



FSC PARTNERS' MEETING MINUTES

Date: 28th November 2022

Venue: Virtual

Time: 10:00 - 11:50 AM

Attendance: (Organization and Attendee)

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks (MoAI, SoDMA, and MoLFR)
2. October Response Updates - FSC
3. Climate updates - SWALIM
4. Key 2023 priorities for FAO and WFP - FAO and WFP
5. HRP Costing - OCHA
6. AOB

1. Opening Remarks

- Mr. Abubakar from the Somalia Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) officially kicked off the meeting and provided opening remarks
- He thanked and appreciated the FSC partners for their regular attendance every month and for their continued delivery of humanitarian food and livelihood assistance. He gave a brief update, indicating that Somalia has been in a drought state with 7.8 million people in need, and urged the partners to ensure their active engagement with the cluster and relevant government ministries and coordination to ensure that the most vulnerable and affected populations receive assistance on a timely basis
- 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. October response (Static Dashboards)

- In October 2022, FSC partners assisted 5.84 million people out of the 6.37 million targeted (92% 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 \$66 million disbursed to beneficiaries
- Under livelihood support, partners have assisted 463,592 people cumulatively from January to October 2022. This translates to only 55% achievement against the Strategic Objective 2 (SO2) target of 838,200 individuals. 11% of the livelihoods support was undertaken through cash and vouchers with approximately USD \$2 million disbursed to beneficiaries
- The FSC appreciates the enormous efforts of all cluster partners for the very significant scale up in the humanitarian food and cash assistance where in January we reached 1.25M and now 5.8M beneficiaries. This translates to a massive scale-up of 364% attributed to generous funding received from resource partners and targeting of the most needy, including in hard to reach areas
- The FSC urged the partners and 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. There is also need to significantly scale-up the livelihoods response in 2023, especially in rural areas to reduce the drought induced displacement from rural areas to urban centers. Moreover, some of the humanitarian food and cash assistance should transition to sustainable response pathways to build the resilience of the affected communities
- *Kindly refer to the FSC response PowerPoint for more details*

Question from a partner: what contributes to a low level of response in some locations especially in middle and lower Shabelle since most of marginalized communities live in those areas?

Response from the cluster: There are several reasons that might lead to this-

- Security situation that is restricting access to those locations
- Very few numbers of operational partners present within those areas which is also related to the security. There are however ongoing discussions on what mechanisms and robust access strategy to utilize to expand reach to those areas. It should be noteworthy though that the response has improved now compared to 6 months ago despite the access challenges and difficult operational environment. FSC is willing to engage and explore all suggestions on how to further enhance the response and reach the most vulnerable people and locations in these areas.

Question from a partner: In Tiye glow district ACF has an ongoing response, but the areas is captured as empty with no achievements?

- Response from the cluster: There is response reported in Tiye glow district, but it is a bit low compared to the cluster target and as such has a low color intensity

Question from a partner: Request from a partner (AADSOM) if they can make a presentation on their ingoing Baxnano Project in Belet Weyne

- Response from the cluster: All partners are greatly encouraged to share their experiences and lessons learnt during the cluster meeting for information sharing. The partner was advised to reach out to the cluster colleagues bilaterally so that the presentation can be included in the next meeting agenda

3. Climate updates - SWALIM

- The month of November marks the peak of the Deyr rainy season in Somalia
- In the second half of November, there has been a significant reduction of rainfall in both Puntland and Somaliland
- In the South and Central regions of Somalia widespread light to moderate rains have been reported since beginning of November
- Parts of Somaliland, mainly western regions, received the Karan rains in July - Sept that helped alleviate water and pasture stress in the area. However, the Deyr rains have performed poorly across Somaliland, especially in the coastal areas of Awdal and Woqooyi Galbeed
- The overall Deyr 2022 rainfall performance in Puntland has been average to below average. The intensity and distribution of rainfall varies from place to place with most stations recording less than ten days of rainfall
- The rains in South and Central have been poorly distributed in terms of time and space, with most of it concentrated within the last week of October and the third week of November
- The season is expected to come to an end by early December, and so far, the performance is below normal for most parts of the country
- Currently river level along Shabelle is within average while along Juba they are below average for this period of the year with no risk of flooding
- Levels along the 2 rivers are expected to remain low, due to the reduction of rainfall within the two catchments both in Somalia and Ethiopia
- The Jilaal dry season starts from December to February. Usually, there is no rain during this period except for light rains in pockets of Southern regions

- According to the ICPAC forecast, the Jilaal 2023 season will be normal in terms of rainfall. However, above-normal temperatures are foreseen throughout the season.
- With the prevailing dry conditions caused by poor rains since late 2020 and the foreseen high temperatures up to March 2023, high evaporation rates, reduced soil moisture, and depletion of pasture and water are expected across the country
- The temporary gains made following the Deyr 2022 season, albeit the poor performance, will be depleted soon and may not last beyond Dec 2022/Jan 2023
- Drought conditions will be sustained in most parts of the country, from the onset of the 2023 Jilaal season
- *Kindly refer to the SWALIM PowerPoint for more details*

Question from a partner: Baidoa is missing in the November rainfall performance, does it mean that the rainfall was not recorded?

Response from SWALIM: The rainfall was recorded but the snapshot only indicates representative areas to show where there was a lot of rainfall received and areas with less rainfall.

4. Key 2023 priorities for FAO and WFP

4.1 FAO presentation

Challenges

- Severe Food Insecurity and Malnutrition (2022 Post Gu Assessment figures)
- Infrastructural deficits
- Below optimal performance of productive sectors
- Conflicts and internal displacements
- Discrimination and inequalities
- Increased frequency & severity of natural disasters

Imminent Famine Risk

- 90% of country facing extreme drought after 4 consecutive failed seasons
- 6.7 million people projected to face acute food insecurity in late 2022, including 300,506 facing famine (half of these are in rural areas)
- 1.8 million under-five children severely malnourished (half the child population), GAM rates up to 59% in worst affected areas



- Over 1 million droughts displaced from rural areas - rising IDP population leading to large, sustained humanitarian caseload
- Reduced labor opportunities, low to no local production and widespread livestock deaths
- Increased reliance on imported basic commodities + impact of global market price spike - many households cannot afford to feed themselves
- Increased loss of livelihoods, destitution, displacement
- Projected 5th below average rainy season, possible 6th
- Rising deaths because of hunger and malnutrition
- Need for scaled-up and sustained humanitarian assistance through at least June 2023

Strategic Alignment of the Country Programming Framework 2022 - 2025

- SO 1: Strengthening the Productive Sectors and Resilient Food Systems- Food Systems Strengthening;
 - ✓ Productive Sector Value Chain Development
 - ✓ Infrastructure & Institutional Frameworks
 - ✓ Regulations & Standards and Trade
- SO 2: Building Resilience Against Climate Change
 - ✓ Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
 - ✓ Natural Resource Management
 - ✓ Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
 - ✓ Early Warning Systems
- SO 3: Protecting the Poor and Vulnerable from Shocks and Stresses
 - ✓ Humanitarian Crisis Response
 - ✓ Food Security and Nutrition
 - ✓ Social Protection

Spectrum of Work

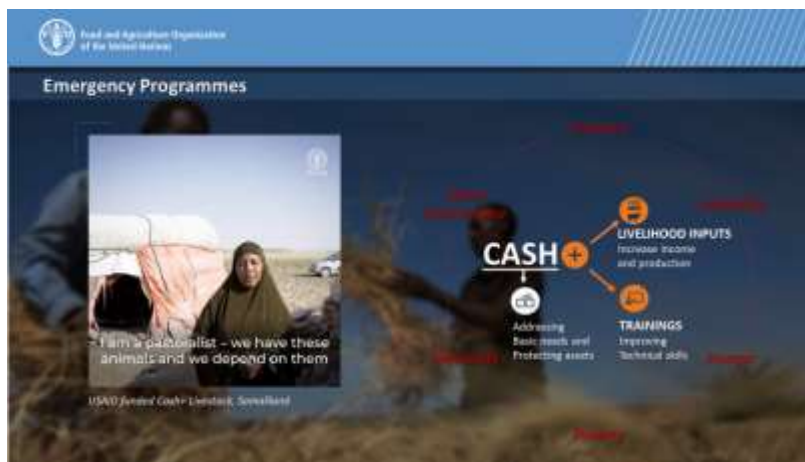
- Early Warning - Plan
- Anticipatory Action - Early Action
- Emergency Response - Response



- Early Recovery/Transitional Activities - Recover
- Resilience Building - Sustain

FAO's comparative advantage in emergencies

- **Rural Focus** with programmes adapted to rural livelihood types and agro-ecological zones 'Cash+'
- **Access to hard-to-reach and so-called 'inaccessible' areas** where no other actor is present at scale
- **Established presence (30+ years)** and network of local partners extending reach well outside urban centers
- **Remote implementation and monitoring systems** to ensure accountability and impact



FAO's 2023 Priorities

- In 2023 FAO will focus on saving lives and restoring livelihoods of poor resource agro pastoral, pastoral and riverine communities across Somalia
- FAO intends to reach approximately 339,100 households (2,034,600 individuals) with humanitarian aid
- Key activities
 - Cash+ (Livestock, Agriculture, Fisheries)
 - Conditional and Unconditional Cash
 - Supplemental feeding (Livestock)



- Animal destocking
- Animal treatment
- Training (GAP, Fisheries, Nutrition etc.)

Cross Cutting Issues

- Gender
- Nutrition
- Accountability to the Affected Population
- *Kindly refer to the FAO 2023 Priorities PowerPoint for more details*

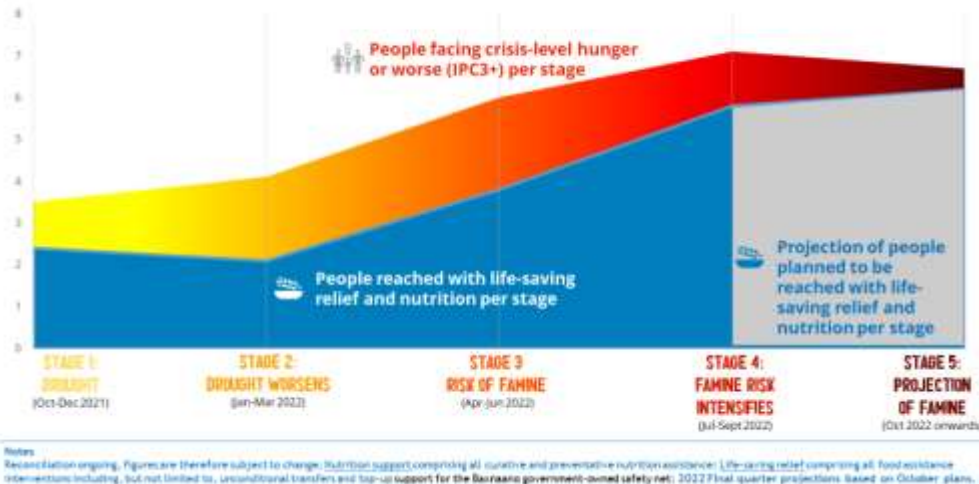
4.2 WFP presentation

Priorities for WFP General Food Assistance in 2023

- Maintaining high coverage in IPC Phase 3+, with a focus on priority 1/ priority 2 areas
- Expansion of the intervention in hard-to-reach areas
- Ensuring quality aspects of the intervention
- First line response in IDP settlements and hard - to -reach areas
- Fast track referrals for nutrition caseloads and marginalized groups
- Support sustainable transition of beneficiaries to recovery and resilience pathways, jointly with FSC partners and other key actors

Somalia Crisis and WFP Response in Five Stages

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Fast-track Referrals: Nutrition to Relief

- Ensure that nutritionally vulnerable households are prioritized for relief support.
- Targets households with: (i) Children under 5 and PLW with MAM enrolled in TSFP & (ii) Children under 5 with SAM enrolled in OTP/SC.
- Utilizes WFP's SCOPE system for beneficiary identification and prevention of duplicates.

Fast-track Referrals: Marginalized Groups

- Identify and enroll unassisted marginalized households incl. minority groups at risk of exclusion from food assistance.
- In collaboration with CCCM, UNHCR and DRC, joint pilot initiatives launched in IDP sites in Galkayo and Baidoa.

First Line Assistance to new IDP arrivals

- Link new arrivals to immediate lifesaving assistance in support of food and nutrition security.
- Through active collaboration with CCCM, WFP will monitor checkpoints for new arrival entries and conduct identification/verification at site-level in IDP sites (Banadir pilot).
- Verified new arrivals provided with immediate mobile money transfer (half of monthly relief entitlement).
- Verified new arrivals registered and de-duplicated for subsequent enrollment in regular relief programmes
- *Kindly refer to the WFP 2023 Priorities PowerPoint for more details*

5. HRP Costing - OCHA



Unit-Based Costing in the Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan 2023

- The Humanitarian Country Team decided in October 2022 to adopt unit-based costing for the 2023 Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan.

Unit-Based Costing

- Cluster requirements = sum of costed cluster activities

ACTIVITY	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	UNIT COST	TARGET	TOTAL COST OF ACTIVITY
Description of activity 1	Person	US\$	#	US\$
Description of activity 2	Package	US\$	#	US\$
Description of activity 3	Service	US\$	#	US\$
Description of activity 4	Consultation	US\$	#	US\$
Description of activity 5	Facility	US\$	#	US\$
...	...	US\$	#	US\$
Total cluster requirements:				US\$

Unit-Based Costing Pros

- More flexible approach to costing: scale up or down
- Quick costing of area-based plans, flash appeals
- Clearer linkage between assessed needs, planned activities and expected outputs
- Reduced time pressure during HRP process
- De-links costs of the appeal from projects

Unit-Based Costing Cons

- Requires sound costing methods, factoring in costs variation across partners
- For transparency, need to explain the methods used
- Without project registration:
 - Limited visibility for partners
 - No overview of operations for coordination
 - No project monitoring
 - Poor financial tracking

TIMELINE

Date	Item/Outcome	Responsible
10 November	HPC Clinic: Activity-Based Costing	OCHA
10 to 30 November	Consultations with cluster partners on costing	Clusters
23 November	HPC Clinic: HRP cluster response objectives, response indicators and monitoring frameworks	OCHA
1 December	HPC Clinic: Activity Based Costing <i>Presentation by clusters of their methodologies and draft requirements</i>	OCHA, Clusters
8 December	HPC Clinic: Integrated response and joint targeting	OCHA
12 December	Deliverable: Clusters submit draft HRP narrative, objectives, targets, costs and indicators	Clusters
13 December	Deliverable: Intersectoral response analysis, first draft on inter-cluster HRP narrative	OCHA
13 December	HCT meeting: HCT presentation on response targets, targeting parameters and integrated response	OCHA
22 December	Deliverable: Full draft of 2023 HRP circulated for review	OCHA
12 January	HRP published	HC, OCHA

- *Kindly refer to the OCHA 2023 HRP Costing PowerPoint for more details*

The cluster will arrange a dedicated meeting on the 2023 HRP unit -based costing approach with all active FSC Partners on 1st of December 2022. This will allow for discussions and provide a platform for all partners to get clarifications or raise questions and comments regarding unit-based costing.

Question from a partner: would the partner have to be SHF eligible to be part of the 2023 HRP.

Response from the cluster: All active partners are allowed to submit the 2023 HRP inputs regardless of their SHF eligibility status.

5. AOB

- Considering the importance of disability to FSC, the Handicap International presentation on Disability Inclusion will be presented in the next meeting to allow time for exchanges and in-depth discussions
- The presentation by the Minority Rights Group International on Minority Inclusion will also be made during this next meeting
- The next partners meeting will take place on 19th December 2022 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Annexes



1. Consolidated PowerPoint presentations

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