

IASC Nutrition Cluster/ SSS Nutrition Working Group
Minutes of Meeting held at 09:30 hrs, Monday 7th September 2009
Somali Support Secretariat Conference Room, Lake View, Ngecha Road

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1. Introduction, review of previous minutes and action points.

Nutrition partners were welcomed and introductions done. Forty (42) participants representing 31 agencies operating in Somalia were present. The minutes of the *August 3rd* meeting were reviewed and endorsed as a true reflection of the meeting. The various action points were reviewed and their status updated (see last page and below for follow up actions).

Action Points for Follow Up	Focal agency/ person
Circulate TORs of the Gender Meeting (TORs for GNet and G- Focal person)	IMC
Share TORs with agencies that agreed to be cluster focal points in field	Cluster support officer/FSNAU
Partners to communicate with field staff about breastfeeding posters available through FSNAU staff in the field	All partners
Follow up with WHO to share the Syndromic approach guidelines for acute malnutrition	WHO
WFP to follow up on finalization of MAM guidelines in the next few months and shared with partners	WFP
A one page summary of the discussion on IYCF interventions will be drafted and shared with partners	Erin/ Concern WW

Action Points	Focal agency/person	Timeline
The supply constraint to partners in the field will be reported to the concerned agencies	Co Chair	
OCHA will incorporate comments into the 3W map and matrix and recirculate to partners in the following week for feedback and endorsement.	OCHA	18 th Sept
The draft Nut Cluster Response plan for the CAP 2010 will be recirculated to members for comments prior to submission to OCHA.	FSNAU/ UNICEF	8 th Sept

The CAP Project Sheets will be circulated to members to fill in and submit to Cluster Co Chairs by September 21 st .	FSNAU/UNICEF/ Cluster Support Officer	8 th Sept
Medair will share the presentation and/or a short summary of the Burao Coverage Survey with partners.	Medair	

2. Situation Update

FOOD SECURITY SITUATION UPDATE

FSNAU circulated copies of the Press Release issued on August 24th which has information on the current humanitarian crisis. FSNAU also announced that the Post Gu' 2009 Assessment analysis was completed and released on August 12st. The detailed power point presentation is available on the website on www.fsnau.org. The analysis is presented by sector (Livestock, Agriculture, and Nutrition) and includes an analysis on the impact of Gu' performance on gender, climatic situation, civil insecurity and markets. A section on implications for action has also been included. The Post Gu' 2009 Food Security and Nutrition special brief would be circulated by COB today and the detailed Technical Nutrition series would be released on Friday September 11th. A website link will be circulated to partners to be able to access the document and CDs will be made available in the following 2 weeks. At field level, dissemination of results via regional presentations are ongoing led by FSNAU staff in collaboration with partners including WFP staff. The regional presentations focus on the region and are also available on the website on www.fsnau.org.

Somalia Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) maps (July –Dec '09) have also been produced by FSNAU and has been included in the above mentioned Press Release. Majority (75%; 3.76m people) of those in Humanitarian crisis are concentrated in the South and Central regions, an area which is largely inaccessible to humanitarian operations.

NUTRITION SITUATION UPDATE

ACF reported that they are operating both OTP and health programmes. In health programmes they had 1,912 consultations in the last month. The highest incidence was of Respiratory Tract Infections (RTI) at 816 (lower respiratory tract infections at 604 and upper respiratory infections at 212) followed by intestinal parasites at 443. No outbreaks were reported. EPI was conducted for a total 550 people in Mogadishu. In addition, the following new admissions, total in charge and follow up cases were reported:

	New Admissions	Total In Charge	Follow Up
Mogadishu	554	759 (TFC- 77, OTP not operational)	867
Galgadud	175	326	250
Wajid	398	645	724

The number of admissions has remained constant and is not as high as when WHO protocol begun. ACF has also increased the number of admission of TFC in Mogadishu and new admissions in OPD center in Mogadishu for children under 5.

ACF is still waiting for supplies from Oxfam Novib/ SAAID in order to provide follow-up ration.

GELO was unable to carry out international breast feeding week activities in Beletwyne (Hiran region) due to security issues. Activities may be conducted this week.

SAACID has reported lack of supplies from WFP and UNICEF. Delays in the delivery of supplies attributed to transport problems. SAACID also reported that preliminary meetings have been held between ACF staff and SAAID/Oxfam Novib staff and WFP partners (Mogadishu partners).

World Vision has relocated outside Bay and Bakool but activities are still ongoing with local staff. In middle Juba activities are ongoing. World Vision is also continuing with nutrition activities in Awdal region and also in Hawd in

Hargeisa. Distribution has just taken place following screening that was done earlier. WV continues to work closely with UNICEF and WFP on this programme.

Relief International is planning to focus on Bossaso poor host communities and IDP communities targeting SFP and should be finalized in the next few guys. Galkayo intervention will also begin soon.

Overall, the Mogadishu response is on hold pending the arrival of supplies.

HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING NUTRITION

No new report received on outbreaks and no new information received on current outbreak of AWD in Juba.

3. Response Update

NEW/PLANNED INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES

(Also see comments under nutrition situation update)

MSF Holland plans to start and nutrition programme in the next month in Hargeisa and eastern areas of Somaliland. The projects are estimated to last 6 months and will be targeting IDP camps that are currently not covered by UNICEF in OTP then ITFC and basic health care.

Save the Children had 185 new admissions in Hiraan OTP sites in August, up from 143 in July; a total of 1009 children were admitted since beginning in May. Defaulter rates dropped this month from 11% to 2%, death rate remained at 1%. SCUK will begin implementing SFP in all 15 sites within the next month and plan to scale up from 15 to 45 sites through Hiraan. SCUK has just completed an emergency assessment of Somaliland and Puntland and have submitted concept notes for nutrition programmes to donors.

GELLO will be starting mobile health clinics health in Riverine Communities.

AMA plans to start and OTP and MCH in Gedo region.

MSF plans to open another EPI in Mogadishu and training will be organized on the WHO standards in Galgadud for MSF B. Interested partners are encouraged to join.

Concern WW has not received supplies for new centers.

MAPPING ON NUTRITION RESPONSE

Partners were provided with a brief update of the 'Who does What Where' (3W's) matrix and a map of the ongoing/current programmes for their review and feedback. The map and the matrix provide a visual of the activities on the ground with respect to the nutrition situation; it shows where there are overlaps and insufficiencies in activities and can be used as a tool for advocacy.

After discussion the following was agreed upon:

- A standardized dictionary with generic spellings of Somali regions and districts will be shared with partners and instructions on how to incorporate them into the MS Word dictionary. – from OCHA
- Two extra columns indicating project- start and end date will be added to the 3W's matrix and recirculated to partners for feedback. – To be circulated by Penina the Cluster Support Officer (CSO)
- Labels on the icons within the map should be removed. Labels can be referenced from the legend of the map.
- The legend should be revised to include SC/TFC, OTP and SFP icons only.
- Two maps will be developed: one depicting currently running nutrition interventions only and a second map depicting all nutrition interventions i.e. running/pending/suspended/planned.
- Italicize agencies on the map that have operational pauses in the call out box.

- The objective of the map is to show coverage and treatment therefore the title and content of the map should be revised to reflect this. The map should depict treatment interventions of acute malnutrition only and Plumpy doz and MCHs should be removed.
- Clarify the arrows on the map; especially arrow between Mudug and Galgadud

The above comments will be incorporated by end of next week and circulated to partners for their feedback.

4. CAP Update

Development of the Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) 2010 is underway. The CAP is a funding framework that is coordinated by OCHA and is based on the cluster system. The CAP aims to pull together all 9 clusters for Somalia and gets each cluster to develop a response plan based on the expected outcomes in 2010. This gives partners within the clusters the opportunity to submit project sheets with planned activities against agreed upon objectives for 2010. The final document is then used as a funding framework by donors and other partners. It is not a guarantee for funding, but framework for funding. Nonetheless, it important to have a project sheet in the CAP as many donors will only make a contribution against the CAP.

The process started with early consultations with cluster members in the field. Three meetings were held in Hargeisa, Garowe and Nairobi. These meetings were held with partners to reflect on the situation in 2010 and based upon that come up with priorities and objectives. Based on the agreed upon objectives, each cluster then develops a response plan. For Nutrition, a response plan was drafted by a small group of members for review by plenary in this session. The Response Plan is to be submitted to OCHA on **Tuesday, 8th September**.

The objective of this session was to review the overall objectives for 2010 and activities and indicators under each objective which include:

Objectives:

1. Acutely malnourished children and women are treated.
2. Women and children's nutritional status protected from further deterioration through integrated responses to address underlying causes.
3. Strengthen technical capacity and avail appropriate resources to local NGOs and CBOs and national staff to facilitate implementation of emergency and long term strategies addressing malnutrition.

Once feedback was received, it was agreed that the draft response plan will be recirculated for final comments by close of business and submitted to OCHA. The response plan and project sheets will then be distributed to members. The deadline for submission of project sheets is **September 21st (in 2 weeks)** for initial review by Penina (CSO), Fitsum (Co chair) and Chair and later submission of the final version beginning November.

6. Presentation: Burao Coverage Survey

Medair presented preliminary findings of a coverage survey conducted for their nutrition programs in Burao, Somaliland. It was noted that the lessons learned from this survey can be important and useful in applying to the rest of the country. Partners were also encouraged by the Co- Chair to begin looking at coverage surveys and include in their 2010 activities.

Following the presentation, Medair was requested to share the presentation and/or a short summary of the final report with partners.

7. WFP and Partners Update

In August WFP through its partners was able to achieve approximately 70% of its planned activities which was less than the July coverage (78%) This decline was attributed to operational pauses in Lower Shebelle and the inability to distribute in Middle and part of Lower Juba.

The last distribution for the blanket SFP in the Central region will be the August one. The transition to targeted SFP may be delayed due to the forthcoming pipeline shortfall.

In co-ordination with UNICEF, WFP is closing twelve MCHN sites in lower Shabelle (7) and Bay and Bakol (5) mainly due to increasing difficulties for monitoring and mentoring partners. WFP has already open 5 new MCHN sites in Puntland and is expected to open 4 more in the coming weeks.

WFP Operations Update

It was announced that from September to December 2009 WFP operations will be affected because of the following issues:

1. **Pipeline Shortfall:** Major donor contributions are still pending. If the situation remains unchanged this funding shortfall will imply a complete pipeline break expected from early November. WFP is hopeful that the situation may change, but partners will be informed in due time. In the immediate, the planned distribution for the coming months will be affected including reducing family rations permanently. The prioritizations of interventions will be as follows: 1. Relief; 2. Supplementary feeding; and 3. Institutional feeding for inpatients. The new allocation plan for the coming 6 months has been designed to cover needs as per the FSNAU Gu'09 assessment. At the moment, WFP do not plan any closure of selective feeding centers by no new intervention will be implemented until further notice. Partners will be informed in due time.
2. **Security Situation in SCZ:** The incident on 16th August in Wajid has led to the withdrawal of all international staff. However activities in the Bay and Bakool regions are ongoing with national staff. There has also been increasing restrictions on access; therefore, the WFP operational strategy for South Central is being reviewed at all levels. Partners will be informed in due time.

Partners were encouraged to hold discussions with WFP on a case by case basis and WFP will provide an update as soon as information comes available.

8. AOB

- **FSNAU** reported that the Micronutrient Survey data collection has been completed. Data is now being analyzed and a report is expected in December.

Action Points	Update
Analyze numbers reached versus CAP target for T-SFP. PENDING (WFP/UNICEF)	
Circulate materials from Gender meeting (ToRS for GNet and G-focal person), and links to the two gender guidelines that can be used by partners for the 2010 CAP preparation. FOR FOLLOW UP (IMC)	
OCHA to share ToRs that would provide guidance to the field cluster focal points. DONE Names and contacts of focal points to be provided- By agencies who have volunteered as cluster focal points. TO BE RECIRCULATED (OCHA)	
Press release document to be circulated to the cluster members. DONE	
UNICEF/FSNAU to recirculate the 2007/2008 study on IYCF in Somalia based on demand. DONE	
Finalize feedback from partners on Sphere revision Workshop. DONE	
Partners invited for discussion with UNICEF on IYCF interventions. DONE	Erin/Concern WW will draft a one page summary of meeting to share with partners.
WHO to share Syndromic Approach guidelines for acute malnutrition to the cluster chair for comments and further circulation. FOR FOLLOW UP (HSC Coordinator)	August
Finalize input from partners on revision/pilot of the new MAM guidelines. Cluster chair to send reminder. PENDING	WFP will finalize and share with partners once finalized.

The next meeting to be held @ 9:30am on Monday, 5th October at Somalia Support Secretariat (SSS), Baobab Conference Room, Ngecha Road.