FSC PARTNERS MEETING MINUTES
21st January 2021
Mode: Virtual - Zoom

Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks (MoAI, MoHADM and MoL)
2. FSNAU Update
3. SWALIM Flood Updates
4. FSC Response Updates
5. Desert Locust Update
6. Updates on COVID 19 second wave – RCCE
7. Humanitarian Report
8. Agriculture Technical Working Group Updates
9. Livestock Technical Working Group Updates
10. AOB- VC election results

1. Opening Remarks

Mr Mohamoud Isse Farah, Director of Food Security and Early Warning, MOAI/FGS opened the meeting. They thanked the participant for their timely attendance and commitment in engaging with the cluster.

2. FSNAU Update

✓ The post Dyer assessment was done in November/December with partners across the country.
✓ Data was analyzed in workshops held 11th-19th Jan 2021
✓ The process of putting together final products in going on.
✓ There will be technical briefing on the products for Government authorities and Heads of UN agencies before disseminating the results.
✓ FSNAU results will be released in 3rd/4th Week of February 2021.

3. SWALIM - Rainfall and River level Updates
• **Rainfall Update: North western regions (Sep-Dec rainfall).** About half of the stations in North West has been reduction in many parties. **Most of the stations registered below long time mean rainfall**

• **Rainfall Update: North Eastern regions: (Sep-Dec rainfall).** Good rains in terms of amount were recorded in many stations in North East; though not well distributed over time and space. Enhanced rains in some stations are due to Cyclone GATI (not effective)

• **Rainfall Update: South Central regions (Sep-Dec rainfall);** Majority of the stations recorded lower that LTM rainfall. The season started late as well and **was not encouraging in time of distribution**

• Rainfall Update: Monthly and Seasonal Summary:
  - Rainfall deficits from October – December 2020. There is Prolonged dry conditions leading to mild-moderate drought by Jan 2021.
  - **Deyr 2020 rainfall performance:**
    - Deyr rains started early in North West regions, but did not last long; reduced significantly from mid October
    - In North East regions the total recorded amount of rain in most stations was good, mainly as a result of Tropical Storm Gati; though poorly distributed over time
    - In the South season started late, and general performance was poor.
    - Poor vegetation condition (NDVI map) and water shortage currently being experienced in many places across the country

• **Shabelle and Jubba River Levels:**
  - Current river level along Shabelle is slightly below average for this time of the year
  - Along Juba River the levels are above normal for this period
  - The 2 rivers experience lowest flows in February and March; with Shabelle drying out in the last few years
  - The Feb – March period provides the best opportunity for fixing the open river breakages, strengthen weak embankments, and other river maintenance interventions
  - SWALIM will be updating the breakages datasets from satellite image analysis and sharing with partners

4. **FSC Response Update (August to December) / Actuals against the target**
   - **Objective 1: Improved Access to Food through Conditional and Unconditional Transfers (Cash, Vouchers & In kind)**
The target for this Objective is 2,103,495.
  - In October 1,712,529 (81%) of the target beneficiaries were reached.
  - In November 1,740,498 (83%) of the target beneficiaries has been reached
  - In December 1,903,223 (90%) of the target beneficiaries has been reached

- **Objective 2: Livelihood Seasonal Inputs and Livestock Asset Protection**

  The target under this objective is 821,315.
  - Starting August, a total of 318,202 (39%) of the target beneficiaries were reached cumulatively starting August

Notably, the number reached in objective 2 is very lower compared to the target, hence, there is need for partners to scaleup their responses as the season is ending in January
- FSC requested partners to share plans regarding what is funded and what is likely to funded

5. **Locust Update**

- Partners were notified about the training on Desert locust.
- Training will take place 25th-26th January 2021.
- Partners focal persons are encouraged to attend the training fully
- The link for training registration was shared only with partners present in areas affected.

6. **COVID-19 Update (Second wave)-Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)**

- RCCE is an inter-agency platform to responding to COVID-19
- The control efforts for wave one has reduced
- Strategy document was produced for wave two. This is iMASK campaign.

_Imask UP for All Somalia Lives Campaign_

Aim: To prevent the spread of Covid-19 infections, (focusing on two-way community driven engagement for behavior change):

1. To increase adoption of Covid-19 prevention measures by all with facemask use, hand washing and social distancing.
2. To increase adoption of protective measures by and for elderly & vulnerable groups
3. To increase vaccine demand and uptake by over 50s and other target groups.

a) **Campaign Principles**

- Leverage culture and influencers (religious, poetry, diaspora for family to family advice)
- Localizing campaign – grounding it in reality and content is critical
- People’s science to discuss zeitgeist, rumor, stigma, and misinformation
- Best practice community driven programming
- Globally, facemasks work when public policy / clear government messaging around use
• Promote helping others in family / community

b) Campaign Sequencing

I. **Week 1-3**: Socialize Facts and Humanize Impact (e.g., 90% of deaths in over 60s and excess deaths)

II. **Week 3-6**: iMask Up Campaign – (Facemask production / promotion of use - engaging content and social influence with people’s science).

III. **Week 6-8**: iMask Up Campaign – (Facemask production / promotion of use - engaging content and social influence with people’s science).

• Key Activities summary

a) **Top Down Communication (Socializing Facts/ Humanizing impact)**

I. Encourage homemade facemask production and distribution (both inside and outside settlements)

II. Distribute mask patterns to HH, community groups, tailors

III. How to make...’ content – e.g. social media video (Official + social media influencers)

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c) **Bottom Up Communication: Delivering what communities need (inside and outside settlements)**

- Deep listening (Mosques, CCCM, Red Cross to support?) – rumour tracker / social listening.
- Produce homemade masks from women’s scarves, t-shirts and wraps.
- Promote facemasks when speaking to elderly and vulnerable groups
- Free distribution of facemasks to vulnerable groups (including elderly, disabled, those with health conditions)
- Media /audio content production for community mobilisers (e.g., 8 x 20 minute programmes on different topics / engaging supporting content).
- Community driven poetry (competition), art, football, fashion (best mask competition?) etc.,

d) **Encourage demand for vaccines amongst target groups**

- Deep listening (Mosques, CCM, Red Cross to support?) – rumour tracker / social listening
- Leverage diaspora, national and state actors
- Training and engaging content for community mobilisers
- Poetry, art, football, fashion, community mobilisers etc.

**Assessment and Live Monitoring**

- What do communities think of Covid now? (very few cases or unreported / milder cases?)
- Rumour Tracking – all partners
- Social listening
- Real time M&E – U Report?
- REACH monthly survey
- BRICS monthly calls – round 5 this week
- CCCM / Radio Ergo radio in camps
- Radio Ergo call on radio for thoughts

7. **Humanitarian Accountability Report 2020**

**Background**

- The CHS Alliance is a movement of humanitarian and development organisations committed to making aid work better for people.
- Organisations who make up this network are committed to putting people affected by crisis at the heart of what they do by implementing the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS).

- **Verified Members** include Action Against Hunger; Action Aid; ADRA; ACTED; CARE; CARITAS; CRS; CBM; Concern Worldwide; DRC; Hijra; IFRC; IMC; IRC; Islamic Relief; Muslim Aid; Oxfam; Plan International; Qatar Charity; Relief International; Save the Children; Trocaire; WASDA and World Vision International.

**The HA Report**
The Humanitarian Accountability Report (HAR) 2020 is an evidence-based overview of the current state of adherence to the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS), using data gathered from organisations that have undertaken CHS verification (149).

- The report aims to:
  - Examine the degree to which organisations are meeting the CHS Commitments, using verification data;
  - Use CHS data and broader sector trends to understand where progress has been made and where it needs to significantly improve;
    - Highlight the need for further strengthening of policy and practice to increase the sector’s accountability to people affected by crisis.

**Findings**

- There is generally uneven picture of progress and the general pace around quality and accountability has been slow.
- The aggregated data from all organisations undergoing CHS verification in 2018 and 2019 shows that two-thirds of these organisations fully meet at least one of the Nine Commitments.
- More than one-third meet three or more of the commitments. The CHS has driven significant progress.
- The aggregated data illustrates that performance is generally better in those indicators related to establishing policies than those related to what staff do in practice.
- Overall, CHS-verified organisations are closer to meeting some commitments than others.
- Of the Nine Commitments, the one that comes closest to being fulfilled is Commitment 6, on **Cooperation and Complementarity**. This may reflect significant investment over the past decade in humanitarian coordination.
- At the other end of the scale, the lowest scoring Commitment is Commitment 5, which states that **Complaints should be welcomed and addressed**.
- This is of deep concern, as it shows that we still face a challenge about how we **listen to the feedback, concerns and complaints** of people we are supporting. Critically, it shows
that despite acknowledging the huge challenges the sector faces in protecting people from sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), and the substantial efforts made to strengthen these protections, there are still systemic weaknesses.

➢ If people don’t know how to complain about their treatment, organisations are less likely to put a stop to abuse.

Moving Forward

➢ The experience of organisations using the CHS suggests that significant gains could come from focusing on three areas of improvement:
  a) engaging better with people affected by crisis;
  b) improving how we manage information to ensure the right people access the right services; and
  c) improving organisational flexibility to respond to rapidly changing needs.
  ➢ Research has shown that AAP improves the way humanitarian actors engage with the affected populations, enhances trust and improves programme outcomes.

8. **Agriculture Technical Working Group Updates.**

The last meeting was about the closure of 2020 and mapping of partners presence across Somalia. They are in the final stage of the mapping process which will end by the end of January.

The third meeting will be in the 1st Week of February and will mainly be focused on the following:

- Review of partners presence mapping activities
- Review gap areas for advocacy
- **1st quarter of 2021 ATWG will be developing technical approaches and guidelines regarding resilience and emergency activating** on how best to engage partners and have a consensus on these so as to work together.

Livestock Working Group updates

9. **Livestock Working Group updates**
Lunched Rice project on value chain. This is a project that will go for 3 year. Identifications of Implementation markets is in process.

Launched recently a project for livestock and fisheries which is funded by EU and the project will go for 3 years.

There is upcoming CCP vaccination and treatment will accompany depending on the drought situation

Next meeting to be held on 6th Feb 2021. Partners and cluster are advised to join the meeting.

To come up with concrete activities and AWG partners to come together

Partners are asked to share the list of activities implemented in Somalia which are ongoing

Those missing from the mailing list are encouraged to contact concerned partners

10.AOB:

FSC updated the partners on the results of the Vice Coordinators nominations and shared the list of Vice Coordinators for the various regions as follows

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There being no other AOB, the meeting was adjourned by Mr Mohamoud form Ministry Agriculture at 12:05PM.