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**ICWG Somalia Minutes  
Monday 20 July 2009  
SSS Conference Room, Nairobi (draft)**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Invitees</b>
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Grainne Moloney Nutrition	Carrie Howard OCHA
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**Opening Remarks:**

The HC a.i. and new UNICEF Representative, Ms. Rozanne Chorltan introduced herself. The OCHA Representative introduced the new Cluster Support Officers. Ms. Penina Muli will support the Nutrition & Food Aid Clusters and be hosted by UNICEF. Ms. Mary Ayalo will support the Health & WASH Clusters and be hosted by UNICEF. Ms. Habon Hussein will support the Agriculture & Livelihoods and be hosted by FAO. Ms. Elizabeth C. Kigen will support the Protection-Shelter-Education and be hosted by UNHCR.

**Agenda**

**1. Approval of previous minutes and review of Action Points**

The action points of the May 12<sup>th</sup> ICWG meeting were reviewed

**Action Point:** An inter-sectoral mission to Afgooye to assess needs is imperative. OCHA will discuss with the HC/RC, in liaison with DSS. *Response:* Efforts are ongoing to get the security clearances necessary for this mission. UNHCR has supported an enumeration exercise in the Afgooye Corridor this month that will give new figures for the IDP population.

**Action Point:** UNHCR and DSS should provide a timeframe on availability of K50 for use. *Response:* A security mission will visit K50 shortly. Before this mission visits K50, a timeline is not available.

**Action Point:** Information on targeted beneficiaries once a mission is conducted should be made available. *Response:* This information is dependent on the above action points.

The minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> ICWG were approved.

**2. Humanitarian Update**

OCHA gave an update on the humanitarian situation. Regarding recent conflict and displacement 135,000 people have been displaced due to ongoing violence in Mogadishu since 1 June 2009. Mogadishu has been relatively calm since 14 July. OCHA field reports indicate 3-4 thousand households are displaced along the coastal areas North of Mogadishu and new IDP settlements have appear along the Ba'lad road. These populations are reportedly living in basic conditions with limited access to humanitarian assistance. Currently, information on these new groups is limited.

Regarding food aid distributions, WFP general food distributions will be suspended in August and September in crop producing districts, half rations will be provided for IDPs in the Afgooye corridor and Baidoa for at least two months starting in July. OCHA updated on humanitarian access. 3 NGO International staff were abducted in Mandera, Kenya Friday night and transported into Somalia. The Mogadishu wet feeding program remains closed (since 20 June). Mogadishu port is still operational and WFP food continues to arrival safely.

OCHA updated on the drought situation. The gu 2009 rains have ended throughout Somalia. Overall performance was mixed, but largely below-normal, especially in drought affected central regions and most of northern pastoral regions. Areas where the rains performed poorly or failed completely include Hiraan, Mudug, Galgaduud, Nugal, Sool and parts of Sanaag and Togdheer regions. In the south, rains are poor in Gedo districts of Luuq, Dolow, Bula Hawa, and Garbahaey. In the southern agricultural regions of Bay, Shabelle, and Juba, and in parts of Bakool region, rains were fairly good. Official declarations of drought have been made by both emergency coordination structures - NERAD (for Somaliland) and HADMA (Puntland). The ongoing FSNAU post-“Gu” field assessment is in process to determine the extent and severity of the drought in northern Somalia.

OCHA updated on CAP Funding. The Somalia CAP requirements have been revised from US\$984 to \$849 million in the just concluded mid-year review, mainly due to a \$129 million reduction in the food requirements. There have been some minor reductions in other clusters as well. As of 20 July, based on the revised requirements, the Somalia CAP was 50% funded, having received \$428 million. The best funded cluster was food with 69% of the requirements met, followed by nutrition and logistics at 49%, ‘enabling programmes’ at 40% and protection at 18% funded. Education, agriculture and livelihoods are funded at 12% each. The least-funded cluster is shelter and non-food items, at 8%. Two clusters remain critical with their funding levels seriously affecting life-saving activities on the ground: WASH at 19% and Health at 12% funded.

### **3. Response to Mogadishu Displacement**

OCHA updated the ICWG on the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs in New York. The ECHA meeting agreed, in principle, to an increase UN Humanitarian National Staff presence in Mogadishu. A Security Risk Assessment process has been initiated and UN agencies are to submit Program Assessments for Mogadishu to DSS by 21 July. The UNHCR enumeration of IDPs in Mogadishu and Afgooye is nearly completed and results are expected at the end of July. Concern was expressed about the impact the fighting had had on civilians.

**Action Point:** Protection cluster to do analysis and recommendation on protection of civilians for IASC.

The acting WASH Cluster Coordinator highlighted camp management as a concerning gap in services. The Logistics cluster chair highlighted two areas of concern in Mogadishu: (1) Storage: Agencies are struggling to access their storage facilities in Mogadishu. (2) Common cargo waivers: At present cargo clearance procedures differ from agency to agency

**Action Point:** The logistics cluster to begin background work on a common cargo waiver for mid August.

The Agriculture Cluster Chair supported an idea proposed from the chair of the WASH cluster, to consider, where possible, “water trucking” with donkey carts rather than trucks. In addition to tackling concerns over concentrating substantial funds in the hands of a relatively few comparatively wealthy commercial contractors and water truck owners, use of donkey carts, where appropriate, would ensure that money spent on water trucking would be distributed through a much larger number of small operators and would serve a secondary purpose as an income generating activity for donkey cart owners, or potentially for destitute households, supported with productive livelihoods assets of a donkey and cart.

**Action Point:** OCHA to have meeting on Mogadishu on 29 July.

The Nutrition Cluster Chair stated that Oxfam Novib is adding 15 therapeutic feeding centers in Mogadishu and this increase should address existing needs.

#### **4. Drought Response**

The Nutrition Cluster Chair reported that the drought situation in the central region is severe, but has not changed and ongoing programs need to continue. The emerging drought situation in parts of Somaliland is new and timely programming could prevent a worsening of the situation. However, she cautioned that the situation in Somaliland is not uniform across the region. The FSNAU assessment will conduct regional analysis at the end of July and results should be available by 21 August. The WASH cluster chair informed that Oxfam and Horn Relief had both undertaken assessments on the drought in the North and that agencies had proposals ready for drought response, but lacked funding. The Agriculture cluster chair stated FAO is currently implementing a 2.5 million dollar CERF grant, mainly though providing cash for work opportunities to pastoralists. The project is a response to the long-standing drought in the central regions and many of the organizations in the Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster are involved as implementing partners. The Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster has also just submitted a proposal for another CERF grant to carry out an essential time-critical emergency vaccination campaign against the viral disease of small stock, Peste des Petite Ruminants (PPR) along the Kenya border. Where the disease appears anew, it can have a devastating impact on the lives and livelihoods of pastoralists through causing high mortality (70%) amongst flocks of sheep and goats. The disease impact differentially on the livelihoods of women, who are often responsible for the management, if not the ownership of small ruminants.

**Action Point:** Drought Working Group to meet on July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Action Point:** OCHA to provide consolidated update on information available at drought working group meeting.

#### **5. CAP**

##### **2009 MYR Wrap Up**

OCHA briefed that the IASC Mid Year Review of the CAP 2009 strategic objectives found that the most progress was made against the first indicator regarding live saving assistance

while we had made little progress against three of the four objectives. The UNCT asked why this was so and asked if it would be possible for the clusters to do some analysis on why achievements against strategic indicators was low? Cluster chairs felt that it was possible to do this analysis.

**Action Point:** The Education Cluster Chair will compile analysis on why we did not achieve against the basic services strategic objective; The Agriculture and Livelihoods Cluster Chair agreed to compile analysis on the livelihood objective; the Protection Cluster Co-Chair will compile analysis on why we did not achieve against the protection objective; Information will be sent to OCHA by 31 July.

### **2010 Process and Timeline**

A briefing on the 2010 CAP process was held before the ICWG. In the ICWG OCHA underlined the importance of field involvement in the CAP process. It was agreed that Cluster Field Focal Points were important for systematic field involvement in the CAP and should attend the CAP field consultations if possible.

**Action Point:** Clusters to identify Field Focal Points for prioritized field locations by 29 July.

**Action Point:** OCHA to send out a list of CAP funded projects by cluster by 31 July.

### **6. Cluster Membership and Participation**

The Agriculture and Livelihood cluster chair briefed the meeting that his cluster had over 130 NGOs on the membership list and the number was growing. However, the relevance and capacity of cluster participants was very hard to determine. An indication of this is the numerous HRF project submissions to the Cluster Chair and their quality. The cluster is looking at ways to manage this membership and participation issue. One problem is that the ToR is only for the cluster lead and not for the cluster itself or for membership. The cluster is in the process of reviewing the ToR. The Cluster chair felt that this issue of participation would be a challenge when projects were submitted for the 2010 CAP and projects needed to be prioritized, evaluated, and possibly rejected.

Other cluster leads agreed that membership is a problem and that determining eligibility for CAP participation was a challenge.

**Action Point:** The IASC to give guidance to the cluster chairs on participation in the 2010 CAP.

OCHA briefed that they have a partial list of local NGOs with contacts, offices in Somalia, and previous partnership with UN or INGO. Agencies are invited to continue submitting information to this list and consulting it as needed.

### **7. OCHA Website**

The HC a.i stated that the maintenance of an updated website is one of the cluster minimum deliverables identified by the IASC. OCHA's Information Management Officer briefed that the OCHA website was available for clusters to post information. The procedure for posting information was for cluster chairs to send documents to the OCHA Information Management Officer with a request that it be posted on the website. A document on the OCHA website was circulated by OCHA. The URL for the OCHA website is:

<http://ochaonline.un.org/Default.aspx?alias=ochaonline.un.org/somalia>

### **8. AOB**

### **Meetings on Cross Border Issues**

OCHA briefed the meeting on ongoing discussions about cross border issues. At the UNCT retreat the Kenya and Somalia HCs agreed that there needs to be a review of what is happening at the Kenya / Somalia border and how to create linkages between the two operations given that the humanitarian crisis in the region is borderless.

- The HC's have asked for a discussion paper to inform the respective IASC's on a strategic way forward, and to have a joint IASC meeting tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week of June
- OCHA Kenya and OCHA Somalia have been asked to lead that process and engage with various stakeholders operating in the border areas.
- A joint Kenya / Somalia inter cluster chairs/co-chairs meeting was called for the 24th of July (a Friday) but has been postponed until Monday 27 July because UNICEF & WFP are actually conducting a joint assessment in that region the week prior

The Logistics Cluster Chair stated that considerable work was done two years ago on cross border issues.

### **SSS External Evaluation**

The Education cluster chair stated that a draft report from the SSS external evaluation was available and would be discussed at the 24 July CISS Excom.

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