



## FSC PARTNERS' MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Venue:** Virtual

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:50 AM

**Attendance:** (Organization and Attendee)

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6	ACTED  Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development	Mohamed Abdirahman Abdi
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8	ADA	Jama Abdi
9	ADRO Access Development and Relief organization	Osman Ali
10	AMARD Agency for Minority Rights and Development	Siyat Ibrahim Issak
11	APCC Agro Pastoral Charity Centre	Ahmed Karie
12	APCO	Fred Wisdom Khaemba
13	ARD African Relief and Development	Feisal Isack Noor
14	ASIP Action Sustainability Improvement Program	Fuad Ahmed Hussain
15	BVO Barwaaqo Voluntary Organization	Abdinasir Hassan Derie
16	CARE	Hamdun Mohamed Nur
17	CeRID	Mohamedek Bare
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26	EDRO	Abdinasir

27	EDRO	Mukhtar
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35	Food Security Cluster	Nancy Koech
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38	Food Security Cluster	Martina IANNIZZOTTO
39	Hidig	Hassan Issak Mohamed
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## Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks (MoAI, SoDMA, and MoLFR)
2. November Response Updates - FSC
3. IPC/Food Security Situation Updates - FSNAU
4. Climate Updates - SWALIM
5. Communities with Minority Affiliations access to CFM - MRG
6. AOB

### 1. Opening Remarks

- Mr. Ahmed from the Ministry of Livestock, Forestry and Range (MoLFR) officially kicked off the meeting and provided opening remarks
- He thanked and appreciated the FSC partners for their regular attendance every month as this is a good platform for information sharing and for their continued delivery of humanitarian food and livelihood assistance.
- Mr. Abubakar from the Somalia Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) also expressed gratitude to the Cluster Secretariat and the partners, urging continued assistance to those in need as the country faces a severe food security crisis. He also stated that SoDMA also delivers food assistance to those in need.
- The Food Security Cluster (FSC) on the other hand fully appreciates the continued support from the government and the active engagement and collaboration from all the cluster partners

### 2. November response (Static Dashboards)

- In November 2022, FSC partners assisted 5.17 million people out of the 6.37 million targeted (81% reach) against the Strategic Objective 1 (SO1) - improved access to food monthly target). 83% of the humanitarian food and cash assistance was undertaken through cash and vouchers with approximately USD \$60 million disbursed to beneficiaries
- Under livelihood support, partners have assisted 494,515 people cumulatively from January to November 2022. This translates to only 59% achievement against the Strategic Objective 2 (SO2) target of 838,200 individuals. 13% of the livelihoods support was undertaken through cash and vouchers with approximately USD \$2 million disbursed to beneficiaries



- The FSC urged the partners, the regional and state coordinators to closely work together on the efficient allocation of resources for improved access to food in areas with high needs and response gaps. This includes scaling up the response where the coverage is much lower by shifting resources from locations where there is an over achievement (up to 150%) against the cluster monthly targets. The Cluster all reached out to the key donors to support in this to deal with recurrent duplication or overlaps in some districts with others have less or no response.
- *Kindly refer to the FSC response PowerPoint for more details*

### **3. Climate updates - SWALIM**

- The season has almost come to an end and the rainfall performance was below normal for most of the area in the country
- SWALIM will share the overall rainfall performance in the coming days.
- The two rivers also reflected below normal level and there was sharp decline for the last one month. This is worrying as it is an indication that there will not be adequately water in the two rivers to support irrigated Agriculture.
- For the jilaal session (Jan-March), the forecast it is not showing any anticipated rainfall performance and the forecast for the temperatures are indicating there will be high temperatures which can lead to weaking or reduction of soil moisture.

### **4. IPC/Food Security Situation Updates - FSNAU**

#### **Assessments and Subsequent IPC Analyses**

- Results of the 2022 Post Gu assessments and subsequent multi-partner IPC analyses indicated that agropastoral populations in Baidoa and Burhakaba districts and displaced populations in Baidoa town of Bay region in southern Somalia faced Famine (IPC Phase 5) between October and December 2022. The Famine (IPC Phase 5) projection for the three areas was subsequently reviewed and endorsed by the Famine Review Committee (FRC), an independent panel of international food security, nutrition, and mortality experts.
- The 2022 Post Gu analysis also indicated that eight additional areas faced Risk of Famine between October and December 2022.



### **October 2022 Follow-up Assessments and Subsequent IPC Analysis:**

- In order to re-assess the situation in the above areas, FSNAU conducted follow-up integrated food security, nutrition and mortality assessments in October 2022 in collaboration with government institutions.
- The follow-up assessments were conducted in order to support updated IPC analysis of the current food security, nutrition and mortality situation across Somalia and projections through June 2023.
- The follow up assessment results were subsequently analyzed during a virtual IPC analysis workshop from 10-23 November 2022 by 47 technical experts, representing 22 institutions (government, UN, NGO, and IPC GSU-the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Global Support Unit). IPC GSU provided technical support throughout the analysis process.
- In accordance with the IPC protocol for Famine (IPC Phase 5) classification, an FRC review was triggered and the country-level analysis for three areas was subsequently re-analyzed by the FRC.

### **Impact of Drought and Other Factors on Outcomes**

- The cumulative impacts of consecutive seasons of poor rainfall and persistent drought are expected to lead to a worsening of the humanitarian situation (i.e., adverse impact on livelihood, food security, nutrition, and mortality outcomes) in Somalia through at least mid- 2023.
- Consecutive failed harvests and loss of agricultural employment among farmers and continued loss of livestock among pastoralists are contributing to worsening food security and nutrition outcomes and pushing poor and vulnerable communities to the brink of starvation.
- In addition to poor rainfall and persistent drought, other drivers of acute food insecurity and malnutrition in Somalia include high food prices, conflict/insecurity, and disease outbreak.
- In most regions across Somalia, prices in October 2022 were far above the 2017-2021 five-year average: local cereals (32-142%), imported rice (27-85%), diesel (43-102%), and water (9-154%)
- The 2023 Gu season harvest is also estimated to be 40-60% below the 1995-2022 average reduced due to labor opportunities, low to no local production and widespread livestock deaths.

### Food Security Outcomes and Projections

- Both drought and conflict are also leading to further population displacement from rural areas to IDP (Internally Displaced People) settlements in urban towns and cities and the newly displaced live in desperate conditions.
- The number of people in Crisis or worse (IP Phase 3 and above) is currently estimated at 5.6 million people through December 2022 and 6.4 million between January and March 2023. These estimates reflect the mitigating effect of humanitarian food assistance (HFA) which is expected to reach an average of 5.8 million people per month between October 2022 and March 2023.
- With expected further deterioration in the Food security and nutrition condition, the number of people in Crisis or worse (IP Phase 3 and above) is expected to increase to 8.3 million between April and June 2023 amid anticipated scaling down of humanitarian assistance due to limited funding availability.

Oct-Dec 2022 (with HFA)				Jan-Mar 2023 (with HFA)				Apr-Jun 2023 (No HFA)			
Stressed Oct-Dec 2022	Crisis Oct-Dec 2022	Emergency Oct-Dec 2022	Catastrophe Oct-Dec 2022	Stressed Jan-Mar 2023	Crisis Jan-Mar 2023	Emergency Jan-Mar 2023	Catastrophe Jan-Mar 2023	Stressed Apr-Jun 2023	Crisis Apr-Jun 2023	Emergency Apr-Jun 2023	Catastrophe Apr-Jun 2023
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		IPC 3+	5,594,290			IPC 3+	6,361,680			IPC 3+	8,277,670
		IPC 2+	8,661,090			IPC 2+	9,394,600			IPC 2+	11,631,170

### Food Security Outcomes and Projections

- The food security, nutrition and mortality situation are particularly worrying in three areas:
  - ✓ agropastoral populations in Baidoa and Burhakaba districts,
  - ✓ displaced populations in Baidoa town and
  - ✓ displaced populations in Mogadishu. These population groups are currently experiencing very high levels of acute malnutrition and mortality.
- Scaled up humanitarian assistance is currently preventing extreme food insecurity and nutrition outcomes in many areas although coverage is relatively better for food security compared to other critical response interventions such as nutrition, health and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).
- Based on current level of funding, humanitarian assistance is expected to continue at current levels through March 2023 and this will continue to prevent extreme food insecurity and nutrition outcomes, including Famine (IPC Phase 5).



## Recommendations

- Due to both funding and access constraints, humanitarian assistance is not reaching some of the people in need, especially those in hard-to-reach areas.
- Ensuring timely and adequate humanitarian assistance to newly displaced populations and minority vulnerable groups should remain a priority.
- Humanitarian assistance must be scaled up and sustained to continue to prevent Famine in Somalia in 2023.
- Humanitarian assistance must be delivered in the form of a multi-faceted response, including food security, nutrition, health and WASH and improving humanitarian access in hard-to-reach areas
- *Kindly refer to the IPC/Food Security Situation Updates - FSNAU PowerPoint for more details and to the link [Multi-Partner Technical Release on Updated IPC Analysis for Somalia for October 2022 to June 2023 \(English\) | FSNAU](#)*

## 5. Communities with Minority Affiliations access to CFM - MRG

### What MRG did

- 34 FGDs
- 374 participants (198 women)
- All members of minority clans
- Bantu, Eyle, Gabooye, Tumaal, Yibir
- Accompaniment or tracking of complaints

### What was found -FGDs

- Around one third of participants were unaware of CFMs or how to access them
- Many people reported fearing reprisals if they made a complaint
- Phone lines were not answered, and messages received no response
- Some who tried to speak to someone face to face were prevented
- Around 1 in 8 believed CFMs were only for people in receipt of aid
- Around 1 in 10 said that language was a problem for them
- Around 1 in 10 said that they weren't invited to community meetings





### What MRG found - tracking complaints

- Minority clan elders who had made valid complaints about aid exclusion did not receive any response
- In one case, senior staff in the implementing partner organisation were unaware of the valid complaint over 10 weeks later (until MRG requested and succeeded in getting a meeting).
- We verified instances where local powerholders (Mayors, Governors) influenced the beneficiaries included on lists (excluding minorities)
- Reduced time pressure during HRP process
- De-links costs of the appeal from projects

### What can be done

- Run independent checks to ensure your CFMs actually work - “mystery shopper”
- Ensure clear messaging that CFMs can be used by all not just beneficiaries
- Ensure clear messaging that CFMs can be used for denial of aid
- Publicise them in multiple languages used in Somalia
- Employ staff who are diverse and include minority clan personnel
- Ensure threats of reprisals for those using CFMs are captured and dealt with robustly
- Ensure minority clan members are consulted throughout
- The link for the whole report: [https://minorityrights.org/publications/merp\\_somalia/](https://minorityrights.org/publications/merp_somalia/)
- *Kindly refer to the Communities with Minority Affiliations access to CFM - MRG PowerPoint for more details*

### 5. AOB

*The cluster is delighted to have Martina IANNIZZOTTO, who now works as FSC coordinator ad interim on board since Nicolas took up another role in WFP. Martina has vast experience in similar roles in other operations, she worked as FSC coordinator in Syria and Bangladesh.*

### Annexes

1. Consolidated PowerPoint presentations

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