

FSC PARTNERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 28th June 2022

Venue: Online

Time: 10:00 - 11:30AM

Attendance (Alphabetical Order):

1	ACF
2	ADECA (Agricultural Dev. & Environmental Care Agency)
3	Bahnaano Relief & Development Organization (BARDO)
4	Bridge to Durable Solutions (BDS)
5	Candle of Hope Foundation
6	CARE
7	Climate Change Adaptation expert
8	DEH
9	DKH
10	FAO Somalia
11	Food Security Cluster
13	GEELO NGO
14	Horn Aid Organization Somalia
15	ICRC
16	IRC
17	Jubba community development organization (JDO)
18	JYA
19	KARDO AID
20	Livelihood Relief and Development Organization
21	Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI)
22	Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM)
23	Ministry of Livestock Forestry and Range (MoLFR)
24	OCHA
25	Osman consulting Ltd
26	Samawada Rehabilitation and Development Organization (SAREDO)
12	Sarah King Consulting
27	SHAHRO NGO
28	Somali Service Community Organization (SOSCO)
29	SRC
30	SWALIM
31	Trocaire Somalia
32	Volunteers for Agricultural Development (VAD)
33	VSF Germany

34	Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
35	WFP Somalia

Meeting Agenda:

- Opening Remarks (MoAI, MoHADM, and MoLFR)
- SWALIM Climate updates
- FSC Response updates
- Home Garden Report - Presentation by MoAI
- Technical Working Group Updates
 - ✓ Livestock Technical Working Group
- AOB

1. Opening Remarks

- Mr. Ahmed Ali, the Director of planning from the Ministry of Livestock Forestry and Range (MoLFR) officially started the meeting and provided opening remarks
- He appreciated the FSC partners for their continued collaboration and engagement with the cluster on coordination, especially considering the current situation in the country where need are growing on a daily basis
- He gave a brief update about the risk of Famine and the huge needs that are existing and urged an urgent scale- up of food security responses

2. SWALIM Climate updates

- Poor Gu 2022 rainfall performance was reported across the country, whereby 30% to 60% of average rainfall in the northern areas and 45% to 75% reported in the central and southern areas. Sool, Sannag, Bari, and Nuugal received the least amounts of the forecasted rains during the season. The Ethiopian highlands recorded a significant deficit of rainfall amounts leading to low runoff and less amounts of river flow
- This is the fourth consecutive failed rainy season since late 2020. Currently, more than 90% of the country is experiencing severe to extreme drought conditions
- Drought conditions will continue to worsen throughout the prolonged dry Hagaa (July-September) dry season
- The current river level along Juba is within average while that of the Shabelle river is below average for this period of the year. Levels along the 2 rivers are expected to

reduce further in the coming weeks, negatively impacting water availability for irrigation and other uses

- Current climate forecasts indicate a 62 percent chance of La Niña during the July to September 2022 period
- *Kindly refer to the SWALIM PowerPoint for more details*

3. FSC Update

FSC updated the partners on May responses

- In May 2022, FSC partners assisted 3.3 million people out of the 5.4 million targeted (62% reach against the improved access to food target). 95% of the food assistance was undertaken through cash and vouchers with approximately USD \$40 million disbursed to beneficiaries
- Under livelihood support, partners have assisted 301,000 people cumulatively from January to May. This translated to only 30% achievement against the target based on the current needs which are 990,000 individuals 8% of the livelihoods support was undertaken through cash and vouchers with approximately USD \$0.37 million disbursed to beneficiaries
- The FSC also updated partners on the joint inter-sectoral Famine prevention response plan with the CCCM, Health, Nutrition and WASH clusters. A presentation regarding this will be undertaken in the next FSC meeting
- The FSC response should be prioritized and “vulnerability based” rather than “status based” in view of the escalating needs and funding shortfalls
- *Kindly refer to the FSC response PowerPoint for more details*

4. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation updates

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Somalia (MoAI) implemented a home garden project funded by WFP in Mogadishu

Home gardening Project Background.

- Home gardening was a 6-month pilot project funded by the World Food Programme (WFP) and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI)
- Home gardening has enabled many poor families living in Mogadishu and without access to land to access healthy, nutritious food during this challenging time
- Target beneficiaries of the project were 100 poor women headed HHs
- **Project Objectives**

- Reducing malnutrition.
 - Increase economic opportunity for poor female-headed households
 - Create awareness
 - Gender empowerment and
 - Reduction of monthly food bills
- The MoAI also shared a success story of a 58 year old grandmother of 13 grandchildren from Kaxda district, which the home-garden training has enabled to produce enough food and sell surplus to generate income

5. Livestock Technical Working Group- (MOLFR) update

Drought Situation Briefing

- The severity of food insecurity has rapidly worsened in Somalia since the start of the dry season in January. Intensifying drought has caused acute water shortages, the loss of livestock essential to Somalia's pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihood systems, and escalating staple food prices rose 140-160 percent above the five-year average in some locations in February, exacerbated by ongoing conflict and global supply shocks.
 - Pastoral households continue to report excess livestock deaths across species and due to poor livestock body conditions, especially in northern and central Somalia and in Bakool, Gedo, and parts of the Hiiraan regions
 - Although low levels of kidding and lambing are underway, the current poor state of livestock body conditions means milk productivity levels are far below normal
 - If the gu rains are further delayed or perform very poorly, more livestock deaths are expected, and many households will cull new offspring to save the lives of productive females. field information suggests households have lost up to 30 percent of their livestock holdings due to starvation or disease since mid-2021
- Scarce pasture and water resources have led to deterioration in livestock body conditions across the country, with livestock emaciation and deaths occurring in the worst-affected areas

Key recommended livestock interventions in the ongoing emergency as part of the FSC Partners Drought/Famine Prevention Response plan:

- Provision of Veterinary Service support (animal treatment)
- Provision of water for Livestock,
- Provision of Livestock feed, Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) training
- Rehabilitation of strategic livestock water catchments

FSC partners requested for clarity if destocking is also part of the emergency livestock interventions in Somalia. MoLFR responded that the activity is too costly to implement and should be undertaken at the beginning of the drought before vulnerable pastoralists lose their

livestock due to the devastating effects of the drought. FAO indicated that they were exploring options for undertaking this (at least initially on a pilot basis).

SCI DRSLPII Project Progress

- 5 livestock markets equipped with loading/unloading ramps, auction shades, water tank, water troughs, and sanitation blocks in Burao, Hargeisa, Borama, Qardho, and Darasalam
- Four out of the five (except that of Darasalam) livestock market infrastructures are almost 90% complete
- Darasalam livestock market: the government had some issues over the site selection, as the Ministry of Livestock and Animal Husbandry suggested another site for the construction of the market. However, this has now been sorted out with all parties finally agreeing on Darasalam as the official site for the construction of the infrastructures
- Livestock markets in Hargeisa, Borama, Burao, Qardho, and Darasalam
- Regional Veterinary Laboratories in Borama, Qardho, and Garowe
- Quarantine and certification units in Borama, Wajale, Salahley, and Farawayne, Darasalam and Qardho
- Mobile veterinary shades in Hargeisa, Burao, and Borama districts

Mobile Veterinary clinical service

- The mobile veterinary clinics are intended to provide veterinary services in the remote livestock production areas with limited access to veterinary services provision.
- Four specially designed vehicles were purchased and handed over to the ministry of livestock and animal husbandry (MoLAH) in Puntland.
- *Kindly refer to the Livestock Technical Working Group PowerPoint for more details*

6. AOB

There being no AOB, the meeting was adjourned.

Annexes

1. Consolidated PowerPoint presentations



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Presentation_Partners

2. Detailed meeting attendance sheet

- 1) Abdi Abdullahi Mohamed - Bahnaano relief & development organization (bardo)
- 2) Mohamed Abdi Hussein -IRC
- 3) Nigel Makwembere - ACF
- 4) Ali Mohamed Abdi - GELO NGO

- 5) Yusuf Artan, WFP Somalia - Livelihood & Relief
- 6) Gordon Dudi, Food Security Cluster
- 7) Ali Sheik mohamed
- 8) Abdullahi ABDISALAN - DKH
- 9) Abubakar Ahmed Mohamed - Head of Food Security Section (MOHADM)
- 10) Mohamed Ibrahim JIMALE - ICRC
- 11) Mohamed Hassan - Horn Aid Organization Somalia so. head of Programme
- 12) Ruth Mwangi -Trocaire Somalia
- 13) Fardowsa Ciise - SRC
- 14) Dini Ibrahim - Osman consulting Ltd
- 15) Mohamed Saeed - Water Resources Officer FAO-SWALIM
- 16) Alex Fenwick, Area Manager Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
- 17) Abdulrashid Mohamed Kasim - Head of Horticulture, MoAI
- 18) Sarah King, Food Security/Nutrition/Resilience consultant
- 19) Abdinasir Yahye - IRC. Livelihoods & Economic recovery
- 20) Yusuf Abdi Lare - Director of Livelihood Relief and Development Organization
- 21) Adan Mohamed - Program Coordinator SHAHRO NGO
- 22) Muqtar Hersi Mohamed - Climate Change Adaptation expert
- 23) Ahmed Hassan Ali - Director of Planning Ministry of Livestock Forestry and Range -FGS
- 24) Aidarous Ahmed - Volunteers for Agricultural Development (VAD)
- 25) Bruno - ICRC
- 26) Amb,Moha - Somali Service Community Organization (SOSCO)
- 27) Abdifatah Afrah -Agricultural Dev. & Environmental Care Agency (ADECA)
- 28) Abdirashid Hassan Mohamud -BRIDGE TO DURABLE SOLUTION (BDS)
- 29) Mohamed Abdi- Samawada Rehabilitation and Development Organization (SAREDO)
- 30) kaltumo mohamed
- 31) AbdiAziz Sheikh Hassan - CARE
- 32) Abdulrashid Kasim - MoAI
- 33) Ahmed Ali Muse - KARDO AID
- 34) Florence Awino - DEH
- 35) Hafsa Ahmed - WFP Somalia, Food system Unit
- 36) Audrey Khaleji- OCHA
- 37) Yakubo Jirow -Jubba community development organization (JDO)
- 38) Monicah Wanjiru - Agriculture unit, FAO Somalia
- 39) Warsame Ali (JYA)
- 40) Amb. Mohamed Golden
- 41) Dr. Ismail Ige- Candle of hope foundation
- 42) Kassim Yusuf - VSF Germany