Somalia Food Security Cluster Famine Prevention Operational Dashboard: Key Information

Food Security Cluster (FSC) partners have significantly scaled up life-saving emergency food assistance to drought-affected households to avert famine. The partners are concurrently investing in the protection of livelihood assets and the restoration of agriculture production throughout the country. The FSC is working closely with the broader humanitarian country team to ensure that assistance reaches rural communities to limit the displacement of people to peri-urban towns. The FSC partners have built in protection measures across all programmes to ensure quality and accountability of the interventions. Assistance will prioritize needs of the most vulnerable through appropriate modality depending on contextual factors.

The FSC works in close collaboration with FAO, SNAU, WFP, VAM, and FEWS NET to monitor the overall food security situation and markets, and communicate relevant information with partners on a timely basis. The Cash Working Group has been reinvigorated to address programme quality issues associated with markets based interventions. The FSC Cash Guidance Note has been shared with partners to streamline approaches and ensure all are operating at similar standard levels. Inter-sectoral partnerships, particularly with WASH and Nutrition Clusters, are essential to the overall effectiveness of the humanitarian response and are actively pursued. The establishment of the Disaster Operations Coordination Centre in Mogadishu is supporting the overall coordination.

Information management and regional coordination are top priorities for the cluster. The FSC will provide the following regular updates during the emergency response: monthly 3W analysis, the Gap Analysis Dashboard, which will include details of ‘hotspot’ reports.