



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

19<sup>th</sup> April 2018, FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

### Chairs

Mulugeta Shibru - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

Bernard Mrewa - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

### Agenda

- I. Dry season impact update and latest forecast of GU 2018
- II. GU season progress in Somalia
- III. Food Security Update – Guban Livelihood Zone
- IV. Water trucking, targeting & community engagement lessons learned presentation
- V. FSC response March analysis
- VI. AOB
  - VC election and ways forward
  - SHF FSC specific allocation
  - Targeting guidelines and ways forward

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

This meeting was opened up at 1010 am this was followed by a round of introduction whence each participant introduced himself and the organization they represent.

Mulugeta notified the partners that the HRP (Humanitarian Response Plan) was 18% funded out which the FSC partners had received 100 M \$ i.e. 16% of the total HRP.

Bernard Mrewa who returned as one of the co-coordinators was introduced to the participants and was given an opportunity to say a few words.

#### 2. *Dry season impact update and latest forecast of GU 2018 by Abdirizak (FEWSNET)*

Assistance is preventing more extreme outcomes in many areas, including Northern Inland Pastoral and Bay Agro pastoral livelihood zones. Food security would deteriorate significantly in the absence of assistance, and worst affected populations in northern and central areas would be in Emergency (IPC Phase4).

This assistance reached 2.1 million people in January, 1.9 million people in February and 1.7 million people in March, 62-75% of the estimated 2.7 million in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse (FSC Somalia).

**NMME Rainfall scenarios:** Monthly precipitation probabilities

- April rains: average to slightly above average in amounts



- May rains: slightly below average over Somalia.
- June/July: near average

Furthermore, hotter-than-normal land surface temperatures in the central and northern regions of the country are to be expected during this period.

Local Cereal prices in the South continuing to decline due to reduced out-flow as a result of insecurity, increased taxation from the insurgents and government. Cash and food vouchers also reduced local cereal demand.

Livestock prices are expected to increase between now and August due to increase of demand for Ramadhan and Haj restocking in all livelihoods but likely remain below averages.

### *3. GU season progress in Somalia Update by Peris Muchiri (SWALIM)*

SWALIM walked the participants through the Somalia Flood Watch bulletin (issued 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018) where it looks at the potential risks associated with the impact of the heavy rains across South and Central Somalia. Major highlights include: -

- During the week ending on 17 April 2018, the Juba and Shabelle basins in Somalia and in the Ethiopian highlands continued to receive moderate to heavy rains. Following the heavy rains, flash floods were reported in many places within the two basins leading to displacements, inundation of croplands and destruction of property
- Following the good rains river levels along the Juba and Shabelle rivers continued to rise reaching the high flood risk levels in the upper and mid sections of the two rivers.

#### **Impacts**

**Bakool** (Tiaglow, Huddur, El Berde)- Displacement of populations and destruction of properties including houses.

**Middle Juba** (Buale, Saakow, Jilib) - About 200ha Not specified of cropped land flooded

**Gedo** (Luuq) - Farms along the river flooded

**Hiran** (Belet Weyne) and **M. Shabelle** (Jowhar) - Inundation of crop lands

### *4. Food Security Update – Guban Livelihood Zone by Daniel Molla (FSNAU)*

Current (Jiaal Impact) overall food security situation in Guban Pastoral Livelihood Zone is Crisis (IPC Phase 3), with slightly more people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) compared to 2017 Deyr.



Household Dietary Diversity score is missing but it does not affect the IPC classification in that it is not a must have.

**Togdheer Agropastoral:** are more pastoral, however there is an increasing dependency on crop and fodder production.

### 5. *Water trucking, targeting & community engagement lessons learned presentation - Various (BRCiS)*

CHC (Center for Humanitarian Change) is working with BRCiS in learning for the IRF (Internal Risk Fund) process focusing on the following themes: -

- a) Community accountability mechanisms utilised by partners that promote community engagement in IRF programmes.
- b) Targeting of beneficiaries for unconditional cash transfers (UCTs) in the emergency drought response.

Suggested outputs from the learning events

#### **Develop processes and planning ahead of the IRF to ensure rapid and effective scale up into vulnerable locations**

1. Carry out risk mapping of locations including their vulnerability to certain shocks.
2. Establish early warning indicators and thresholds to initiate response should also be determined alongside the LA's.
3. Develop selection processes: Pre-agreed vulnerability criteria should be determined with the LA's in each location including identification of marginalised groups

#### **Improve accountability of stakeholders: Formal recognition of local authorities to ensure accountability to beneficiary communities:**

1. Establishing clear roles for all stakeholders and the relationship between them. NGO's are requested to develop MoU's to establish transparency of agreements with LA's and to
2. Ensure that all communication is consistent with LA's.

### 6. *FSC response March analysis by Andrew Makachia (FSC)*

In March twenty-three (23) FSC partners have continued their multiple responses. The table below displays the month on month responses since the beginning of the season in February: -



Improved Access to Food and Safety Nets (IASN)	Year	Monthly Target	February	March
	2018	2,781,604	1,924,192	1,700,764
<b>Achievement</b>		<b>69%</b>	<b>61%</b>	
Livelihood Assets	2018	1,354,324	73,049	76,468
	<b>Achievement</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Livelihood Seasonal Inputs and Livestock Asset Protection *	2018	Agric. 914,918	87,696	132,412
	<b>Achievement</b>	Livestock 1,964,339	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>

The continued downward spiral of IASN response is the concern for the cluster particularly in regions such as Woqooyi Galbeed, Sool, Sanaag, Mudug and Galgaduud classified as in emergency (phase 4) of IPC.

The level of response in these regions not only reduced as compared to last month but less than 50% of the target.

### 7. Any Other Business by Mulugeta, Patricia and Nancy (FSC)

**Vice Coordinator elections and ways forward:** Following the successful Vice Coordinator elections, the FSC will conduct the annual induction workshop in Hargeisa between 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May. In attendance will be all the VCs and lead agency focal points.

**CERF/SHF Update:** 6.4 Million received for the CERF with the lead agencies sharing the monies on a 50 -50% basis.

26 proposals with a financial value of 16.5 M \$ whilst 2.6 Million was available to the FSC. Targeted areas included Togdheer (Odweyne, Sheikh), Mudug (Jariban, Hobyo, Haradhere), Galgaduud (Adado and Ceelbuur). Out of this 4 districts were selected based on the strength of the received proposals furthermore each district was further allocated 910, 000 USD.

**Community Based Targeting (CBT):** after receiving feedback from partners and community members the final draft will be shared to all members. Additionally, the training curriculum was approve and it will inform the future training on CBT. Lastly, the FSC training team will be in Dollow and Baidoa in the first two weeks of May to conduct trainings.