

## Minutes of

### IASC AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS SPECIAL CLUSTER MEETING

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#### Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Review and endorsement of the IASC Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster response plan
3. Drought response
4. AOB

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#### 1. Introduction

- Andrea Berloffia (FAO) introduced himself as the acting chair of the IASC Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster following Dr. Harberd's departure.
- The meeting was attended by 37 participants representing 28 organizations.

## 2. Review and endorsement of the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster Response Plan

- Andrea thanked the taskforce that put together the Cluster response plan under the chairmanship of Dr Osman Amir Gedow, Cluster Co-Chair.
- During the meeting Dr Amir presented the CAP 2010 cluster response plan. The final cluster response plan will be circulated to all cluster members following its presentation by the Cluster acting chair to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) endorsement. This presentation to the IASC is expected to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Cluster members are advised not to send in project sheets before the final cluster response plan has been endorsed by the IASC and officially circulated. The cluster support/technical team will be circulating updates to cluster members on important events and deadlines pertaining to the CAP process.
- The three overall strategic Cluster Objectives for CAP 2010 are as below:
  - I. Provide integrated emergency livelihoods support to 910,000 people living in Humanitarian Emergency (HE) and 1.55m Internally Displaced Persons in Somalia.
  - II. Provide and protect productive livelihoods assets for 1,180,000 people in Acute Food and Livelihood Crisis (AFLC) in order to prevent them from sliding into Humanitarian Emergency.
  - III. Strengthen the capacity of vulnerable communities with the support of service providers to better cope with ongoing and future shocks.

Significant comments that emerged from this presentation are as follows:

- Cluster interventions, as outlined in the response plan for CAP 2010, will focus on the most affected regions such as Mudug, Galgadud, Hiran, Bakool, Gedo and the drought affected regions in the north and the cluster will review its priorities and areas of intervention as the situation changes.
- It was agreed that in determining the output, percentages will be used to indicate targets. Targets were set bearing in mind that CAP funding for 2009 has been extremely low.
- It was clarified that 910,000 people all over Somalia are in need of humanitarian assistance and out of these, 740,000 are in South Central Somalia. These figures are from the FSNAU post *Gu* analysis. Detailed figures are available on the FSNAU website.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that the response plan will target 10% of the population in HE and in AFLC as well as IDPs by the middle of the year and 30% by the end of the year. Further, there was a discussion as to whether it would be possible to target 60% females in the interventions. It was agreed that 30% females in the general population in HE and AFLC will be targeted and 60% of females among IDPs will be targeted. This is because most of the IDPs are women.

- The narrative of the response plan will be amended to indicate that capacity building will be done in collaboration with existing and emerging public institutions involved in disaster preparedness and mitigation.

### **Recommended Action Points**

- **Proposed amendments on the response plan will be incorporated and the revised plan will be presented to the Inter Cluster committee on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 02.30pm after which it will be sent to OCHA by close of business.**
- **The cluster Chair will circulate the final response plan following presentation to and endorsement of the plan by the IASC.**
- **The cluster support team will re-circulate the guidelines for the inclusion of projects into the CAP 2010.**

### **3. Drought response**

- It was reported that the drought situation is getting worse in Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag. Cluster members who attended this meeting informed the meeting on the draught interventions they are currently undertaking and planning to undertake. The table below shows which organizations are doing what where (3W).
- The Somaliland and Puntland Clusters are encouraged to forward their 3W matrix on the drought at their earliest convenience in order to enable the cluster to develop a comprehensive and strategic response plan to the draught for submission for funding.

### **IASC Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster Matrix on Who is doing What, Where (3W)**

- The acting cluster chair reported that the weather forecast indicates rainfall and this will translate to a good 'Deyr' harvest. Therefore it was suggested that there is need to think of possible interventions when it rains with a focus and pastoralists and agro pastoralists so that they are able to preserve their assets. On the other hand, there is need to think of possible interventions should the rains fail and drought persists.
- Cluster members proposed interventions as below:

1. *Targeting Pastoral Communities*

a) Rainy Season

- Veterinary services – treatment of livestock
- Provision of fodder to feed the animals.
- Cash for work targeting those who have lost their animals and with focus on environmental rehabilitation activities. Tree planting, gully rehabilitation and other micro projects that will improve the environment. This is also a source of income for poor households

b) Prolonged Drought

- Cash for work
- De stocking
- Micro grants targeting women

2. *Targeting Agro Pastoral Communities*

a) Rainy Season

- Seed distribution

Organization	Activities/Interventions	Area/Region	Project end date
SSWC	Hadado	Cash for work – garbage collection	Phase one is completed and Phase II will start in September
COOPI	Beletweyne	Livelihoods project	June 2010
Oxfam Novib and HARDO	Hiiran	Re-stocking, bridge construction, construction and desilting of canals, mechanized traction, seed provision, training farmers, pest control, cash relief and cash for work.	June 2010
HARDO	Harardhere	Rehabilitation of berkads, meat distribution	October 2009
Horn Relief/HRF/Oxfam Novib/Oxfam Canada	Sool Plateau	Water trucking	September 2009
Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO)	Galdaduud	Meat distribution, repairing of berkads	November 2009
MURDO	Goriel	Meat distribution for children	October 2009
UNDP	Gedo, Bakool Hiiran, Middle Shabelle, Bay, Nugal		

- Provision of tractors for hire
- Cash for work to rehabilitate infrastructure
- Crop protection

b) In prolonged drought

- Cash for work
- Food for work
- Livestock re - distribution

#### **4. AOB**

- It was reported that 3 organizations have not presented their reports on the achievements following the implementation of CAP funded interventions in 2009. The chair emphasized on the need to report so as to give a clear and holistic picture of achievements. The reports also serve as fundraising documents. He encouraged organizations that have not presented their reports to send them to [husseinh@un.org](mailto:husseinh@un.org) as soon as they can.

#### **Recommended action point**

- Organizations to send their reports on achievements for CAP 2009 by completing the matrix that was sent to them.
- Somaliland and Puntland Clusters requested to provide information on any interventions on the drought.

- The meeting ended at 12.45pm