



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

14th March 2018, FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chair

Mulugeta Shibru - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

Agenda

1. Review of previous minutes
2. SHF Capacity Assessment
3. GU season
4. FSC monthly response analysis
5. Community Based Targeting
6. CERF & SHF
7. VC Elections
8. AOB

1. *Review of previous minutes by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)*

This meeting was opened up after a round of introduction whereby each participant introduced himself and the organization they represent. In addition, the previous minutes were reviewed and endorsed as an accurate reflection of events.

Lastly there was a quick rundown of the meeting agenda and AOB (any other business) was solicited for the participants.

2. *SHF Capacity Assessment by Matija Kovac (UN OCHA Somalia)*

These assessments focus on a number of key areas i.e. institutional, financial, managerial and technical capabilities.

Partners expressed concern that being unassessed leads to donors shunning their funding appeals, but OCHA emphasized that the capacity assessments are not meant to inform other bilateral funding processes BUT is only meant to inform about a local organizations ability to manage and execute funds under their jurisdiction.

Three steps are involved during the assessment process: -

- a. Prioritization: Executed jointly with the Cluster Coordinators based on needs and priorities. It was also noted that partners who are active in more than one cluster are given a higher priority in terms of assessment.
- b. Pre-assessment: This step involves submission of audit and fiscal documents among other third party documents.
- c. Full Assessment: Marks the last stage where an external contractor (to minimize subjectivity) is signed up to do the actual assessment. The result is a score derived from a questionnaire and helps determine risk level of the partner.



Whilst the financial resources needed to complete an assessment (approximately between 4,000 USD – 10,000 USD depending on specific contexts i.e. security features physical verification in the field) partners should not write to the clusters asking for recommendations on their behalf.

The pre-assessment phase was recently introduced due to the large volume of partners wanting to be assessed. In 2017 alone 40 partners were assessed leading to a total of 106 partners assessed for the SHF funding mechanism.

By the last quarter of 2017 (Nov - Dec) 50 partners were recommended for assessment, OCHA estimates that this list will be exhausted by the third quarter of 2018. Thereafter another round of assessment will commence.

Furthermore, OCHA liaises with various UN agencies who have their own capacity assessments by taking the results into consideration. This move is aimed at increasing assessment coverage and aligns methodologies, compliance and risk management issues.

Partners assessed in Somaliland are fewer than most regions because the extent of the humanitarian disaster was not as severe as it was in other locations.

The target for the capacity assessment is varied but the aim is to promote better accountability and improve responses especially in the current advent of limited resources.

Action points

- Distribution of key SHF documents to the cluster membership, this includes the Q&A and an extract of the SHF manual

3. GU season Rainfall and River Update Flavian Muthusi (SWALIM)

The GU seasons is projected to start from mid-March.

Highlights: -

- Normal to above normal rains expected in North West, North East and South areas.
- River level at Belet Weyne increased by over 1mtr over the last 4 days, following heavy rains in the Ethiopian highlands
- Jowhar and downstream remain dry, but expected to resume flow later in the week
- Juba river also recorded steady rise over the last week in the upstream (Luuq)



4. FSC Monthly Response – Andrew Makachia (FSC)

A total of twenty-two (22) FSC partners submitted responses across multiple objectives for the February response.

	Year	Monthly Target	February
Improved Access to Food and Safety Nets (IASN)	2018		1,924,192
	Achievement	2,781,604	69%
Livelihood Assets	2018		73,049
	Achievement	1,354,324	5%
Livelihood Seasonal Inputs	2018	Agric. 914,918	87,696
	Achievement	Livestock 1,964,339	3%

IASN Response: -

- ❖ Total beneficiaries assisted 1,924,192 people against a monthly target of 2,781,604. This is 69% of the target/
- ❖ Overall there was a reduction by about 150,000 beneficiaries (which is 7%) when compared to last month.
- ❖ Major reductions observed in Woqooyi Galbeed, Lower Shabelle and Awdal regions where the acute food insecurity was sustained or deteriorated.
- ❖ The level of response in these regions has not only reduced as compared to last month but is significantly lower than the monthly target ranging between 18-30%

LIIN Response: -

- ❖ Approximately 87,696 beneficiaries received assistance based on this objective.
- ❖ This 3% of the seasonal target i.e. 2,879,257 targeted for the season.

LIAS Response: -

- ❖ Total beneficiaries assisted 73,049 i.e. 5% of the monthly target

5. FSC Updates - Various (FSC)

The FSC provided updates on specific issues as below: -

2018 CERF & SHF Allocation: 14 Million USD set aside with the cluster targeting the Northern regions as informed by the Deyr assessment outcome.

HRP Funding: the FSC segment of the HRP is merely 1% funded out of the 627 Million sought. Overall 2% of the total humanitarian request has been funded.

Community Based Targeting: The cluster has sent out a version 2 with March 20th the deadline for receiving feedback/comments from partners.

Vice Coordinator elections: Voting is scheduled to begin on the third week of March. Outcome of the Bosasso elections announced.

KM 13 Response: Walk through of the real time learning inspired by the IDP eviction event