



MINUTES OF THE FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER (FSC) NAIROBI PARTNERS MEETING

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Chair

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Agenda

- Review of previous minutes and action points
- Livestock situation update vis-à-vis Gu season
- June response analysis and ways forward (FSC)
- FSC reporting
- AOB

1. *Review of previous minutes and action points*

- The meeting was opened by a round of introduction at 1015hrs
- Previous minutes were reviewed and adopted.
- Agenda was introduced for comments and AOB was solicited from FSC partners

2. *Livestock situation update vis-à-vis Gu season* by Joan Muchai (FAO)

FAO livestock emergency officer (Joan Muchai) has provided update (un on the request of the cluster) on livestock sector performance in Somalia following the end of Gu season. The officer highlighted rangeland and livestock conditions in Somalia, FAO livestock emergency responses plan and some of the challenges they are grappling with. The following were some of the key highlights

- In most pastoral livelihood zones of Middle and Lower Juba, rainfall in mid-June and July improved pasture and water resources, which supported livestock body improvements.
- Pasture and water condition improved in most of the parts of the north, Juba regions and large parts of Bay and Shebelle regions, while other areas pasture, browse and water are below average to poor, particularly most of central regions, large parts of the southern regions and parts of northern regions.
- Normal opportunistic livestock migration reported across the country because of the spatial and temporal variation in Gu season.
- FAO is planning (July-Dec) Livestock Emergency Responses interventions to address impact of the drought on the livestock economy. Mass vaccination, treatment, water provision (water stressed area), provision of feed and



Fodder production are the component of the interventions

- Key challenges:
 - i. Resource Limitation , delayed funding
 - ii. Displacement of people and “Livestock”
 - iii. Capacity gaps – Institutional & community levels
 - iv. Insecurity, Positioning of bulky supplies
 - v. Over-reliance on natural pastures (lack of alternative feed resources)
 - vi. Limited fodder production capacity – import RC
- LEGS manual should be used as the definitive guidance on livestock based interventions.

Action points

- FAO to share their experience on fodder production including appropriate species appropriate for different agro-ecological zone of Somalia with partners.
- The Livestock Working Group (LWG) focal point to share again with actor the appropriate livestock intervention in drought cycle

3. June response analysis and ways forward (FSC) by Mulugeta Shibu

- The presenter indicate the observed reduction of assistance of various cluster objectives prematurely. This reduction (though modest) reported while the acute need not showing any improvement from previous months. This marks a period of reduced funding across the humanitarian spectrum. Some of the reasons touted for this decline include pipeline breaks, gaps in reporting, access constraints or lack of funding
- Middle Juba, Middle Shabelle, Lower Juba, Lower Shabelle, Parts of Bakool & Bay area areas of concern to the cluster due to limited presence of operational partners, access constraints, funding or other reasons include
- Below is an overview of June response:-
 - IASN: 76% of the target (3 million) assisted***
 - LIAS: 7% of the target (1.7 million) assisted***
 - LIIN: 77% of the target (3.6 million) assisted***



Action points

- FSC to follow-up bilaterally with partners to know reasons for not reaching beneficiaries as targeted.
- FSC to circulate the presentation of response of June and maps partners for their informed decision

4. FSC reporting by Christopher Szpak (FSC)

Key Highlights:

- The FSC deadline for submitting monthly plans is the 7th of every month and the deadline for submitting monthly actuals is the 5th of the following month.
- Due to evolving contexts, the FSC has changed the reporting format in order to gather the most appropriate information to better serve the humanitarian needs. Now the adoption of OCHA 3W template is mainstreamed by all the clusters however partners still using the online FSC database to continue doing the same in addition to filling the OCHA 3W template.
- Only projects with confirmed funding should be reported using the templates. If partners don't have funding, then no need to report to FSC.
- Partners to share all their data/ responses through FSC and ***not*** directly to OCHA
- Implementing partners of an implementing donor do not need to report directly to FSC since the implementing donor will report on their behalf.
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Action points

- Explain to partners what planning and actual means in FSC terms
- Trainings to be done to partners regularly

5. AOB



- Transfer values to be shared by OCHA
 - OCHA should inform partners based on monthly analysis of CBT if the transfer values have an impact in the number of beneficiaries reached.
 - There is SHF allocation coming soon and partners are encouraged on integrated response.
 - FSC & OCHA has identified jointly integrated areas as Lower Shabelle, Mudug and Togdheer. FSC is jointly working with other clusters to have a joint integrated approach. Once all the necessary preparations are in place, partners will be called upon to submit their applications.
 - FSC AAP focal point (Paul Gol) to get in touch with partners to strengthen the existing feedback mechanisms and to setup a joint mechanism for the response.
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Meeting adjourned at 1203
