of sharing information on the Food Facility Project. The project entitled ‘*Integrated Support to Rural Livelihoods*’ has an overall objective to increase food security and mitigate which is in response to the soaring food prices.

**Significant comments that emerged from this presentation are as follows:**

- NGOs will be called upon to express interest in implementing project activities.
- The project will tentatively be implemented in Juba and Shabelle. At this point, the exact locations have not been identified. In addition, an assessment will be done in the next few months and there may be adjustments on the project document so that implementation will be in line with the existing situation on the ground. The likelihood of El Niño rains which will result in bumper harvest and fodder availability will be taken into consideration while determining the kind of interventions.

**Item 8 AOB**

FAO has taken a decision to implement a new structure for FAO Somalia. In the new structure there will be an Officer in Charge and sectoral desks (Livestock, agriculture, IDP livelihoods support, etc.). There will be no Emergency Coordinator and no deputy Officer in Charge. Consequently, the position in which Dr Harberd has been employed for nearly three years, as at end of August 2009 will no longer exist.

Dr Harberd has been associated with a growth in the FAO Somalia programme in Somalia, which has seen steady growth in expenditure from just US\$ 5.7 million in 2005 to an expected US\$ 30 million in 2009.

In 2007 for the 2008 CAP, Dr Harberd argued for a separation of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster from the Food Aid Cluster, and whilst the proportion of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster component of the CAP funded has not much changed from about 30%, in real terms, funding to Agriculture and Livelihoods through the CAP has increased from US\$ 4.2 million in 2006 to an expected US\$ 20 million in 2009.

Also for the 2008 CAP, he argued for a major emphasis on support to the re-establishment of livelihoods for IDPs through the transfer of livelihoods enabling assets,

and promoted this in his presentation to donors in October 2007. Around 30% of planned interventions in the CAP 2008 related to projects aimed at providing support to livelihoods for IDPs, and this has continued to be an important component of FAO assistance to Somalia, with the establishment of a sectoral desk dealing with projects that provide support to IDPs, and much of the funding flows associated with this sector passing outside of the CAP, being funding from ECHO, that chooses not to indicate funding through the CAP.

As the Cluster has grown in representation and participation, Dr. Harberd has advocated for the implementation of intra-cluster projects, such as the Emergency Livestock Vaccination project in Awdal region, that involved FAO, Vetaid, SAHSP, private veterinary associations and was jointly coordinated by FAO and the Ministry of Livestock in Hargeisa; and for direct funding to the cluster, as with the Kingdom of Sweden-funded project in which US\$ 650,000 was made available to NGOs to implement projects in support of the re-establishment of livelihoods for IDPs, and projects, prioritised through the Cluster, and implemented respectively by AFREC, JCC, HARDO and ASEP.

At the same time Dr. Harberd recognised the need to improve the evaluation of projects implemented in Somalia by both FAO and FAOs Cluster partners. The contract to evaluate FAO's response to the 2006 "Der" season floods in Somalia was the first occasion on which an evaluation of an FAO project was planned and contracted by FAO Somalia. One of the Bantu riverine farmers interviewed in the course of the evaluation notably stated that this was the first time in 16 years that anyone came to ask us whether we actually received the seeds and tools that we were promised. Through projects funded by the Swedish Government and CERF funding, FAO's recent venture into Cash for Work interventions in the Lower Shabelle and central regions, will also shortly be evaluated through a contract to a national NGO.

Additionally, Dr Harberd wrote projects to strengthen the Emergency Coordination capacity of FAO Somalia with regard to support on broad cross-cutting issues such as Gender, HIV/AIDS and of course, Monitoring and Evaluation, and wrote into projects funding to enable the employment of qualified professionals to further progress in these areas, both for FAO and in support of Cluster activities.

With regard to the capacity building of NGO partners, Dr Harberd took this agenda forward in seeking funding for Capacity Building, and Dr. Dagane is in the process of operationalising this, through the review that he has been undertaking and the plans to offer initial trainings to NGO cluster members during September 2009. Substantial funding to carry this process forward is contained in a US\$ 1.4 million project proposal that has been prepared jointly by the cluster support team, which should be submitted for funding, and which would adequately resource the proper functioning of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster for a period of 28 months – taking us through to the development of the CAP 2012. FAO through the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster is also the lead for furthering Capacity Building across the clusters through 2010.

Dr. Harberd advised that the cluster now needs to focus on the main business currently at hand, which is the development of the CAP 2010, and the development of an integrated response to the widening and deepening drought in many parts of Somalia.

During the Cluster meeting, Dr Harberd made a plea for the release of Dr. Murray Watson, who has spent much of his life working in the interests of Somalia and was

kidnapped together with his Kenyan colleague, Patrick Amakhuma, whilst engaged in river survey work, between Sakow and Bu'ale on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008. He requested that the message goes out from the Cluster meeting, in whatever way possible, that Murray Watson, who is 70 years old and Patrick Amakhuma, should be released, on humanitarian grounds, by whoever is holding them captive.

Finally, he thanked all those people with whom he interacted on a professional basis, whilst at FAO, over the past almost three years in the interests of delivering assistance to people in need in Somalia. Together, he believes they have set the foundation for a strong and interactive Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster, and in the process, a significantly improved planning, delivery and evaluation of our humanitarian assistance in the agriculture and livelihoods sector in Somalia.

In particular, he thanked the Cluster Support team (Habon Hussein, Dr. Ibrahim Dagane and Osman Gedow Amir – as well as the previous Co-Chair, Abdiwahab Sheikh Mohamed) and also Ayoo Odicoh and Njeri Muathe, who have all significantly contributed to improving the operation of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster over the past months, and enabled him to achieve whatever he has achieved as Emergency Coordinator and Cluster Chair.

Dr Osman Amir the Cluster co chair thanked Dr Harberd for his dedication and hard work for the Somali people.

#### **Next Meeting**

A special cluster meeting to discuss the CAP 2010 Cluster Response Plan will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009, at 9:30am, in the SSS Baobab Conference Room.