

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

24 individuals from 18 organizations in attendance.

ORG	ANIZATIONS
ADRO	SAACID
BARDO	SCC
DRC	SCI
FAO/SWALIM	SFH
FARJANO	SYPD
IMC/NUTRITION CLUSTER	VRD
Mercy Corps	WFP
NASDO	
OCHA	
PDA	
Polish Humanitarian Action	

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Review of Action Points from Previous Meeting
- 3. Partner updates (Flood response plan, challenges, and gaps)
- 4. Weather Forecast and Floods Update FSO-SWALIM
- 5. AOB

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- 1. FSC to share Partners' Response Overview for April 2023.
- 2. FSC to share FAO SWALIM's presentation.
- 3. FSC to share a consolidated partners' flood response plan.

No	PROCEEDING	ACTION POINTS
1	Introduction and Opening remarks This was the third Middle Shabelle FSC meeting, and was organized by Hirshabelle FSC coordinator Mr. Usman Buhari, and with Osman Sheikh Adan (IRW/S), Middle Shabelle FSC Coordinator. The meeting started: 10:10 am at virtually, while some partners attended in persons at IRS office in Balcad. Our Hirshabelle FSC Coordinator welcomed cluster meeting participants that attended the meeting. Formal introduction was done by the FSC partners and the meeting agenda was presented and also endorsed. FSC members were requested to actively participate in this forum to ensure better coordination for better response to the communities. The meeting started officially at 10:10am with round-up of introductions by all participants.	



2 Reviewing Action points from previous meeting:

The Hirshabelle FSC Coordinator Mr. Usman Buhari, read and explained the action points from the previous meeting to the Middle Shabelle cluster meeting participants and there was no objection and the minutes was validated.

The May meeting minutes were then adopted and validated.

3 Partner updates (Flood response plan, challenges, and gaps)

Save the Children

Save the children is implementing an Emergency Response project called Monitoring Assistance and Resilience Building in Somalia, the project is funded by FCDO and is being implemented in Jowhar.

As per the project component. the FSL part targeted 150 HHs with UCT for three months, and the targeted HHs received May & June entitlement, and July with amount of \$100/HH is remaining.

For WASH – the project is constructing latrines and conducted hygiene promotion session of clearing campaigns and Health & nutrition parts will also be implemented.

Islamic Relief

- Islamic Relief implementing a Relief for Food & Cash Vouchers Project with WFP, and the project is targeting 4,500 HHs with Food Transfer modality (IK) and 9694 HHs with CBT Transfer modality (Cash).
- Biometric registration for all planned activities were completed and IK distribution is planned to be conducted in June 2023.
- IR also implementing the rehabilitation of 12 Canal bridges (calibrates) in Balcad. The rehabilitation is going on and will be completed in July 2023.
- IR also conducted another VSLA cash support distribution in Balcad, targeting 80 HHs with every house received \$ 350, (8 groups of 10 members *\$350 =\$28,000) and this was conducted in May 2023.

Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps is implementing a Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance project called MPCA. The project is targeting 179 HHs in Gargaar 1 and Gargaar 2 IDP Camps in Balcad district Middle Shabelle region for a period of 3 moths by providing \$110/HH from May to July 2023. The cash distribution was started in May and June is under preparation, is ready to be released in June, and July is the only remaining month.

OCHA

OCHA & Mercy Corps have raised a Rapid joint assessment to all flood affected locations in middle Shabelle region - under Balcad, Jowhar, Mahaday Districts. All partners were requested to attend a planned meeting a head of the assessment to discuss how the assessment is conducted and what kind of Logistics and human resources contributions needed.

FSC to share a consolidated partners' flood response plan

FSC to share Partners' Response Overview for April 2023



4 Weather Forecast and Floods Update – FAO-SWALIM

Weather Review, Forecast and Flood updates for Hirshabelle State Past and Present weather:

- No rain was received in Matabaan station in April.
- Only BW and BB received rainfall in May 2023
- No rainfall has been received in the June 20233
- The GU seasonal rainfall totals so far over Hirshabelle are:
 - Beletweyn (149.5 mm)
 - Bulo burte (139.0 mm)
 - Jowhar (109.5 mm)
 - Mahas (48.5 mm)
 - Matabaan (20.0 mm)
- Rainfall forecast for 6 13 June 2023:
- Moderate rainfall was expected over southern coastal regions with light rains likely over some areas in the North.
- Dry conditions were forecasted over much of Hiraan (light rains of less then 20.0 mm over northern parts of Belet weyn district).
- Light rains about 30.0 mm were expected over some areas of middle Shabelle region
- Rainfall forecast for 12 18 June 2023:
- Dry conditions were forecasted over the entire country

Shabelle River Update

- After being a bank-full level with reported flooding impacts, the river levels at Belet weyn and Bulo burte have been continuously dropping.
- Although the river levels at Belet weyn and Bulo burte are still within the high flood risk levels, they are expected to drop given the forecast dry conditions.
- It is expected that the current river levels at Bulo burte and Jalalaqsi will be transmitted to Jowhar in the coming days.
- However, the presence of the two open unrehabilitated canals and breakages between Jalalaqsi and Jowhar are directing water to the irrigation lands in the agropastoral areas over Wanlaweyn and will lead to flooding water, thereby lessening the likelihood of flooding in Jowhar.
- However, a MODERATE RISK FLOOD WARNING remains in effect for Beletweyn and Bulo burte, Jalalaqsi and the adjacent areas as the river levels continue to decrease and a LOW RISK OF FLOODING is foreseen over the next one week for Jowhar and the adjacent areas
- SWALIM and Partners will continue monitoring the rainfall-run off stations upstream of Beletweyn and give regular updates.
- The residents of the recently flooded areas of BW, BB, and Jalalaqasi should take care of precautions as they consider moving back to their homes.
- They need to ascertain the strength of the housing structures, latrines etc., which may have been weakened by the floods.

FSC to share FAO SWALIM's presentation.



- They also need to ensure that they consume clean and treated water as contamination is likely to have occurred during flooding
- Residents of Beletweyne, Bulo burte, Jalalqsi and Jowhar towns and surrounding areas are strongly recommended to stay informed through regular bulletin updates at specified times, monitor through radios, and television and internet for floods warning.

The whole meeting presentation including from FAO SWALIM can be found on the <u>FSC</u> Website.

5 AOB

Closing & adjournment;

The meeting ended by 11:30am and it was adjourned to Wednesday, 5th July 2023.

Partners were also reminded to join the next regional and state coordination meetings.

- Hiran Regional RCM: 4th July 2023 (2:00PM-3:30PM)
- Middle Shabelle RCM: 5th July 2023 (10:00AM-11:30AM)
- Hirshabelle SCM: 11th July 2023 (10:00AM-11:30AM)

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