The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mr. Mrewa who shared the agenda and gave apology on behalf of Dr. Mahad Mohamed Hassan, Director of National Humanitarian Coordination Centre (NHCC)/Food Security and Nutrition Analyst, Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM) and Mr. Mohamud Isse Farah, Director of Food Security and Early Warning- Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI) who were away on mission. The meeting provided a forum to discuss both the food security responses for the previous two months and follow up on the ongoing floods in Somalia.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks – Mr. Bernard Mrewa
   - Action points from the previous meeting
3. FSC Quarterly response update: needs, coverage and gaps
4. Update of floods and needs for Gedo/Hiraan (Belet Weyne) areas
5. HNO/HRP 2020 process update
6. Cash Working Group update
7. Accountability to Affected Populations
8. AOB
   a) Next meeting

1. Opening Remarks by: Mr. Bernard Mrewa - FSC Coordinator

The FSC facilitated the partners meeting in Mogadishu at NAC hotel. The meeting was well attended (by 61 partners, including the FSC team); UN, INGOs, LNGOs and staff from different ministries linked to food security activities. A review and action of the previous actionable points was made and discussed. The need to maximize on the on-going Deyr season was enforced.

I. Partners should timely report their activities to the FSC to ensure comprehensive needs, coverage and gaps analysis
II. There is need for partners to scale up responses for objectives 2 and 3: current response remains below the targets
III. There is need to sustain the achievements under objective 1 and ensure wider geographical coverage.
IV. Plan and maximize on the ongoing Deyr season for crop and livestock production

The Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum forecast:
There is a greater likelihood of above normal to normal rains expected in most parts of Somalia. Similar forecast was also made for the eastern Ethiopian highlands whose rainfall contribute significantly to the flow of Juba and Shabelle Rivers in Southern Somalia. Compared to previous weeks there will be a reduction of rainfall activities in Somalia in the 1st two weeks of the month. Parts of southern Somalia will continue to receive rainfall through 10 November; as a result, most parts of the Juba and Shabelle basins are expected to remain wet while most parts of northern and central Somalia will likely remain dry. Given the rainfall forecast, the already high river levels with full soil moisture, riverine flooding is expected to continue along the Juba and Shabelle. Flash floods will also be expected in low lying areas of Bay and Bakool regions.

**Likely Impact on Crop and Livestock Production and Livelihoods**

Rainfall in September and October have replenished pasture and water in most pastoral livelihoods, leading to improved livestock body conditions and increased conception among animals who will give birth by the end of the year or early to mid-next year, leading to improvements in herd sizes. The early start of Deyr season rainfall and increased amounts is likely to contribute to improved Deyr season crop production in most agropastoral livelihoods. In riverine livelihoods, flooding is causing significant damage to planted crops in some areas; however, riverine farmers will still have the possibility of off-season crop cultivation when flood waters recede; flash floods can also adversely affect crop cultivation in low-lying parts of some agro-pastoral livelihoods.

Severe locust infestations have been reported in some parts of northern regions; if not controlled, this is likely to expand to southern regions and affect the overall 2019 Deyr season cereal harvest as well as pasture for livestock.


A total of 36 partners reported various Food Security and Livelihoods activities in the month of September 2019. Below is the **Response Analysis** by objective: -Approximately 1.93 million people per month were targeted in provision of conditional and unconditional assistance depending on the severity of food insecurity phases, vulnerability and seasonality of the livelihoods - most population in IPC 3 and 4. A further breakdown is as follows:

**Under objective 1 (improved access to food and safety nets),** FSC partners assisted **1,965,338** out of **2,279,947** targeted (86% achievement). This means, for emergency unconditional transfers/assistance to people in IPC 3 or worse, there was a 3% decrease comparing with August responses. Less than 50% of the people targeted for relief assistance were reached in five regions: namely, Bakool, Galgaduud, Lower & Middle Shabelle and Lower Juba. In Middle Juba, no responses were reported due to insecurity.

**LIIN (provision of livelihood seasonal inputs – Agriculture &Livestock):** The season for livelihood inputs started in August with a population of 365,123 being supported. In September 29,234 people were assisted, bringing the cumulative assistance FSC partners to **394,244** beneficiaries with seasonal inputs. This represents 16% of the seasonal target.
LIAS (supporting livelihoods through conditional transfers), FSC partners reached **408,824** beneficiaries (or 26%) compared to a target of **1,596,281**. This achievement is 10% higher than the previous month when 16% of the target was reached.

- Average of 24% reached July - September.
- The achievements are significantly low

**ACTION POINT(S)**

- Ensure sharing of various presentations to partners, follow up on the compilation of the minutes and action points from the meeting are addressed.

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4. **FSC Flood Responses in Hiraan, Bakool Bay, Gedo, Middle & Lower Shabelle and Lower Juba**: by Bernard Mrewa (WFP/FSC)

FSC partners reported on the flood situation along the riverine areas of Juba and Shabelle as well as the flood prone areas of Bakool and Bay regions. In Bay, 80,420 persons were reported to have been affected by the flooding while 51% them had been assisted by Qatar Charity, AJRRO and WFP. In Hiraan region, approximately 272,000 people were reported to have been affected. Approximately 60,132 representing 22% of them had been assisted by WFP, Qatar Charity, ZAM ZAM, SYPD, SCI AND AAF.

In Middle Shabelle, Lower Shabelle, Lower Juba and Bakool, 21,000, 5,202, 42,000 and 72,444 were reported to have been affected respectively. However, not assistance was reported as at the end of October 2019. In Gedo region, 43,200 people were reported to have been affect while WFP assisted 10,000, ACTED assisted 4,056 and SOCDA assisted 1,800 representing 37% of the affected population.

**ACTION POINT(S)**

- Collate the ongoing partners flood responses/plans and ascertain the gaps periodically and report to FSC stakeholders.

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5. **Food Security Cluster HNO & Targets 2020 Update**: by Mulugeta Shibru (FAO/FSC)

**HRP 2020 Update**

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**FSC Target HRP 2020**

- 3 Million HRP 2020
  - 1.4 Million Displaced
  - 1.6 Million Non-displaced
A total of 110 LNGO/INGO and two UN agencies submitted project proposals for funding through HRP 2020. The total funding request was US $ 465,455,598. Of the submitted proposals 44 were rejected due to either late submission or the quality of the proposal. A total of 78 proposals from LNGO/INGO and two from UN agencies were approved for HRP 2020 and funding. The total funding request for the approved proposal was US$ 376,902,835.

All partners whose proposal were rejected will received communication in regard and the details as to why their proposals were rejected. Other key elements of both Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and HNO PIN for 2020 are summarised in the diagram below:

i) FSNAU IPC result figures – Post Gu 2020
ii) FSC People in Need (PIN) 2020
iii) FSC Target for Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2020

ACTION POINT(S)
   i. Ensure feedback from the cluster review team on the rejected HRP project profiles are shared with the partners.
   ii. Facilitate reflective discussions with partners on the process of the HNO/HRP

6. Update on Cash Working Group by: Mary Karanja (WFP)

Cash Warrants Coordination
The goal of the CWG is to lead an effective inter-sectoral cash coordination mechanism, aiming to improve coordination, quality, monitoring, evaluation and learning of cash assistance and to ensure a systematic and evidence-based cash and market programming. The working groups shares the below items to facilitate and synchronize cash related programming. Below is the update on the latest cash and markets quarterly dashboard – July to September 2019. Key Developments from this dashboard include:

- The cost of the full MEB, and consequently the recommended transfer value, remained relatively stable (≤ 10% change) in most of the regions between this quarter and the previous one (April - June 2019).
- However, notable changes were recorded in Bakool at +22%, in Bay at +19%, in Middle Juba at +18%, in Galgaduud at +12% and in Sanaag at -14%.
- Similarly, the cost of the food MEB and resultantly the recommended transfer value, changed only slightly in most of the regions between this quarter and the previous one.
- Significant changes were however recorded in Bay at +46%, in Bakool at +33%, in Middle Juba at +23%, in Galgaduud at +13% and in Awdal at +11%. This is likely owing to the cumulative effects of below average 2018 Deyr (October - December) and 2019 Gu (April - June) rains.
- Transfer values (full MEB and food MEB) have consequently been revised in 5 regions.

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Cross-Cutting Issues: presentation of summary finding on strengthening accountability to affected people by - Ground Truthing Solutions.
- Strategic objectives 1 and 2: saving lives and nutrition
- Saving lives and nutrition: Overview responses since 2017
- Strategic objectives 3: Protection
• Protection: Overview responses since 2017
• Strategic objectives 4: Resilience
• Resilience: Overview responses since 2017
• Next steps
• Demographics

AOB
  i) Next FSC meeting will be held in the last week of December 2019.
  ii) For further meeting details, please refer to the already shared presentations.

Source: Somalia FSC - November 2019
Note: Other elements on FSC monthly responses are provided through monthly dashboards that can be access via https://fscluster.org/somalia