



DRM – Agriculture Task Force

National Response Meeting minutes

Date: Thursday 01 September 2022

Time: From 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Venue: MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Action points from previous meeting-**DRM-ATF**
2. Overview of the current response – **DRM-ATF**
3. Regional Updates-**Regional coordinators**
4. Gender inclusion in Agriculture response – **Julie Ndwiga (UNOCHA/GENCAP)**
5. Drought monitoring - **James FAO**
6. Mid-year review update – **DRM-ATF**
7. Cluster Updates (HPC, EHF, Harmonization package, IM Updates) – **DRM-ATF**
8. **AoB**

1. Action points from previous meeting-DRM ATF

The meeting was officially opened by the DRM ATF coordinator. He discussed the meeting agenda points and went straight to the action points raised in last DRM meeting. It was mentioned that the action points from last meeting were addressed, and that the ATF will ensure strong cooperation's between regional and national players to improve linkages. A flood contingency plan was also prepared and shared with partners. On the pest infestation, partners are advised to report these cases and DRM ATF will see how best to respond to this. There was no other question, and the meeting minutes of 28 July 2022 was endorsed by participants.

2. Overview of the current response – DRM-ATF

- Out of the 11.5 million people targeted by the Agriculture Task Force, 3.03 million were reached with agricultural humanitarian response from Jan-July, 2022.
- The key indicators analyzed from the 5W reports submitted by partners indicated that out of those reached, 26% were supported in animal health, 21% in animal destocking/restocking, 20% in agricultural inputs, 6% in livestock feed, and smaller proportions were in other activities.
- 60 organizations are actively present in 53 zones, and in 6 regions. 37 partners are engaged in agricultural inputs distribution, and 46 partners are supporting households in livestock feed, animal health, and in destocking/restocking activities.
- In Tigray region, about 2million people were targeted, and partners were able to support about half of them until July 2022.
- 10 active partners are doing agricultural responses in the region (with completed and ongoing operations). REST being the biggest partner in the region in both operations and area coverages.
- In Amhara region, only about 174K people were reached until July 2022 out of the 1.25million people targeted to be reached by partners. Most people were supported in South Wello, and most of the support were in agricultural inputs distributions, and animal health as reported by 5Ws from partners in the region (this report doesn't include updates from ORDA, the biggest partner of the region because there are no reports from them so far).
- Please see the presentation given (**attached**) for more information.



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3. Regional Updates-Regional coordinators

Updates from Somali region

- Not much change since last reports but areas in Fafan and Siti zones were observed to get some rain, and vegetation growth are expected if the rain continues like this.
- Dry period with intense drought situation continues in other zones.
- Limited pasture, and hence livestock body conditions are continuing to deteriorate.
- 2 million livestock deaths recorded and over 34 million livestock are at risk of death.
- Low level milk production.
- Pervasive endemic Livestock diseases.
- Less prospect for maize and sorghum harvest and wilted at seeding stage.
- Displacement of more 13,000 hhs due to conflict in Western zone.
- Livestock migration to Afdem, Maisso and Erer woredas were also reported.
- Gu' rainy season performance completed.
- Bi-weekly Regional Emergency Coordination meeting reactivated.
- Government and partners responses are continuing.
- Drought response plan is currently under development.

Updates from Afar region

- The humanitarian situation in Afar region continues to deteriorate due to ongoing conflicts, flash flooding, and drought with increasing numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) during the reporting month.
- Since 24th August 2022, the Tigray forces invaded 3 woredas i.e. Yallo, Megalle, & Gulina that are bordering Amhara & Tigray regional States. With this new conflict induced IDPs, reportedly, about 107,400 people (45,000 from Yallo, 40,000 from Gulina, and 22,400 from Megalle), were newly displaced since mid-last week (24/08).
- On flood emergencies, the region is frequently affected by high flood coming from the highland parts of the country through the Awash River valley. According to Afar BLANRD & DPFSCO Joint rapid flood assessment report (27-29 August 2022), a total of 11,858 households (2,514 HHs from Afambo, 2,450 HHs from Asayita, 1,323 HHs from Mille, 2,167 HHs from Dubti, 500 HHs from Awash Fentale, 1,532 HHs from Dulessa, 1,037 HHs from Gelaelu, and 335 HHs from Gewane woredas) were displaced and their farmlands were destroyed due to flooding.
- Please see the detail report by the flooding from the presentation attached.
- Shortage of funding and low level of responses were mentioned in the region's report.

4. Gender inclusion in Agriculture response – Julie Ndwiga (UNOCHA/GENCAP)

- Gender inclusions in emergency programs are very important because no society is gender neutral - before, during and after a crisis; roles, family/community structures change in a crisis; it is a central component in ensuring protection, human dignity, and



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access to support; and needs, priorities interests & expectations of children, elderly, women, men, boys and girls always vary.

- A rapid gender analysis conducted in some regions of Ethiopia has find out the following among others [Please see the presentation attached for detail information]:
 - Girls and women not always permitted by their families to access services.
 - Women have less free time to attend meetings.
 - Commercial sex, sex for food, and exchanging it for food by young girls
 - Increase in the number of female- and child-headed HHs
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5. Drought monitoring - James FAO

Please see the detail from the presentation on the results of the monitoring assessment for The past month, but here are some of the recommendations by the team:

- In areas with potential irrigation, there is need to scale up irrigation activities both fo crops and pasture seed multiplications.
- Prepositioning feed for the dry period given the upcpming poor rainfall conditions.
- Partners to speed up water rehabilitation activities in order to harvest any availabl rainfall to runoff.
- FAO and DRM ATF Drought WG partners to expand the monitoring to all areas facin drought risks.
- To respond to the livestock diseases in partnership with the government to avail require drugs and conduct treatement campains.
- Closely monitoring the performance of the Karan/Karma rainfall season of July t September in Afar Northern Pastoral Areas.

6. Mid-year review update – DRM-ATF

- Belg Assessment (HEA) results to be used.
- Expert judgement – in areas where the HEA is not covering.
- MYR to be conducted once this data is officially endoressed by the government and w will call a consultative meeting on how to proceed with the updating.



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7. Cluster Updates (HPC, EHF, Harmonization package, IM Updates) – DRM-ATF

- The ATF will work had to ensure strong coordination at all levels and areas. The ATF visited Oromia and happy to see the ATF coordination is functioning well in the zones they visited.
- A new person will be joining soon to the support in information management of the drought response in the country who will be sitting in Jigjiga.
- There will be the first standard EHF allocation for 2022, most likely in the coming two weeks or so.
- Local partners are highly encouraged to participate in the upcoming EHF call. Further details to be shared soon.
- HPC 2023 has started and the ATF is analyzing the need in the country. The first meeting was already held and it will happen every week. The ATF might ask partners to share any assessments done related to agricultural needs in the country that will help the analysis of the need.
- The harmonization package will be shared too, it is currently on a draft form.
- Partners are encouraged to submit their 5W reports monthly for their activities to be recorded in the ATF's products, websites, and communications.

8. AoB

- No other business raised, meeting adjourned!

Action Points

No.	What	Who	When	Action
1.	Share the ATF's strategy related to the upcoming EHF call.	DRM ATF	ASAP	
2.	Share harmonization package.	DRM ATF, Partners	ASAP	

NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2022