

FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING – Middle Shabelle Region.

Location: Islamic Relief Somalia Office Balcad and ONLINE

Date: 3rd May 2023

Time: 10:10am – 11:30am

PARTICIPANTS

21 individuals from 16 organizations in attendance.

ORGANIZATIONS	
ADRO	SFH
AIDVISION	SRC
FAO/SWALIM	SYPD
IMC/NUTRITION CLUSTER	VRD
Islamic Relief Somalia	WFP
Mercy Corps	
ORDO	
SAACID	
SCC	
SCI	
ADRO	

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Review of Action Points from Previous Meeting
3. Food Security Projects in Middle Shabelle – Islamic Relief Presentation
4. Partner updates (Flood response, challenges, and gaps)
5. Flood alert updates in Middle Shabelle – FAO SWALIM
6. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

1. FSC to share presentation by Islamic Relief Somalia
2. FSC to share FAO SWALIM's presentation.
3. FSC to send flood response matrix to partners for data collection.

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	<p>Introduction and Opening Remarks</p> <p>This was the second Middle Shabelle FSC meeting, and was organized by Usman Buhari, Hirshabelle FSC Coordinator, and Co-chaired with Osman Sheikh Adan (IRW/S), Middle Shabelle FSC Coordinator. The meeting started: 10:10 am virtually and in IRS office in Balcad. The Hirshabelle FSC Coordinator welcomed cluster members that attended the meeting. Formal introduction was done by the FSC partners and the meeting agenda was presented and endorsed. Participants were requested to actively participate in this forum to ensure better coordination. This was followed by a round of introduction by all participants.</p>	

<p>2</p>	<p>Review of Action Points from Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Hirshabelle FSC Coordinator Mr. Usman Buhari, read and explained the action points from the previous meeting to the cluster meeting participants and there was no objection.</p> <p>The April meeting minutes were then adopted and validated.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Food Security Projects in Middle Shabelle - Islamic Relief Presentation</p> <p>Islamic Relief Somalia presented food security projects in middle Shabelle region as well as other IRS' programs and projects being implemented or on-going in other regions in Somalia. Yusuf Ali who is from Islamic Relief presented IR food security program/projects' presentation, and below are the points he presented during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRW/S is an international, an independent humanitarian organization founded in UK in 1984 with Headquarter in Birmingham. IR provides help where it is needed most, and responds to disasters and emergencies, and promotes sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities regardless of race, religion or gender. • Islamic Relief working in six main sectors: livelihoods, education, health and nutrition, child welfare, WASH, emergency relief and disaster preparedness/ responses and seasonal programs of Qurbani and Ramadan distributions. <p>IRW/S CORE OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Our Somalia program strategy is derived from goals outlined in the IRW's Global Strategy.</p> <p>Goal 1: Reducing the humanitarian impact of conflicts & natural disasters with strategic objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Objective 1.1: Reduce the suffering and losses resulting from conflict or natural disasters. • Strategic Objective 1.2: Provide timely, adequate, and relevant emergency assistance for people affected by conflict or natural disasters. • Strategic Objective 1.3: Support households and communities affected by disasters to rebuild their livelihoods. <p>Goal 2: Empowering communities to emerge from poverty and vulnerability with strategic objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Objective 2.1: Increase assets, income, food security and access to employment opportunities for poor households • Strategic Objective 2.2: Improve the quality of life for vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, through investments in Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and health services. <p>History of Islamic Relief Somalia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic Relief Somalia has continued to contribute to the wellbeing of people in need in Somalia since 2006. Islamic Relief responds to the needs of conflict and drought affected people through provision of life saving assistance. • IR works in seven main programmatic sectors in Somalia targeting vulnerable communities mostly in rural and remote/underserved areas, and IDP camps. And IRS is currently based and working in several main towns within four states in Somalia. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Central - Mogadishu, the country office, 2. SWS - Baidoa, Berdale, Dinsor and Afgoye 3. Hirshabelle - Beledweyne, Balcad, Warsheikh, Adale and Jowhar 4. Jubaland - Bardhere 5. Puntland - Garowe, and 6. Somaliland – Hargeisa and <p>What Islamic Relief does for the community first and foremost is;</p>	<p>FSC to share presentation by Islamic Relief Somalia</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security & Livelihoods: Islamic Relief supports people in Somaliland, Puntland, and South-Central Somalia through our food security & livelihoods programs, and Middle Shabelle is one of the areas where FSL projects are carried out. <p>In middle Shabelle region, IR is implementing 3 livelihood projects named</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT IN BALCAD, BENADIR, BELEDWEYNE & AFGOYE –SOMALIA (HEAL III). It is multi-sectoral project which is going on in the three districts of Beledweyn, Balcad and Afgooye. The project duration is two year, and is funded by Islamic Relief USD 2. Water response for IDPs in Hirshabelle (WARIDI). It is an integrated project of FSL and WASH components and is being implemented in Jowhar and Balcad. It is funded by Islamic Relief Switzerland 3. Support to Drought induced Internally Displaced People in Balcad (SDIIDP). It is an integrated project of FSL, WASH and Shelter components. The project is being implemented in Balcad. It is funded by Islamic Relief Germany 4. WFP - Baxanaano project in Balacd, Warsheik and Adale districts of Middle Shabelle 5. WFP – Relief project in Balacd, and Adanyabal. 	
4	<p>Partner updates (Flood response, challenges, and gaps).</p> <p>Aid Vision Aid Vision provided 1,000 empty bags to Raqeyle and Burfule villagers for strengthening the closure of creak points where the river water is coming out, and planning to distribute another 2,000 empty bags to Kulmis village to support closing the river creaks where the water is coming out.</p> <p>State FSC Coordinator updated the cluster meeting partners/participants that the government with the support of humanitarian clusters are planning to conduct flood assessment on 10th and 11th of May in Hirshabelle state, more specifically in Hiraan districts. Mr. Buhari emphasized that any partner planning to contribute are requested to submit their contribution through email after the meeting.</p> <p>ADRO ADRO Has completed the implementation of Agro plus IK project in Balcad targeting 2,600 beneficiaries and now expecting another similar project from FAO.</p> <p>WFP In terms of food security, WFP have developed a contingency plan engaging some of our partners to response if any floods occur. WFP have already mobilized three boats to operate in Jowhar. There is also a plan to bring a high high energy biscuit in Jowhar</p> <p>Islamic Relief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IR implemented Ramadan Food packs distribution targeting 300 vulnerable HHs with every household received 25kg rice, 25kg of wheat flour, 25kg of sugar, 5 liters of cooking oil and 5kg of dates. • IR also implemented VSLA capital (money) distribution to support VSLA IDP women groups in Balcad. Three groups of 30 members were supported with cash of \$5,000 per group (3 groups of 10 HHs*\$ 500 = \$15,000). • IR is planning to conduct another VSLA cash support distribution in Balcad, targeting 80 HHs with every house is expecting to receive \$ 350, (8 groups of 10 members *\$350 =\$28,000) and this is planned to be conducted in May 2023. 	FSC to send flood response matrix to partners for data collection

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also, 8 VSLA shops construction to support these groups are under construction process, and when finished will be handed over to these 8 VSLA groups in Balcad. shops are under construction <p>Save the Children</p> <p>Save the children is planning to implement Monitoring and Emergency Response project called Monitoring Assistance and Resilience Building in Somalia, the project is funded by FCDO and is planned to be implemented in Jowhar.</p> <p>The proposed project is Integrated of Health/Nutrition, WASH and FSL components that will be implemented in same location of Jowhar district as per the donor requirements. The FSL part will target 150 HHs with UCT for three months – May, June and July with amount of \$100/HH for three months. For WASH – the project is planning to contract latrines and conduct hygiene promotion session of clearing campaigns and Health & nutrition parts will also be implemented.</p>	
5	<p>Flood alert updates in Middle Shabelle – FAO SWALIM</p> <p>Rainfall and Flood Update in Middle Shabelle region</p> <p>Last week weather:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate rains were recorded in Wanle-wayne on 22, 25 and 26th May with 10mm, 6mm and 84mm respectively. No more rains were recorded in Jowhar last week <p>Forecast to 9th May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rain fall in Middle Shabelle is expected to reduce with moderate to low rainfalls over eastern and southern parts, while western part is expected to be dry. <p>Flood Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No floods reported after the previous flooding and the risk of flooding is remains low for the time being. Current river level along Shabelle is normal for this period of the year with moderate risk of flooding River level is expected to rise given the ongoing rains with Ethiopian highlands and there may be a high risk of flooding along river Shabelle at Beledweyne. Population living along the flood prone riverine areas especially in low lying inland areas must exercise caution <p>The whole meeting presentation including from Islamic Relief Somalia, FAO SWALIM can be found on the FSC Website.</p>	FSC to share FAO SWALIM’s presentation.
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Closing & adjournment; The meeting ended by 11:30am and it was adjourned to Wednesday, 7th June 2023.</p> <p>Partners were also reminded to join the next regional and state coordination meetings.</p>	

Hiran Regional RCM: 6th June 2023 (2:00PM-3:30PM)
 Middle Shabelle RCM: 7th June 2023 (10:00AM-11:30AM)
 Hirshabelle SCM: 13th June 2023 (10:00AM-11:30AM)

FSC Hirshabelle State and Regional Coordination Meeting Schedule - 2023																												
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 UN Holiday
 Hirshabelle State Meeting: (10:00AM-11:30AM)
 Hiran Regional Meeting: (2:00PM-3:30PM)
 Middle Shabelle Regional Meeting: (10:00AM-11:30AM)