



## SOMALIA GEDO REGION FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING MINUTE.

Meeting Venue:	WV Meeting Hall
Meeting chairperson:	<i>Abdullahi Mohamed</i>
Date:	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024, Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM
Participants:	Table 1: List of the participants on the final page

**Agendas:** - for the Food security cluster meeting 28-03 -2024 are as follows

### Meeting agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Food security situation in Gedo Region
3. Food security cluster partners presentation
4. Gu floods response preparedness & Response Analysis Presentation
5. Accountability to affected population (AAP) and minority inclusion
6. A.O.B

### Agenda Item 2: Overview of Security Situation and Access constraints in the Region

Based on the reports from our partners in the respective locations, the security situation in the region is generally stable. Humanitarian actors have confirmed that there are no delays or restrictions in delivering life-saving assistance during the humanitarian emergency in the region, and regional accessibility is normal.

- Traveling by road from Dollow to Luuq is extremely difficult, except flight options.
- Belet-hawa District is accessible without significant security incidents affecting movements.
- In Luuq, the security situation is peaceful, but accessibility is limited to a 10 km radius around the town and some southern pastoral settings. Urban and peri-urban areas, as well as IDP sites, have limited accessibility.
- Elwak District faces a delicate and constantly changing security situation, with limited access to villages along the Kenya-Somalia border.
- Garbaharey has regular accessibility within the district and surrounding villages, but areas beyond 30 km are under control and inaccessible.



- Bardheere district is partially accessible, with a 12 km radius around Bardheere town, while reaching remote areas poses significant challenges.

### 1. Introduction and Welcoming

The meeting started with a word of prayer, followed by brief round introduction of participants. With introductions complete, the chairperson proceeded to present the meeting agendas to the participants. This involved outlining the key topics and issues that would be discussed throughout the meeting, ensuring everyone was aware of the meeting agendas;

### 2. Food security situation in Gedo Region and analysis

Region	District	(SO1) Improve availability and access to food actual achievement				
		FSC 2024 HNRP Target (SO1)	(SO1) Improve availability and access to food actual	Actual Gap against the FSC 2024 HNRP Targets	Actual Gap against the FSC 2024 HNRP Targets (%)	% of response coverage vs FSC 2024 HNRP Target
Gedo	Bardheere	48,668	133614	-84946	-175%	275%
	Belet Xaawo	23,064	17538	5526	24%	76%
	Ceel Waaq	1,460	8772	-7312	-501%	601%
	Doolow	44,624	76356	-31732	-71%	171%
	Garbahaarey	23,768	17838	5930	25%	75%
	Luuq	28,200	54864	-26664	-95%	195%

### 3. Implementing Partners Update

Each implementing partner provided a brief update on their ongoing activities and interventions.

#### MoA

- Mentioned the areas in Gedo affected by floods and the measures taken to prevent further damage.
- The formation of village-based advisors and their upcoming training sessions were highlighted. They will convey messages to the villages.
- Certified seed suppliers will undergo training as well.
- The implementation of these initiatives is funded by the World Bank and implemented by MoA.
- The project aims to target all districts in Gedo Region, including riverine communities.



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**VSF**

- The ELLPP-LEB project, which spans three months from February, was presented. The locations and the target beneficiary are Bardere (204), Luuq (203), and Dollow (203).
- Each beneficiary receives \$90 as well as agricultural inputs.

**FAO**

- FAO aims to target 16,000 beneficiaries through its partnership project. The support covers various areas such as livestock, poultry, emergency assistance, and cash support through UCT.
- Currently, 1,100 beneficiaries are pending to receive transfers for three months entitlements in order to complete the six-month planned UCT.
- The project is implemented across Gedo districts, excluding Elwak. It covers five districts, and Burdhubo.

**TRÓCAIRE**

- Trócaire provides food rations in the form of restricted vouchers, amounting to \$85 per household. The distribution of food rations takes place in Dollow, Luuq, and Beled-hawo.
- Registration has been completed, and verification is underway.

**DRC**

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**RECIDA**

- Implementing MPCA in three districts in Gedo; Dollow, Elwak, and Gariley.
- The project supports 400 households each district with \$110 for three cycles, from Feb 2024 to April 2024 and done 2 transfers cycles and one remaining.

**NAPAD**

- NAPAD targets 400 households in Dolow, providing \$95 for three months. The project began in March 2024.

**WVI**

- BHA project, 720 HHs supported with MPCA in Luuq districts
- GAC project-300 beneficiaries receiving cash transfers for 3 months (Jan, Feb & Mar) in Luuq
- EU riverine Project- 948 considered for cash for work in Luuq
- Flood Response-WV internally funded project-targeting 250 households' cash for work, 150 hours tractor service and Capacity trainings for 60 lead farmers

**WFP**

PARTNER	DISTRICT	TARGET HHS	Regular Relief		Flood Response		TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT		TRANSFER VALUE
			CASH	Voucher	CASH	Voucher	HHs	Bens	



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NCA	Bardheere	10,610	8,067	2,147	1,997	981	13,192	79,152	80
	Garbaharey	2,737	1,495	1,218			2,713	16,278	80
WVI	Dolow	9,972	3,790	3,903	905	833	9,431	56,586	80
	Elwak	2,568	1,069	1,000			2,069	12,414	80
	Luuq	6,387	3,115	685	2,072	477	6,349	38,094	80
	Belethawa	3,461	1,021	892			1,913	11,478	80
RAAS	Burdhubo	2,500	1,810	680			2,490	14,940	80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38,235</b>	<b>19,367</b>	<b>10,525</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>38,157</b>	<b>222,942</b>	
Bens		229,410	116,202	63,150	29,844	13,746		228,942	

Safety net for human capital project (SNHCP) Baxnaano where WFP is implementing the project

S/N	District and CP	Caseload	Achievement (% Reached)
1	Luuq WVI	3183 HHs	100

On the other hand, WFP South Border Area office commenced implementation of two pilot projects as part of PDAD mitigation measures in response to the aid diversions reports documented in the Post-Distribution Aid Diversion (PDAD) report, WFP spearheaded a shift from status-based targeting to vulnerability-based targeting in its role as the lead of the PDAD targeting group in Somalia.

- Additionally, these new targeting approaches introduces additional checks and balances with the idea to curtail the power of gatekeepers and reduce the risk of manipulation in all aspects.
- These includes FCDO/KS relief which is community-based targeting and Enhanced Community Based Vulnerability targeting CBT-2 which are implemented in Dolow districts targeting 1500 and 500 Households respectively.
- So far, the stakeholder's engagement, community sensitization, household level data collection and verification has been successfully completed and the programme beneficiaries will receive their entitlements by the end of this Month March 2024.
- For FCDO KS Relief, so far 1350Hhs have registered, cleared and received first month of Relief assistance in February 2024, they will also receive assistance in March and April 2024 via mobile money.

#### 4. Gu floods response preparedness & Response Analysis Presentation



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- The importance of identifying evacuation sites was emphasized.
- It was stressed that stocks should be in place and prepositioned in the required areas.
- SWALIM's engagement was recommended to stay updated on flood preparedness and evacuation plans.
- Accessible communication channels from SWALIM were suggested in case of emergencies.
- WFP's role as a major contributor to food security and the need for their inputs were highlighted.
- Logistics challenges were acknowledged, and the importance of having sufficient stock was emphasized.
- Joint actions to be conducted by MoA and SWALIM for early warnings and community mobilizations were mentioned.

#### **5. Accountability to affected population (AAP) and minority inclusion**

- The lack of project information, including project duration, objectives, target groups, and entitlements, for beneficiaries was highlighted.
- It was emphasized that communities should be engaged in all project implementation phases, with relevant information shared.
- The tendency of organizations to target communities only on one side of the river, leaving out communities on the other side due to accessibility challenges, was discussed.
- The suggestion was made for organizations to consider targeting communities across the river as well.

#### **6. AOB**

- Concerns were raised about beneficiaries visiting offices and waiting for feedback from project teams, sometimes experiencing delays. It was suggested to establish systems or procedures to ensure that these beneficiaries are directed to designated personnel within the respective organizations.
- The low attendance at cluster meetings was noted, and OCHA was requested to reinforce cluster coordination attendance to ensure proper allocation of funds and to avoid duplication.
- OCHA to consider FSC attendance when allocating SHF funds. Permanent cluster members should be given priority
- Partners to work closely with CWG to ensure MEB transfers are standardized and harmonized.

#### **Action Points:**



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- OCHA to reinforce cluster participation
- Partners to ensure stocks are available and in the required areas.
- OCHA to consider cluster attendance when allocating SHF funds.
- SWALIM and MOA to work closely to come-up best information sharing channels for Gu' preparedness and community mobilizations on early warning

### **Closing Remarks:**

Abdulle, representing FSC, highlighted the significance of coordination and punctual attendance at meetings. The meeting concluded with heartfelt appreciation extended to all participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions. The vital importance of collaboration and unwavering dedication to addressing food security challenges in the Gedo Region was underscored.

Abdulle FAO summarized the important of the coordination, timely participation of the meeting. The meeting concluded with a note of gratitude for the active participation and valuable contributions of all attendees.

The importance of collaboration and continued commitment to addressing food security challenges in the Gedo Region was emphasized.

### **Next Meeting:**

The upcoming partners' meeting holds great significance as it serves as a crucial platform for collaboration and strategic planning. During the discussion, the date, time, and agenda for the meeting were carefully considered, ensuring effective communication to all participants.

This meeting promises to facilitate active engagement and timely involvement, fostering a productive atmosphere for knowledge-sharing and decision-making among esteemed partners.

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