

GALMUDUG STATE FSC PARTNERS' MEETING MINUTES

Date: 26 March 2024

Venue: Teams Meeting

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Attendance: (Organization and Attendee)

No.	ORGANIZATION	PARTICIPANT
1	MoAI, Director General	Omar Osman Eid
2	MoHADM, Director General	Mohamed Abdullahi Ali
3	MoLFR, Director General	Dr. Suleiman Mohamed Salad
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5	GCRI, Director	Kamaludin Abdullahi
6	APCO	Mohamed Omar Adan
7	ARD	Hassan Ahmed Abdullahi
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10	CISP	Ahmedsadiq Ali Abdi
11	CPD	Issa Ali Ibrahim
12	DBG	Ahmed Muse Gindhe
13	DBG	Issack Abdullahi Hussein
14	DEH	Yahye Abdi Mohamud
15	FAO	Abdirahman Hussien
16	FAO/FSNAU	Zainab Ahmed Farah
17	FAO-SWALIM	Bethwel Mutai
18	HOD	Jama Hersi
19	HOPEL	Abdirashid mohamed Dini
20	IRC	Ayanle Ali Abdulle
21	IRC	Fahmo Abdi Hussein Ali
22	IRC	Ahmed Omar Hassan
23	NRC	Abdullahi Moalim Omar
24	NRC	Abdi Mohamed Aden
25	OCHA	Mohamedkhadar Ahmed Noor
26	PDA	Abdulrahman Moumin Ahamad
27	SCI	Osman Jama Ali
28	SCO	Mohamed Abdi Ahmed
29	SRC	Fardowsa ciise ismaciil
30	SRC	Ahmed Abdi Mohamed
31	WFP	Mohamed Nuradaiem
32	WFP	Paul Gol
33	WFP	Hussein Hassan Dahir

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Agenda

1. Introduction & Opening Remarks, MoLFR, Director General
2. Galmudug State Humanitarian Forum Debrief, MoHADM
3. Aid Diversion, MoHADM
4. Gu Season Outlook, SWALIM
5. Community Engagement and CFM, CEA TF Member
6. February FSC Response Updates, FSC
7. Inter-Cluster Coordination Updates
8. AOB

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Opening and welcome remarks by Dr Suleiman M. Salah, Director General, MoLFR.
- FSC Coordinator reviewed the agenda which was approved by the participants.

Action Points

1. MoHADM to follow-up with OCHA on finalization of the ToR for Aid Diversion Taskforce.
2. WFP CEA Officer (Paul Gol) to share the FSC Targeting guidelines with FSC Coordinator.
3. WFP CEA Officer to discuss with FSC the possibility of drafting guidelines for FSC Partners on how to strengthen community engagement.
4. WFP CEA Officer to share with MoHADM DG the document on the new Interagency CFM Model and discuss further.
5. FSC Coordinator to share with Partners the FSC Targeting Guidelines.
6. All Partners: To become familiar with the FSC Targeting Guidelines that the FSC Coordinator will share.

2. Situation Update, *Abdisalan Abdullahi Farah, MoHADM Hum Affairs Dept Director*

- Displacement: In early March, the SNA retreated from some newly liberated areas in South Mudug. AS regain control and created massive displacement; some 2,125 HHs fled to different areas including Cadaado, Baxdo, Wisil, Galkayo and Hobyo Districts. A joint inter-agency RNA was carried-out in Cadaado led by MoHADM and OCHA. Urgent Needs Include: Food, Shelter, WASH, Health, protection as well education. More details in the Agenda Point 7. Inter-Cluster Coordination Updates
- OCHA reactivated area-based coordination with SCI.
- The State Humanitarian Forum (SHF) was successfully carried out in Galkayo on 4 March 2024, Galmudug State with the participation of some government stakeholders, UN Agencies, national and international NGOs and clusters. FSC Partners are requested to follow-up on the action points.
- For more information, refer to the attached PPT.

3. Aid Diversion, *MoHADM*

- TOR of the Aid Diversion Task Force drafted with inputs from TF members; final draft pending to be shared. MoHADM will request OCHA for a meeting to finalize the ToRs.

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- MoHADM has conducted awareness campaign against aid diversion through the distribution of brochures, leaflets for campaign have been carried out in Cadaado and Abudwak Districts. Is important to inform beneficiaries about their entitlements.
- More in-depth collaboration with government is essential for aid diversion as well as regular engagement with local authorities.
- Establish mutual working relationships with local authorities and provide technical support to counter aid diversion.
- Make relevant information to the public on time; partners to contribute how best can strengthen accountability. Insecurity and lack of oversight are contributing factors.
- Accountability: power is to be used responsibly as it involves resources and information; power imbalance can create conflict with the communities, minimize the impact of gate keepers and their influence.
- Capacity strengthening for government staff.

Discussion:

- MoHADM collaborates and supports OCHA and partners in the fight against aid diversion. ToRs have been developed.
- Regarding beneficiaries' not aware of their entitlements, there are community engagement tools and engaging with local authorities to discuss with communities on their entitlements, draft guidelines for community engagement improvements.
- MoHADM is working on a tool to track actions, priorities, and timeline. Expected to be completed by the next Galmudug SHF around June.
- There is a tool with timeline to track actions and priorities.
- In Galkayo and Cadaado, MoHADM met with community leaders on the awareness campaigns against aid diversion. Trying to reach communities in possible way but is hard to tell the impact. Information sharing is important.
- Regarding the humanitarian food that has been found for sale in the markets, WFP ask MoHADM on the process or status of a legislation from the Government through which the government has the power to run checks at the markets and confiscate these food items without waybill and to cease illegal transport and sale of humanitarian food without waybill. The legislation has not been issued yet as it takes time to draft but it will be done. MoHADM will check on the status. PDAD in progress.
- WFP clarified that the food in the markets do not come from their warehouse as there are strict procedures and controls for handling the food from the dispatch from the warehouse and received at the destination or distribution point.
- Partners are also requested to notify the commission to act.
- MoHADM indicated that an anti-corruption directorate has been established with the responsibility to manage all matters related to corruption, particularly aid diversion.
- Partners asked how this directorate can be part or linked to these discussions? MoHADM clarified that this directorate has been newly appointed by the president as an independent office to help with transparency and eliminate corruption. Currently developing the TOR.
- MoHADM will engage with WFP bilaterally on these issues.

4. Gu Season Outlook, SWALIM

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- Expect above normal rains, end of march and early April (over Galmudug)
- Flooding is anticipated, especially flash floods.
- Dry season is expected towards end of the year.
- Recommendation: flash flood preparedness should be taken need basis, especially areas we had flooding recently.
- Community awareness activities should be undergoing as we approach the season, this should be done in cooperation with the government.

5. Interoperable Aggregated Complaint and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) Model, Anil Mani Acharia, CEA TF Member

- This CFM Model, in its final stage of development for Somalia, is based on existing CFM Models already proven useful in other countries.
- This system collects feedback from all agencies, all clusters, all partners; therefore, it serves as an inter-agency, inter-cluster system used by all humanitarian stakeholders.
- The scope of this model or system is broader than a regular CFM channel as it includes central call center, site manager platform, Talk to Loop platform and the agency-level CFMs are integrated under the broader CFM model with a result of one Aggregated Central Repository for Complaints/Feedback.
- This model is expected to improve the capacity of individual CFMs.
- Roles and Responsibilities: The overall accountability of this CFM Model, the advisory and monitoring role lies with the HCT. The overall management lies UNHCR and its Steering Committee. The CEA TF will define technical standards, deliver continuous technical support to identify and address gaps and provide capacity building for partners.

Discussion:

- CEA TF member (Paul Gol) suggested developing of guidelines for FSC partners on how to strengthen community engagement.
- Also, CEA TF will reshare the 2019 FSC Targeting Guidelines for partners to familiarize with the document because targeting is an area that is weak. There is a need to improve the targeting process because we don't seem to be targeting the right people. And part of the reason behind is that we have delegated that responsibility to the local governance structure (clan leaders, community leaders, local communities) who sometimes may have been established by either the mayor or other entity. So, is critical that we work together to make Somalia a sustainable society. It is possible if we work together!
- MoHADM requested the CE TF to meet and discuss this model more in detail. CEA TF will share the relevant document with MoHADM to further discuss this initiative.
- CEA TF member added that that the CE TF has committed to update the FSC and all other clusters in Somalia on this topic because it is the partners who will be using this system. The CEA TF will make sure that they participate in every meeting, including SHF, and do a presentation on how can partners support and work together in this new initiative.

6. February 2024 FSC Response Updates, FSCC

- HNRP 2024, SO1 target is 370,000 people. Of this, around 354,000 people were assisted by 25 Partners through the provision of cash (219,000), voucher (79,000), and in-kind food (55,000) representing 96% of the target. Total cash and vouchers transferred US3.3M.

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- HNRP 2024, SO2 target is 32,000 people. Some 6,000 (20% of target) were reached through in-kind distribution by four partners. This is a cumulative figure.
- For more information, refer to the attached ppt.
- CISP Updates
 - WFP Relief Project: WFP relief project was rolled in December 2023 and is scheduled to conclude in April 2024 through submitted proposal for extension. This project covers 8 villages in Elbur and aims to assist vulnerable individuals who were displaced from their homes due to military operations. The project is providing cash transfers to 3000 beneficiaries and in-kind assistance to 984 beneficiaries. In April, an additional 262 beneficiaries will receive assistance. All beneficiaries have already received their entitlements for the period from January to March 2024.
 - AICS Cash Support Project: The AICS project commenced in August 2023 and is set to end on 31st July 2024. This is an integrated project of Health, Nutrition, Protection and Food security, the Food security component targets families with children 6-59 months admitted into the programme with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and supports family food basket while the child is under treatment for SAM, each family will get cash support for three months, children are screened and in Waxaracde in Dhusasamreb and Kaah health center Guriel. So far total of 433 families were registered and will be receiving cash assistance @\$70 per month for three months.

7. Inter-Cluster Coordination

- Green Climate Fund (GCF) Consultation Workshop, FSCC
 - FAO Somalia is designing a full of the project named "Climate Resilient Agriculture in Somalia". Objective of the project is to enhance the resilience of rural communities and ecosystems in the project target areas to climate change. Targeted district in Galmudug is Hobyo District. However, this is subject to change during the implementation phase.
 - Within this framework, FAO Environment Unit in close collaboration with the concerned MoECC, is carrying out consultation workshops with stakeholders at Federal Members States and today was the National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop in Mogadishu (last one). All these consultation workshops were carried out in March.
 - The purpose of the workshop was to solicit inputs from stakeholders in the field to contribute to the drafting of the full proposal.
 - Stakeholders: Government authorities, NNGO, International NGO, UN Agencies, civil society (academia, private sector, others).
 - A total of 33 participants attended physically to the consultation workshop.
- Inter-agency rapid need assessment on conflict displaced families in Cadaado District, 20-21 March 2024, OCHA
 - RNA carried out from 20-21 March in three IDP sites Xarardheere, Camp Bari and Xeebeed in Cadaado District to understand the situation of the newly displaced families from Camara, Caad and Xinlabi and determine the humanitarian needs of the affected population.

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- As the government and non-state actors continued to fight in these areas, is expected that more displacement in Galmudug region.
 - The most urgent needs include food, water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) healthcare, education, nutrition, protection, and non-food items (NFIs).
 - Key food security findings
 - Most of the displaced families evaluated are women and children.
 - Most of the displaced families have no relatives in Cadaado and cannot afford to buy food.
 - Cadaado local authority and host communities have begun gathering some in-kind donations to distribute to elders and the most vulnerable groups.
 - There was no humanitarian response delivered to the displaced families since 10 March in Cadaado IDP camps.
 - Most families eat only 1-2 meals a day due to limited income.
 - Key recommendations:
 - Provide food and cash-based assistance to the displaced families in Cadaado.
 - Respond to nutrition related issues (access to nutrition facilities).
 - Implement cash-for-work programs focused on rehabilitating roads and water pans in the area.
 - OCHA to share the pledges from partners to support IDPs in Cadaado District.
 - For more information on the results assessment, refer to the attached report.
- Activation of ABC meetings, OCHA
 - To be discussed in the next FSC meeting.

8. AOB

- The next FSC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 15 April, however, it will most likely be rescheduled, tentatively for 22 April. FSC will update partners in due time.

Closing Remarks: Closing remarks by DG of MoAI, Mr Omar Osman Eid. DG Omar thanked partners for attending and expressed his appreciation for the meeting discussions mainly food security situation, partners response and aid diversion issue. He stressed the importance of participating in this meeting and he will continue to participate in future meetings.

- The meeting was adjourned.

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