MINUTES OF THE LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP (LEWG) NAIROBI PARTNERS MEETING
2017/March/27th FAO Somalia, Ngecha Road, Lower Kabete

Chairs
Mulugeta Shibru - Chair
Dr Sophycate Njue – Co-chair

Agenda
1. Update on the shared Draft ToR
2. Update on planned and ongoing emergency interventions.
3. LEWG Governance- appointment of a chair and a co-chair
4. Emergency response that needs to be captured

Introduction
- The meeting started with a round of introduction at 10.00 hours.
- Agenda was introduced for inputs and adoption by the partners.
- The meeting was informed that the situation in Somalia is deteriorating according to an assessment carried out by FSNAU, while livestock-specific interventions have not picked up compared to other emergency interventions such as Cash-based interventions.
- There’s need for livestock partners to come together and develop joint effort/plan to ensure maximum impact in the interventions.
- Low rains have been experienced in some areas in Somalia, and these rains might have negative impacts on the livestock in form of livestock deaths.

Establishment of and the objectives of the Livestock Emergency Working Group
- The Livestock Emergency Working Group (LEWG), operating under the auspices of the Food Security Cluster (FSC), will aim to find solutions to the challenges observed and serve as a platform to coordinate individual partner emergency livestock response in Somalia.
- Role of the LEWG is to develop livestock based recovery plan
- FSC members shall share information generated from field activities.
- LEWG to be linked to the 13 FSC coordination hubs in Somalia for purpose of information sharing.

Governance
- The name of the group shall be Livestock Emergency Working Group (LEWG). The Group shall not be confined to the emergency phase only but, shall also guide the implementation of livestock interventions during recovery phase. The LEWG will continue even after the current emergency situation in Somalia.
- The LEWG will remain as a sub-group of the FSC.
- The group will have a lifespan of 6 months and a review of the mandate will be carried out again to determine its existence.
- The Proposed governance structure is as follows:-
  o Interim chair – FAO
  o Interim co-Chair – VSF Suisse
- Government representatives will be part of the LEWG and will also be part of the sub-group meeting held at the field level.
Deliberations of the LEWG shall be channelled through the Chair and Co-chair copied to FSC.

Information to be shared on the FSC website and communication to the members shall be via email.

Two sub-groups of the LEWG formed:
  a) Livestock Technical Working Group- Discussion and development of livestock technical documents and standards.
     Members include: VSF-G, VSF-S, IRC, ICRC, FAO, LPAs, MoL, MoLAH – Lead VSF-S
  b) Communication and advocacy group- Development of communication and advocacy materials.
     Members include: Diakonie/DKH, ADESO, GEEL, ACF, Qatar Red crescent, ADA- Lead ADESO

Brief on Partners Emergency interventions in Somalia

Partners shared their currently ongoing interventions and these include:

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Appropriate emergency livestock intervention

Appropriate livestock interventions include:

During the emergency phase
• Water provision – water trucking, provision of water storage tanks, rehabilitation of water points
• Feed provision - fodder (hay), rangeland cubes, fodder seeds, mineral blocks
• Veterinary services - disease surveillance, treatment,
• Build capacity of animal health providers – Training, providing treatment kits

Recovery phase:
• Feed provision - Distribution of fodder seeds
• Restocking
• Veterinary services provision – disease surveillance, treatment, vaccination

Action points

1. The two sub-groups of the LEWG (Livestock Technical Working Group and Communication and Advocacy Group) to convene urgent meetings to strategize on their delivery
2. FSC field based regional coordinators to incorporate livestock issues as a standing agenda in all the regional FSC meetings – FSC to communicate
3. LEWG to be meeting monthly.