

**PARTNERS MEETING MINUTES
21st April 2020
Mode: Virtual - Zoom**

1. Opening Remarks

Mr Mahmoud of Ministry of Agriculture opened the meeting reminding partners of the various threats on achieving food security: desert locust, flooding and COVID 19. Nevertheless, there also needs to be cognisant of opportunities especially the favourable Gu 2019 season. As such, partners should work under the leadership of the Government to ensure that communities can maximise the benefit of a good Gu 2020 season while also ensuring that responses are in place response to the short term shortfalls.

2. Presentation on FSC partners response:

There was a marked decline of the responses in March across the response objectives.

- Under objective 1 (improved access to food and safety nets), FSC partners assisted 622,523 out of 1,655,504 targeted (38% achievement).
- Objective 2 (provision of seasonal livelihood inputs), the number of people reached to date is 9% of the seasonal target (1,510,650).
- Under Objective 3 (supporting livelihoods through conditional transfers), FSC partners reached 177,919 beneficiaries (or 12%) compared to a target of (1,455,102).

These trends are concerning to FSC.

Action point: The FSC is reaching out seeking explanations for the decline. It is important that partners adapt implementation modalities to reach affected population in the face of COVID 19.

3. Food Security Impacts of COVID-19 in Somalia (FSNAU)

FSNAU, in collaboration with its technical partners conducted preliminary analysis of the likely impact of COVID-19 (as well as other shocks such as Desert Locust and flooding) on food security outcomes in Somalia, Apr-Sep 2020. Considering the cumulative impact of all shocks (COVID-19, Desert Locust, flooding, etc.) between April and September 2020, and based on the most likely scenario, over 2.2 million people will face severe food insecurity (IPC 3 or worse) with an additional 2.9 million in IPC 2. This effectively means the number of people in IPC 3 or worse have increased from the previous estimation of 1.6 million.

Action point: FSC to reach out to partners to ascertain current response capacity in the face of increased needs.

4. Response in the context of COVID – 19

HRP revision

Several discussions ongoing pertaining the HRP review in light of COVID 19 as well as other shocks (Desert Locusts and Flooding). FSC informed partners, taking into account global guidance, to review existing HRP projects along the following lines:

- Consider if the current HRP activities are relevant/feasible in the context of COVID
- Look at the activities and consider the type of adaptation that is required
- For activities that are no longer feasible till December, partners should consider re programming

iv. Present new activities that have been necessitated by COVID 19

Action points:

- FSC to circulate template to partner upon receipt from OCHA
- To facilitate the process of partners review, the FSC will convene a virtual meeting to go through the relevant template (s).

5. SHF Update

The total 2020 Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) first allocation budget was **\$22M** with **\$2.9M (13%)** allocated to the FSC. The activities were geared towards improving access to food and restoring livelihood through Unconditional transfers, Conditional transfers and Provision of seasonally appropriate agricultural inputs. Priority was given to IDPs (Bay, Lower Juba), hard to reach areas (Lower Shabelle) and areas where acute food insecurity persist and require sustained humanitarian assistance (Awdal, Galgaduud). \$2.2M (76%) allocated to six local NGOs while \$700,000 was allocated to two INGOs.

6. AOB

AAP focal point to follow up with partners during the regional meetings on how they are communicating with communities in the context of COVID 19.

Close meeting: 1137hrs

Total number of participants = 72