



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

January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

### Chairs

Mulugeta Shibru - Somalia FSC Co-Coordinator

### Agenda

1. Fall army worm discussion
2. Harmonization of cash
3. FSC Monthly Response analysis
4. Any Other Business

#### 1. *Opening Remarks and Review of previous minutes and action points by Mulugeta Shibru*

The meeting was called into order at 1010 AM with a round of introduction, a review of the agenda and a discussion on the action points.

Previous meeting minutes were unanimously endorsed as an accurate reflection of records after a review by participants.

#### Action points

- UN OCHA Relief web presentation was postponed and will be presented at a later meeting. Carried forward from the previous meeting.

#### 2. *Cash Guidance note by Malcolm Mclean Global Cash Advisor (ECHO)*

This presentation aimed to highlight importance of harmonized cash programming principles with the assumption that agencies have undertaken market/needs assessments resulting in cash as the preferred modality.

In addition, the role of women and cash was given a high significance.

The guidance document the cash guidance note aims at an efficiency ratio 85:15.

Improved technology and coverage means that cash transfers are mobile based and agents are no longer preferred nevertheless agencies are advised to use their own means.

Leadership should come from coordinating bodies/humanitarian community and not the donor. Donors come together to push the agenda and encourage multi-partner collaboration.



Cash implementation should be evidence based and not based on needs due to lack of market assessment reports commissioned.

Use of cash challenges the humanitarian architecture in the sense that multi-purpose cash does not really have a home.

Contradictory cash transfer rates are evidenced hence the ECHO M/E department will look at this impact. In some cases, i.e. Sanaag ECHO partners are offering lower rates than the recommended transfer rates.

Regarding the single registry matters pertaining to the data protection and data integrity are integral and addressed in policy note.

#### Action points

- Share advantages and disadvantages of using unrestricted cash vs food vouchers Syria report
- Policy note to be circulated in addition to the presentation
- Innovation vs Harmonization debate

#### 3. *Fall army worm by Edwin Adenya/Alphonse Owuor (FAO-EA)*

Effects of pesticide not ascertained but is highly

Measures on the pipeline includes partnering with US universities to develop an app to

The government of Somalia has finally confirmed from Kisamayo to Borama, though extent of damages cannot be quantified as it is the off-season.

FAO with support of DFID among other donors are currently implementing an early warning system in addition a pilot has been rolled out involving cash for work whereby the trained workers physically search for the eggs and smash it. This

Impact assessment at the end of the Gu season is planned this will quantify the estimated economic value. In total 8,000 HH are being targeted for early intervention.

#### Action points

- Share URL on the FAO bulletin
- Dashboard for Somalia will be available for circulation now that the government acknowledged the breakout.
- FAO ready to support partners on mapping and IM



#### 4. FSC Monthly Response by Mulugeta Shibru (FSC)

The acute food insecurity and malnutrition situation in Somalia has been steadily deteriorating in second half of 2016 and famine risk was declared as a high probable event with La Nina likelihood predictions quite high.

Additionally acute food insecure population has doubled with in the span of two years from 3.1 million to 6.2 million. This represented an increase of the people in crisis and emergency almost tripled since GU 2016.

Whilst the people in emergency phase in particular increased by twenty fold Addressing acute food insecurity and malnutrition remained the primary focus the FSC partner's response in 2017.

#### Action points

- Participants suggested that the size of population in need to be included on the proportion table on the presentation made.
  - Share the clusters presentation with partners
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