

# Emergency Flood Coordination Meeting

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### The proposed Agenda.

1. Discuss on information on locations of weak points on river embankments and potential flooded areas in Middle Shabelle Region.
2. Flood prevention activities updates by agencies.
3. Flood preparedness and contingency planning in the region.
4. Selection of flood focal points by agencies.
5. AOB

### Introduction.

The participants have done round table introduction before the opening of the meeting, then the agenda of the meeting was distributed to the participants and the meeting was opened by the chairperson of Farjano foundation.

1. Discuss on information on locations of weak points on river embankments and potential flooded areas in Middle Shabelle Region.

WOCCA.

WOCCA shared with the other participants that it has many trained teams on Emergency Preparedness in the villages of the riverine communities; each village's team composes 7 members, so they submit the information to WOCCA Jowhar, then WOCCA got at the sites below and identified as weak points, for example Breakage or River over flow over river banks are feared.

WOCCA has also shared with the other participants that it has an experience of flood prevention last year in Barey, Gumbe areas, for example, they indicated that they closed breakage of 700 meter with sand bags.

The areas they conducted the assessment with their geography are the following:

#	Name of the village	District	Direction
1	Duduble	Mahadaia	West of the river
2	Diinlawe	Mahaday	West of River
3	Huriwaa	Mahaday	East of Jowhar
4	Huddur Isse	Mahadaay	West Of Jowhar
5	Marerey	Jowhar	West of the river
6	Lama waab	Jowhar	East of the river
7	Raqeyle	Jowhar	East of the river
8	Gashanle	Jowhar	East of the river
9	Tugarey	Jowhar	East of the river
10	Bardhere	Jowhar	East of the river
11	Magay	Jowhar	East of the river
12	Nuukay	Jowhar	West of the river
13	Halgan	Jowhar	West of the river
14	Mandhere	Jowhar	West of the river
15	Bacadley	Jowhar	West of the river
16	Keli Booday	Mahadaia	East of the river

## UN HABITAT

UN HABITAT raised the issue of the dam near Balad Bridge as an aspect of danger in terms of floods, because if the level of water raises, there is possibility of disaster, so he proposed to mitigate the risks of floods in that area.

## Farjano Foundation.

Farjano Foundation shared with the other participants that it has sent an assessment team to area from Kulmis Yarow to Bayaxaw Vallages, but still not finalized the data of the assessment, and at the same time that they will share that data with the other organization late.

They apologized that they did not share the colleagues early, so they indicated that their flood prevention was a kind of signal.

## HARDO.

HARDO Said that it has the experience of river embankment in the west sides of the river in Mahaday area last year and promised that it will work with WOCCA for the data collection on the possible river breakages.

## Jowhar Women Group.

This organization proposes to collect sand bags from the homes of Jowhar town and from the business men and women in collaboration with the current local authority and to have them as a response of flood preparedness, at the same time, it proposed to conduct awareness raising campaigns where the possible breakages may occur.

## 2. Flood prevention activities updates by agencies.

All organizations agreed that they have not done any activity towards flood prevention except WOCCA and Farjano Foundation which indicated signals against flood risks after collecting data from limited areas.

## 3. Flood preparedness and contingency planning in the region.

For the contingency planning, all the organizations participated in the meeting agreed to submit detailed contingency planning in the next meeting and they divided into two groups to collect data from the sites.

### Action points

- ✓ Data collection on possible river breakages by two group which composes each three agencies
- ✓ Submission of short term contingency required in detailed.
- ✓ Circulation of the minutes to the addresses of the participating agencies before the second meeting.

### AOB

The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The participants raised that current local authority should participate in the second meeting, despite that they were invited in this meeting, but unable to attend due to other businesses.

