



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

14th June 2017, FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chairs

Mulugeta Shibru and Charles Hopkins

Agenda

1. Review minute and action points
2. Gu season performance update and implication (SWALIM)
3. FSC May response analysis and ways forward
4. FSC and nutrition response integration
5. FSNAU post-Gu seasonal assessment plan and partners engagement
6. AOB

1. Review of previous minutes by Charles Hopkins (FSC)

Following a round of introductions, minutes from the previous meeting reviewed and endorsed by the membership.

2. Gu seasonal performance update and implication - by Peris Muchiri (SWALIM)

SWALIM highlighted that the rainfall performance was below average and that the poor rainfall performance was affecting the recovery of the key livelihood sectors; agricultural and livestock. It was noted that drought conditions will continue to affect Somalia

In South and central region, the 2017 Gu rainy season started late during the last week of April and ended early in mid May. In most of the regions of South/Central, the rains were generally below normal in terms of intensity, temporal and spatial distribution.

In Puntland and Somaliland the season started in the third dekad of March in SL which is normal in this parts. The rainfall performance was generally normal to below normal with most of the rains being experienced in May.

Impacts of Gu 2017 rains

- *Water resources* –Increased water levels and ground water recharge which is good for irrigation, livestock and domestic use.
- *Agriculture* –Improved crop production in agropastoral areas in Somaliland. In other areas crop production may be affected by the poor rains especially in Bay and Bakool rainfed areas. Increased water levels from Ethiopian highlands led to increased water supply for irrigation along the Shabelle river
- *Food security* –below normal rains may cause food insecurity in most areas of the country
- *Livestock* – option of migration to greener pastures where there were good rains



Rainfall Forecast: June to August 2017

- Dry, windy and hot conditions expected in most parts of the country
- Hagega rains in southern coast and Karan rains in NW to be normal
- Next Deyr seasonal forecast expected in September

SWALIM will be undertaking DRR training in Mogaishu between September to December 2017

3. 2017 Agro - Climatic Brief – by Abdulaziz Isak (FEWSNET)

2016/17 Rainfall Performance

- Another successive very poor rainfall seasons over eastern Horn, despite late rains in April into early May 2017.
- Early onset and above average rainfall amounts in Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, parts of South Sudan and Djibouti during this period.

2016/17 vs. 2010/11 Rainfall Performance

- 2016/17 drought was more extensive, but, of relatively less intensity.
- 2016/17 drought affected more agricultural production zones and was exacerbated by conflict and high food prices.

2017 vs. 2011 Crop Performance

- Favorable crop production prospects for key crop zones in western and north-rift Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and southwestern Belg cropping areas of Ethiopia.
- Significant yield reduction to almost complete crop failure expected for southern Somalia, southeastern lowlands of Kenya, parts of northern Tanzania, western Rwanda and Burundi.
- Overall, 2017 cropping conditions are better than 2011 March – May period, except for western Rwanda and Burundi.

2017 vs. 2011 Rangeland Performance

- Rangeland conditions remain poor in northern, central and parts of Somalia, parts of southern Ethiopia, northern pastoral and southern agro-pastoral regions of Kenya.
- Recent late April/early May helped ease the on-going drought; however, this is expected to be short-lived, as the seasonal rains have progressed northwards.
- Overall, 2017 rangeland conditions are slightly better for parts of northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia in comparison to the corresponding period in 2011.

2017/18 Climate Drivers Outlook

- 50/50% chance for ENSO-neutral and El-Nino conditions during the June – September period.
- Decreasing probabilities for occurrence of El-Nino event by the end of 2017.

2017 Indian Ocean conditions forecast improve to favorable positive phase translating to average to above average rainfall performance during the 2017 October – December seasonal rains

2017 July – August Rainfall Forecast

- Average to Above Average seasonal rains forecast for: Djibouti, Western Yemen, Eritrea, Sudan, South Sudan, parts of western Ethiopia, and Western Kenya
- Increased likelihood for localized variations in rainfall performance over W. Ethiopia and SW. South Sudan during this period.

2017 October – December Rainfall Forecast

- Increased likelihood for above average rainfall performance over eastern Horn during



October – December 2017.

- Uganda, Rwanda and western Kenya likely to experience below average to average rainfall during the short-rains (October – December) season.

(Please refer to the presentation for the geographical maps)

2017 May response analysis and way forward - by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)

The FSC revised its' targets with an increase range of 6-12%. About thirty partners responded to address existing and emerging acute needs reaching about 2, 159, 839 million people (360, 000 households) across Somalia (with the exception of Middle Juba). The increase of response by partners has ensured that the cluster maintains its response levels. 80% of IASN response were through in kind(food) and 20% through cash/cheque and voucher.

Approximately 2.6M beneficiaries reached through IASN (82% of monthly target). IASN beneficiary numbers increased in Sool, Banadir, Nugal, Awdal and Gedo regions.

251,870 beneficiaries reached with livelihood assets (14% of monthly target). Galgaduud, Bakool, Middle/ lower Shebelle, Mudug, Sool and Gedo regions had an increased number of beneficiaries

2, 511, 852 beneficiaries reached with livelihood seasonal inputs (69% of monthly target). FAO and its' partners has provided seeds (cereal, cowpea and vegetable) for about 35 580 rural farming and agro pastoral households in Awdal, Bakool, Bay, Gedo, Hiraan, Woqooyi Galbeed and Lower and Middle Shebelle for planting during the ongoing Gu season. The same households also received unconditional cash (cash plus) for accessing food as they fend to their fields. Additionally, about 14.4 million heads of livestock were treated against common diseases during the season.

Partners inquired to on when they should move recovery phase and which months they should expect a drop in cash responses – Partners were advised that cash responses would scale up in June and July. They were instructed to concentrate on responding to the 3 FSC strategic objectives by livelihood, phase and access.

ACTION POINT: FSC to share the response map by district

FSC and nutrition response integration by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)

The global FSC and global nutrition cluster has taken initiative in integration of response as this will enhance response geared towards saving lives.

Both clusters are creating an integrated response plan that will seek to map, target and respond to people in need among other. However there are few bottlenecks in relation to systems, capacity and implementation which they hope to counter.



Post-Gu seasonal assessment plan and partners engagement by Danielle Molla (FSNAU)

- FSNAU to conduct regional planning meetings different locations in Somalia
- Partners were urged to share results of assessments they had undertaken together with the methodology with FSNAU
- Partners requested to send technical staff for the assessment.

ACTION POINT: FSC to share the 2017 Post Gu Season Food Security and Nutrition Assessments

AOB - Ministry of Agriculture Jubba Update by the DG MoA by Abdishakur Omar

The Director General ,Ministry of Agriculture Jubbaland was present in the meeting. He highlighted that thought prolonged drought in Jubaland has affected the populations there, agricultural activities should prioritized in the region. FAO was acknowledged for having distributed agricultural inputs.

The minister informed the team there were new “liberated; areas in Middle Juba and Partners were urged to lease with the Government.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM