

Meeting of
IASC AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER
MINUTES

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Agenda

1. Opening remarks
2. Presentation and endorsement of proposed CAP 2009 Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster Response Plan.
3. Presentation of Analysis of Project proposals submitted for inclusion in
4. AOB

the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster component of the CAP 2009; review and selection/rejection of submitted proposals.

1. Opening remarks

- The meeting was chaired by Andrew Harberd.

2. Presentation and endorsement of proposed CAP 2009 Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster Response Plan.

- This agenda item was not discussed during the meeting.

3. Presentation of Analysis of Project proposals submitted for inclusion in the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster component of the CAP 2009; review and selection/rejection of submitted proposals.

- It was not possible to present an analysis of all the proposals during the meeting as Andrew Harberd had not finished reviewing them. This is because of the high number of proposals received and most of them require a substantial amount of time to

review. However, he did present a matrix with details of the proposals that he had completed reviewing. Andrew expects to finish reviewing the proposals by end of day on Sunday 5th October.

- So far, 73 proposals with a budget of US\$ 51 million have been received. FAO's proposals have reduced from 13 to 6 (and a total value of around US\$ 33 million) because some of them have been merged. Almost all of the proposals thus far reviewed relate to cluster objectives.
- Andrew has done basic editing of some proposals. Some of the problems he found with the proposals include: budgets, periods of interventions, beneficiaries and the format. He has written to organizations whose proposals have problems and is expecting feedback by close of business on Friday 3rd October.
- **Action point:** Andrew will circulate all proposals arranged in alphabetical orders and in several emails. Organizations will be required to review their proposals and see if they remain acceptable to the submitting organisation, following what may have been fairly substantially changes following editing by Andrew.

4. AOB

- It was noted that there are hardly any proposals that are written for Gaalgadud and Muddug districts. Andrew will look at the geographical areas for which proposals have been received and map the coverage. However, it seems unlikely that OCHA has allowed sufficient time for a presentation of analysis, followed by a call for proposals to cover gaps and decisions on overlap, which is what the cluster lead has proposed (and what was envisaged by OCHA).
- **Action point:** Andrew will propose to Kiki Ghebo, the head of OCHA Somalia, that more time be given for a proper analysis of proposals and call for proposals/decisions on overlap.