



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER (FSC) NATIONAL LEVEL PARTNERS’ MEETING

Thursday 29th February 2024, 10:00hrs - 12:00hrs
 Online Meeting

AGENDA:

1. Opening remarks by the Government (MoAI, SODMA and MoLFR)
2. Gu floods forecasts and risk analysis - SWALIM
3. Post Deyr IPC results presentation - FSNAU
4. FSC Updates
 - FSC Partners Gu season floods preparedness
 - FSC January response
5. SODMA Presentation
6. Information Management support to FSC Partners - iMMAP
7. AOB

| | DISCUSSION SUMMARY | ACTION POINTS |
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| 1 | <p>Opening remarks by the Government (MoAI, SODMA and MoLFR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC outlined the meeting agenda and welcomed Mr Abubakar from the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SODMA) to open the meeting. • Mr. Abubakar from SODMA opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. He thanked all the organizations for their commitment to the food security and livelihoods coordination and for delivering humanitarian assistance to the neediest populations. He requested the participants to provide their comments in an orderly manner to ensure smoothness of the meeting. • Director Abdulrashid from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was absent with apologies as he was on a field mission | N/A |
| 2 | <p>Gu floods forecasts and risk analysis - SWALIM</p> <p>Mr. Flavian Muthusi from FAO-SWALIM provided a presentation on the Gu rainfall outlook and impacts in the country. The key issues highlighted were as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Observed satellite rainfall totals in the past 2 months (January - February)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no rains in most parts of the country except in Jubaland where | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to share the FAO-SWALIM presentation on the Gu rainfall |

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| <p>some light rains with a cumulative total of less than 50mm have been recorded in lower Juba. The rest of the country remains relatively dry which is normal for the Gu season during this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No dry rivers observed which is good for agriculture around the riverine areas. <p>b) <u>Gu 2024 Rainfall Outlook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gu rains are likely to be wetter than usual conditions. In some places there is a likelihood of above average wetness. The total rainfall amounts expected over the Juba and Shabelle river basins are between 250 - 350 mm. There is an increased likelihood of warmer than normal surface temperatures over the most parts of the country. From a meteorological point of view, it very difficult to predict Gu rains as compared to Deyr rains. FAO-SWALIM will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation and provide regular updates. <p>c) <u>Onset of the Gu Season.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The earliest rains are expected to start end of March in Southwest State. Other parts in southern regions will most likely experience Gu rains as from early April. <p>d) <u>Impact of Gu Rains</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture production is expected to increase. There will be recharge of water reserves. The likelihood of floods is high along juba and Shabelle rivers and flash floods across other parts of the country. El- Nino rains are forecasted during the first half of the Gu season, with probable transition to neutral wetness during mid Gu season, and La Nina in Hagua and Deyr. The temperatures are expected to be warmer than normal. <p>e) <u>La-Nina Dryness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As from May, it is predicted that there will be a shift from El-Nino to La-Nina. It is important to note that La-Nina might lead to drought and general dryness and thus not good for agriculture. There is need to harvest rainwater in reservoirs in readiness for the dry conditions. | <p>outlook and impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAO-SWALIM to provide regular updates to FSC and other humanitarian partners on the evolving situation for the Gu rains |
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| | <p>Note: Detailed presentation of the FAO-SWALIM Gu rainfall outlook and impacts (including graphical analysis and maps) are available in the annex.</p> | |
| <p>3</p> | <p>Post Deyr IPC results presentation - FSNAU</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Molla from FSNAU provided a presentation on the Post Deyr IPC results. The key issues highlighted were as follows:</p> <p>a) Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC Analysis process: The 2023 Post Deyr IPC Acute Food Insecurity /Acute Malnutrition analysis was organized by the IPC Core Group. The IPC Global Support Unit (GSU) provided technical support throughout the analysis. • Participation: 168 participants drawn from 61 institutions: Government Institutions (FGS, FMS and Somaliland) - 77, Local Universities (UOH, PSU) - 4, UN (Agencies, Funds and Programmes) - 46, Local and International NGOs - 26, and other Technical Partners (FEWS NET, REACH , IPC GSU) - 11 • Unit of analysis: Livelihoods zones in rural areas, internally displaced population groups and urban populations groups across Somalia <p>b) Key Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition remain high despite some improvements due to the good rains in the past two seasons. The needs remain urgent and needs to be addressed. • Current (January-March 2024): 4 million people (21%) of the population in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 and higher) • Projection (April-June 2024): 3.4 million people (18%)of total population face Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 and higher) • Approximately 1.7 million children under the age of five years face acute malnutrition between January-December 2024 (total acute malnutrition burden), including 430 000who are likely to be severely malnourished. <p>c) Key drivers of acute food insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse impacts of El-Nino related heavy rains and flooding, erratic rainfall, early cessation of Dey rains affecting agropastoral areas. • Extended impact of previous droughts in pastoral areas, including low milk availability and access, anticipated flooding in riverine areas during the forthcoming Gu season, persistent conflict and insecurity, and limited humanitarian assistance. <p>d) Seasonal Rainfall Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rains in Oct-Dec 2023, were above average for almost all areas and the rains started earlier than usual but ended early. It had good impact on agriculture. • The 2024 Gu (March to May) season is expected to bring average rainfall in most | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to share the Post Deyr IPC results presentation • Partners who require IPC training should participate during the next upcoming trainings |

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| | <p>parts of Somalia.</p> <p>e) Trends in the market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prices of the imported commodities were stable in most areas although there was slight increase in some areas due to global food prices, cost of fuel and the local transport costs. • The livestock prices are expected to improve with Ramadan and Haj. <p>f) Population Movement/Displacement and Insecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floods caused displacement between October and December 2023 in Hiraan , Gedo and Middle Juba (river floods) and Mudug and Bay (Flash floods). • Conflict induced displacements were high in July, August, September when the government military operations against insurgents was at the peak. • Drought, conflict related displacements are expected to continue through mid-2024, worsening the Food insecurity in Somalia. <p>g) Key Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipatory action ahead of anticipated flooding during the forthcoming Gu season, Desert Locust and other predictable shocks • Multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance for food Security, nutrition, health and WASH. • Provision of livelihoods support for populations classified in IPC phase 2 or higher. • Expand access to health services • Expand social protection programmes in both urban and rural areas to address predictable needs, targeting the most vulnerable and at-risk households. • Targeting should be improved to reach those marginalized and most vulnerable. • Strengthen area based and integrated response. • More sustainable programs like climate-resilient agriculture and viable malnutrition preventive measures should be adopted. • Investment in climate-resilient agriculture and food systems to enhance households capacity to mitigate risks and shocks • Complementary funding for recovery, development and peace-building programs in order to ensure sustainable progress on reducing humanitarian needs in the mid- and long-term <p>Note: Detailed presentation of the Post Deyr IPC results is available in the annex.</p> | |
| 4 | FSC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to circulate a |

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| <p>a) FSC Partners Gu season floods preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consecutive rainy days are expected in Gu, hence the likelihood of floods. • Based on the experience of the 2023 Deyr flood response, there is need for adequate preparedness and anticipatory action by FSC partners to mitigate the anticipated humanitarian impact of the floods. • The Food Security Cluster presented an overview of historic flood exposure based on geographic areas vulnerable to the floods. • A list of high-risk flood prone districts/areas have been shared based on consultations from the field. This is meant to improve planning, preparedness, and response for floods from March - June 2024. • The Somalia Community Engagement and Accountability Task Force (CEA-TF) has developed key flood messages based on consultation and coordination with SODMA, CEA TF partners, ICCG and different working groups. <p>b) Key recommended preparedness and Anticipatory Action (AA) activities by FSC partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners must coordinate with the government at various levels to lead the preparedness, mitigation, and response activities. • The government is the one responsible for evacuating the people and the partners should only be assisting in response, and information sharing. • Risk informed planning, robust analysis, dissemination of EW information, & risk communication • Flood risk/impact forecasting and monitoring (SWALIM) • Wide dissemination of CEA-TF key messages • Provision of tools and guidance for rapid needs assessment, response monitoring, data-sharing, and coordination • Evacuation: Support to authorities in reviewing the suitability of evacuation sites and clarification of evacuation procedures & SOPs (e.g., transport) • Registration of (likely) target population • Procurement and prepositioning of relief items (e.g., boats, in-kind food including HEB, UCT pipeline, sandbags, animal feed, inflatable bladders etc.) • Drainage of canals, rehabilitation, and strengthening of critical flood defense infrastructure • Flood protection (sandbags etc.) of critical service infrastructure • Distribution of relief items, including UCT • Provision of emergency agricultural and livestock inputs (where feasible) | <p>revised Gu season flood preparedness and response matrix to be filled by all FSC partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to facilitate forward planning for deduplication • FSC partners to provide their planned activities and targets ahead of response to enable prior deduplication |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration: Area based Integrated Response Framework (IRF) c) Cash Coordination: FSC Sectoral Cash Assistance vs. MPCA • Based on lessons learnt during the Oct- Dec floods response, there is need for clarity on cash coordination at the subnational level • Multiple concerns have been raised by FSC partners on the apparent confusion between FSC sectoral cash assistance and Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) • There is a need for clear distinction of coordination between FSC sectoral cash and MPCA • By virtue of its mandate, FSC is responsible for the coordination of all food security and livelihoods assistance regardless of modality. This includes in-kind food assistance, and Cash & Voucher assistance (CVA) • The Cash Working Group is responsible for MPCA coordination • FSC is responsible for the delivery of over 80% of the overall humanitarian cash and voucher assistance in Somalia and Somali land • In line with the new cash coordination model, the CWG coordination and deduplication with all relevant clusters undertaking CVA (including FSC) and reporting to the ICCG is paramount d) FSC January response • FSC presented the key HNRP figures and January response. • In 2024, there are 4.3 M people in need of humanitarian assistance. • As of Feb 29th, FSC is only 1.3% funded - USD 17.4 million received out of USD 560 million financial requirements • Objective 1: Improved Availability and Access to Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In January, 1.86 million people were assisted out of 2.41 million targeted (77% coverage). ○ There was a total of 93 partners who delivered assistance in cash, voucher and in-kind. ○ Assistance reached 65 districts. ○ About 30 districts had an overreach in response (above 100% of the target). FSC raised the issue and encouraged the partners to utilize the new cluster targets and avoid putting a lot of resources in some few districts. • NB: Districts like Burtinle, Cadale and Barawe had a significant response although they are not in the list of the 2024 HNRP FSC SO1 district targets. • Objective 2: increased local food production and availability through urgent | |
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| | <p>time-sensitive and season dependent interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FSC partners assisted 0.025 million out of 0.324 million people targeted (only 8% coverage). ○ 12 FSC partners delivered all the assistance in in-kind. ○ Assistance was delivered in 11 districts. ○ NB: Partners delivered assistance in Banadir and Diinsoor although they are not in the list of the 2024 HNRP FSC SO2 district targets. | |
| <p>5</p> | <p>SODMA Presentation</p> <p>Mr. Abubakar Ahmed, the Head of FSN,& IPC General Secretariat-NEP Line ministries (IDDRSI) made a presentation providing a monthly briefing to FSC partners regarding ongoing SODMA activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation focused on Key Activities, Regions affected by El- Nino, Planning Activities, SODMA Response for El- Nino, and Country situation & recommendations. • SODMA held consultation workshops engaging all ministries, Federal Member States, and NGOs and discussed on how best to respond and assist the poor people affected by El-Nino floods. • According to SODMA, 2.48 million people were affected by floods while 1.057 million people were displaced by the floods. • SODMA requested the support of a rapid Post Disaster Needs Assessment (R-PDNA) from UN, WB and all donor community member states and bodies. • The FGS recognizes that this assessment would play a very curial first step in the process of immediate, medium and long-term recovery from the floods and building back better for resilient Somalia. • Over 12,902 households affected by floods have been assisted by SODMA. • Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With the limited resources, food security response should be coordinated such that there are no duplications of assistance. ○ A scale-up of humanitarian food assistance, Nutrition programmes, CVA, WASH and livelihood protection support, is urgently needed to save lives and secure livelihoods. ○ It is critical to deliver recovery initiatives that build resilience among the affected pastoralists and agro- pastoralists to ensure that their livelihoods are less vulnerable to future droughts under LEGS guidelines. ○ SODMA sends an urgent appeal to donors and international partners to provide more support to flood affected populations. | <p>FSC to share the SODMA presentation</p> |

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| | <p>Note: Detailed SODMA presentation is available in the annex.</p> | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Information Management support to FSC Partners - iMMAP</p> <p>Mr. Johnson Taremwa from iMMAP made a presentation on information management support that is available to FSC partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation focused on an overview of iMMAP, HIST Overview, IM Service Prioritization, Catalogue of IM services, Service Desk Workflow, and HIST portal Demo • iMMAP is an INGO founded in 2001 that provides IM services to partners in the humanitarian and development sectors, enabling them to make informed decisions that ultimately provide high-quality targeted assistance to the world’s most vulnerable populations. • The Somalia operation started in 2023. • The purpose of Information Management Support to Humanitarian Responders in Somalia is strengthening and enhancing the humanitarian response and coordination capacities in Somalia through the implementation of a Humanitarian Information Support Team (HIST). • Any organization involved in the humanitarian response in Somalia is eligible to be supported by the HIST team with priority for clusters and coordination mechanisms • iMMAP provides staff to UN agencies and clusters through standby partnership program. • A specific Information management service may be provided based on the need and priority for iMMAP. • Partners can send their request directly to iMMAP, using the form available in the website. <p>Note: Detailed iMMAP presentation is available in the annex.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSC to share the iMMAP presentation • iMMAP to provide step-by step guidance on how partners can request Information management services • Partners to contact FSC in case they need support in communicating and getting iMMAP services. |
| <p>7</p> | <p>AOB</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm</p> | |

Annex 1: PowerPoint presentation made during the meeting

- The PowerPoint presentations made during the meeting can be accessed at the link below:
<https://rb.gy/3remqk>

Annex 2: Meeting Attendance

| S/No | Organization | Name Of Participant |
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| 1 | ADA | Jama Abdi |
| 2 | ADRO | Said Ahmed |
| 3 | AFDAN | Mukhtar Ahmed |
| 4 | AFDAN | Deqa Abdi |
| 5 | AMARD | Abdihakim Mohamed Malak |
| 6 | ASAL | Mohamed Ahmed |
| 7 | AVSI | Corrado Cok |
| 8 | AYDA | abdiqani moahmed |
| 9 | CADI | Mohamed Aden |
| 10 | COHOP Foundation | Titus Barsitei |
| 11 | COHOP Foundation | Jonathan Mwaniki |
| 12 | COOPI | Liban AbdulRahman Mohamed |
| 13 | DRC | Affey Mohamed |
| 14 | DRD | Mawliid abdirahman |
| 15 | FSNAU | Daniel Molla |
| 16 | FAO | Apolonia Morhaim |
| 17 | FAO | Madete S.K Pauline |
| 18 | FSC | Gordon Dudi |
| 19 | FSC | Hassan Abdi |
| 20 | FSC | Nasra Hussein |
| 21 | FSC | Abdidubow Hassan |
| 22 | WFP | Paul Gol |
| 23 | GHADO | Mohamed Aden |
| 24 | ICRC | Bruno Mesureur |
| 25 | iMMAP | Johnson Taremwa |
| 26 | IRW | Kader Hassan |
| 27 | IRW | Khalif Hussein Ali |

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| 28 | LIDOSOM | Yusuf Mohamed |
| 29 | LLG | Mohamed Abdirahman |
| 30 | Mercy USA | Mohamed M Sheikh. |
| 31 | MoLFR | Mustaf Ibrahim Adan |
| 32 | NAPAD | Abdirahim Abdullahi |
| 33 | NCA | Daud Mohamed Dahir |
| 34 | UNHCR | Ali Abdi |
| 35 | SOMFORD | Mohamud Isse |
| 36 | Oxfam | Abdiweli Ali |
| 37 | PDA | Abdulrahman Mumin |
| 38 | PHRN | Mohamed Elmi Mihille |
| 39 | RRP | Rose Chelangat |
| 40 | SASDO | Ismail Noor Osman |
| 41 | SDC | Aidarous Tourre |
| 42 | SOCRO | Mohamed Hassan |
| 43 | SoDMA | Abubakar Ahmed Mohamed |
| 44 | SORDA | Mohamed Abdi Haji |
| 45 | SOSCO | Mohamed |
| 46 | SOSTA | Abdirahman Mahdi |
| 47 | STS International | George Mulatya |
| 48 | STS International | Abbas Ali Mohamed |
| 49 | SWA | Ayanle Awil |
| 50 | SWALIM | Flavian Muthusi |
| 51 | SYPD | Mohamed Abdullahi |
| 52 | TAAKULO | Mohamed Aden |
| 53 | UNIDOS | Mohamed abshir |
| 54 | WARDI | Muse Abdi |
| 55 | WARDI | Abdullahi Hussein |
| 56 | WARDI | Mohamed Hassan Ali |
| 57 | WARO | Mahad Aden Moumin |
| 58 | WARO | Aisha Mukhtar Hussein |
| 59 | WFP | Mohamud |